



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION

SHORT TITLE: Interest-free conservation agriculture equipment loan program

SPONSOR CD: Palouse

AREA: NW SW NC SC NE SE

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY (check any option that applies):

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STATE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER Farm Service Agency

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: The cost of equipment that helps producers reduce tillage and implement practices that support the widespread adoption of soil health management systems is cost prohibitive. Producers need access to interest-free loans to purchase major agricultural equipment that supports use of no-till, direct seed, and other farming practices that build soil health and increase the resilience of cropping systems.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

WACD will work closely with conservation districts statewide, SCC, NACD, FSA, and other partners, to identify funding and opportunities to develop an interest-free loan program for producers to purchase major agricultural equipment that supports use of no-till, direct seed, and other farming practices that build soil health and increase the resilience of cropping systems.

TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION (check all boxes that apply):

- Technical (changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes **NO** substantive change(s) to the existing policy.
- Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.
- New policy.



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**IS THERE A BUDGET IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?**

**NO**

**YES** (briefly explain): funding and a sponsor agency will need to be identified to develop an interest-free conservation agriculture equipment loan program.