

2022 WACD Adopted Resolutions

Resolution	Title	Sponsoring District
2022-01	Supporting the Recommendations of the HAB Work Group	Whidbey Island CD
That WACD support the recommendations of the Harmful Algae Bloom Work Group and actively pursues their implementation through the state legislature and local, state, and federal agencies.		
2022-02	Stock Water Rights	Stevens County & Okanogan
WACD will support the continuation of Livestock Task Force of Conservation Districts.		
WACD and WSCC will work collaboratively with private stakeholders, Washington Department of Ecology, Conservation Districts, the Legislature, and all other appropriate agencies to resolve the uncertainty if surface water rights are required for livestock.		
If determined some current livestock operations are non-compliant with a revised Ecology policy in the utilization of surface water, WACD will work with stake holders, Ecology, WSCC, and the legislature to ensure there is a route to comply without enforcement or financial burden.		
2022-04	Good Faith Contracts	Whitman
When the FSA makes a mistake (technical or other) on a signed contract that has been put into practice already, they cannot cancel the contract without just compensation or a comparable “fix” for the producer listed on the contract. They also must notify other agencies about the mistake so there are no surprises to any party that may be involved in any manner.		
2022-05	Streamlining Permitting Process	Stevens County
WACD and WSCC will:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the use of the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) as the standard application dispersed to all required agencies for each proposal. Agencies to determine if permit required not the applicant. • Request funding for the Governor’s Office of Regulatory Assistance. • Will not support any fees or fee increases for restoration, protection, and enhancement projects. • Propose creating specific permitting departments in agencies, separate from regulatory departments. • Promote communication between agencies and the creation of a standardized process of permit movement through required agencies. • Consider supporting improvements and additional funding for the Governor’s Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance to achieve the above goals. 		
2022-06	Cost-Share Rates on Public Lands	Okanogan
WACD resolves to work with the Washington Conservation Commission to seek cost-share rates for projects that occur on public lands that are equitable to projects on private lands.		
2022-07	Ecology Water Bank Program	Okanogan
WACD resolves to work with the Washington Legislature and Department of Ecology to extend the Water Banking Program and lift the \$2 million cap per applicant rule.		

2022-08	Shared Conservation District Resources	Clark
<p>Resolved, that WACD shall work with WSCC staff and a group of District Managers/District Staff to engage the Association’s membership to address the need and opportunity for expanded shared resources and services for the following areas of need and service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources • Legal Counsel • Information Technology • File/Data Management and Archiving (paper and electronic) • Financial Consulting for Software, Processes, and Policies • Grant Writing • Capacity Building • Training and Education <p>Based on that work, WACD shall develop a list of next steps that shall include the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding options for the support of best practices and compliance for Districts, including: • Grants • Budget requests • The creation of a 501(c)(3) to support District training, infrastructure, education, capacity, and facilitate discounted shared resources. • Opportunities to fund a part-time position to assist with setting up resources and services that Districts could use at a discount. • A list of the most needed resources that are able to be shared. <p>WACD shall report to the membership by June 30, 2023.</p>		
2022-09	Removing population criteria and per parcel maximum annual rate	Pierce & Thurston
<p>WACD to work with conservation districts, Washington State Conservation Commission, others, and the legislature to change Chapter 89.08 RCW, dropping the population criteria in section 405(3), and removing the maximum annual rate per parcel to allow local jurisdictions to set their own maximum rates.</p>		
2022-11	Review of FSA Practice Standards	Foster Creek
<p>Request for USDA FSA and NRCS to expedite the review of existing program standards expanding practices and practice standards to include more regenerative ag practices, while ensuring the necessary training and awareness for staff, partners, and local cooperators is being provided.</p>		
2022-12	NRCS Easements and easement programming recommended areas of improvement	Skagit
<p>WACD supports NRCS & FSA considering the following improvements to ALE-ACEP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WACD will work with and seek NRCS and NACD to support expanding the cost share cap for ACEP-ALE transactions from 50% to 75% and consider certain expenses. 2. WACD will work with state FSA-NRCS and solicit NACD support to enhance partnership with FSA-NRCS addressing challenges in USDA eligibility in FSA and NRCS programs. 3. WACD will recommend NACD support development of exceptions to land eligibility requirements for NIPF. 		

2022-13	Proposed Legislation Regarding CD Elections for 2023 Session	Palouse
WACD to support the WSCC action from the September 22, 2022 Commission meeting. WACD and WSCC to engage with key legislators and partners to support and sponsor HB 1652, as adopted by the House Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations in 2022, for the 2023 Legislative Session.		