

2024 Adopted Resolutions

Resolution	Title	Sponsoring District
2024-01	Updating and Modernizing Administrative Requirements for WSCC Grant Programs	Clark, Cascadia, & Palouse
WACD shall work with WSCC to develop a permanent grant rule workgroup, assisted and facilitated by WACD no later than the start of July 1, 2025, that includes even and diverse representation of Districts throughout the State with the goal of modernizing, and improving grant rules and policies that works to prioritize efficiency, transparency and implementation of on-the-ground conservation practices.		
2024-02	Conservation District Leadership Program	Cascadia, Clark, Palouse, & Okanogan
WACD shall work with WSCC, WADE, CTD and district supervisor and staff members to develop and implement a leadership program to help supervisors and district leadership staff learn their roles, responsibilities, duties, and leadership skills.		
2024-03	Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signature requirements	Pend Oreille & Lincoln
WACD shall seek to change Section 16 USC 3832 to allow districts to submit a signature waiver opting out of signing the CRP conservation plans.		
2024-04	Increasing Access to WSCC Sustainable Farms and Fields	Cascadia
WACD shall work with WSCC and Conservation Districts to update the Sustainable Farms and Fields program to increase participation of the most relevant crop and farm types not being represented in the current program.		
2024-05	Simplifying the WSCC Sustainable Farms and Fields Program	Cascadia
WACD shall work with WSCC, Conservation Districts and the legislature to simplify the language within the budget provisos to create a singular, comprehensive Sustainable Farms and Fields program.		
2024-06	Improving the USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant Scoring Process	Cascadia & Okanogan
WACD shall work with NACD to support working with the USDA Forest Service on improving their scoring criteria transparency for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant program and any subsequent, related programs.		
2024-07	Wildfire Insurance Policy Problem	Okanogan
WACD shall work with the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner to seek a resolution to the issue of losing insurance to fire concerns.		
2024-08	Support WSCC budget requests	Palouse
WACD will work closely with all conservation districts statewide, WSCC and other partners, to fully support the WSCC budget requests (including but not limited to CTA, RCPP, VSP, NRI, SFF and WSCC Science Hub) through contacts with the Governor's Office of Financial Management and Legislators.		

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2024-09	The Role of FSA and NRCS in Managing CREP and CRP	Whitman
<p>The NRCS shall be tasked with full management of the CREP, CRP, and other technical conservation programs retaining authority over both technical and financial segments of the program to ensure a streamlined and effective delivery of conservation services.</p> <p>The FSA focus exclusively on its established role in administering non-technical financial programs such as loans, insurance claims, and farm certifications, thereby reducing redundancy and enhancing operational efficiency.</p> <p>An inter-agency collaborative framework be established between the FSA and NRCS to facilitate ongoing communication, share insights, and ensure alignment of goals that supports agricultural sustainability and effective conservation outcomes. If a program already exists, this should be expanded upon.</p> <p>Regular assessments should be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of this new structure, ensuring that it serves the best interests of landowners and the community, while securing our environmental resources for future generations.</p>		
2024-10	Salary for NRCS engineers	Whitman
<p>The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) shall prioritize the allocation of funds to increase the salaries of its engineering staff in order to enhance retention rates and attract experienced professionals. This investment is essential to ensure that producers have access to qualified technical advice, thereby improving operational efficiency and productivity within the agricultural sector. By providing competitive salaries, we can cultivate a skilled workforce that is committed to serving the needs of producers, ultimately fostering a sustainable and thriving agricultural community.</p>		
2024-11	Tribal Engagement Training	King
<p>WACD will provide training to Conservation District staff and Board members on Government to Government relationships with Tribes. Trainings will be offered yearly, and will be encouraged for all new staff and Board members. We encourage WSCC to dedicate staff resources to steward relationships with tribal governments, engage in government-to-government consultation and engagement regarding conservation projects, and connect local conservation districts to tribal government representatives.</p>		
2024-12	Develop Workgroup to Identify Ongoing Funding for CTD	Underwood
<p>WACD, in collaboration with the Center for Technical Development (CTD), WSCC, WADE, and Conservation Districts, will develop a work group to identify ongoing, adequate funding support for the Center for Technical Development. WACD will report on the workgroup's findings and recommendations no later than the annual conference in 2025.</p>		
2024-13		Renewable Energy Work Group
<p>WACD supports siting wind and solar projects in Washington State such that communities are not disproportionately impacted. WACD supports siting small-scale solar where it is used and construction guidelines and programs to create standalone energy-efficient homes and businesses.</p>		
2024-14		Renewable Energy Work Group
<p>WACD supports the ability of local jurisdictions to have the final voice in the siting of large-scale renewable energy projects to reduce the impacts on working lands, wildlife, cultural and natural resources.</p>		

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2024-15		Renewable Energy Work Group
WACD supports mitigation strategies and plans that consider impacts on working lands, wildlife, and cultural and natural resources. Mitigation strategies must have an equal or greater ratio for working lands (using conservation easements as preferred mitigation) to that currently required for habitat loss.		
2024-16		Renewable Energy Work Group
WACD supports existing hydropower, as a stable and long-established renewable resource.		
2023-17		Renewable Energy Work Group
WACD supports the recommendations put forth in the Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council (WCMAC) and strongly supports permitting entities to follow the WCMAC recommendations		
2023-18		
WACD encourages the State Legislature to allocate funding for research aimed at establishing best management practices (BMPs) for solar and wind energy facilities.		
2024-19		Renewable Energy Work Group
WACD supports regulations requiring comprehensive post-project site remediation for renewable energy projects. Additionally, WACD advocates for the development and implementation of programs and policies that promote the recycling of solar panels, wind turbines, and lithium batteries to minimize environmental impacts and support a circular economy for renewable energy material resource.		