**RESOLUTION**

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| **RESOLUTION TITLE: Reduce the size of WACD board** |
| **SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Walla Walla County Conservation District** |
| **AREA:** 🞏NW 🞏SW 🞏NC 🞏SC 🞏NE ⌧SE |

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| **RESOLUTION TYPE:**⌧ **Policy**🞏 **Position Statement**🞏 **Recognition**🞏 **Study** |
| **RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY** (check any option that applies):⌧ **WACD****🞏 WSCC****🞏 OTHER STATE AGENCY** |

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| **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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| **BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT:** The Washington Association of Conservation Districts board consists of 19 representatives and partners. This is divided into 6 executive committee members, 12 area representatives (2 for each area) and one WADE representative. The WACD has the highest board number count in the Pacific and Southwest regions. See below with links to each state ‘ACD’). The median is 11 and average is between 9 and 10. Reducing the WACD board count to only one representative per region would reduce costs and streamline board meetings and actions. WACD reimburses travel to their meetings (6-10 per year). **Pacific Region**: [*Oregon*](https://www.oacd.org/oacd-board-members)=9; [*California*](https://carcd.org/about-us/board/)= 17 (one per region); [Alaska](https://alaskaconservationdistricts.org/contact-us/)= 11 (one per region); [Hawaii](https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/swcd/board/)= 3; [Idaho](https://www.iascd.org/our-board.html)=6 (one per area) **Southwest Region**: [*Arizona*](https://www.aacd1944.com/about-aacd)= 11 total (6 exec committee plus 5 specialty committee chairs), [Nevada](https://www.nvacd.org/?page_id=37)= 5 (one per region); [New Mexico](https://www.nmacd.org/directories)= 3 on executive committee plus 6 regions with chair and vice chair; [Utah](https://www.uacd.org/organization-1)=18 total (14 (two per region) plus 4); [Colorado](https://www.coloradoacd.org/board-of-directors.html)= 11 (8 (one per area) plus 3) ; [Wyoming](https://conservewy.com/wacd-board/)= 11 (2 per area) Alternative A: This would require an edit to the WACD ‘Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws” Article III Section 3. “The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, the President of the Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) or designee, and ~~two~~ one supervisors representing each of the six, conservation district area associations.” This would reduce the WACD board from 19 down to 13 representatives. Alternative B would be to edit the language “The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, the President of the Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) or designee, and ~~two~~ one ~~supervisors~~ representative of ~~ing~~ each of the ~~six, conservation district area~~ association regions.” Association regions include: West, Central, and East. This would reduce the WACD board from 19 down to 10 representatives. This would be closest to the NACD Pacific and Southwest average. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:** *By approval of the WACD members, the WACD board shall decrease in number to reduce costs and streamline board meetings and actions.* |

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| **IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding required, staff time, etc.)** 🞏 **NO**🞏 **YES** (briefly explain): *Reduced WACD financial obligations and time.*  |