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RESOLUTION 2023-01

RESOLUTION TITLE: Improved Cost Share for virtual fence development

SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Foster Creek Conservation District

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 (See Page 2)
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

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BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Foster Creek Conservation District has been working within the virtual fencing pilot program through the Washington Shrub Steppe Recovery and Resilience Initiative (WSRRI) over the last year. Virtual fencing is growing in popularity and has the potential to continue to grow. It is proven to provide significant habitat benefits to species of concern in our project area and beyond. However, available funding sources don't fit all aspects and timelines associated with the program. Currently, available funds are not conducive to the long roll out times and annual subscription format of the cow collar rental. To sufficiently cover early adoption of this technology in a way that works for producers and agencies conducting technical assistance, a longer-term and more flexible funding mechanism is needed to meet the three-year design life.

Additionally, this practice is not an NRCS standalone practice. The lack of inclusion of this practice limits the funding availability to help incentivize its adoption.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

We recommend that the WSCC and any other potential stakeholders within the virtual fencing sector look at existing funding sources to assess whether other funding options are available to sustain the



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collar subscription throughout the three-year life of the project. Further more, we recommend that WSCC, through applicable programs such as WSRRI, NRI, and others, explore opportunities to directly engage virtual fence vendors to discuss better funding scenarios that could help support the adoption and understanding of this technology within Washington State.

Additionally, work towards the inclusion of this as a designated practice should be done to expand funding availability and provide more accessible funding sources with longer design life opportunities. We support further development of this technology as an adopted standalone practice within the NRCS tech notes and as applicable within EQIP and other related producer programs.

IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding required, staff time, etc.)

NO

YES (briefly explain):

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SPONSOR(S) ACTIONS TO DATE: (What has been done to address the issue; which agencies and organizations have addressed it also.)

IMPACT ON EXISTING NACD POLICY (if any): (Review NACD Policy Book for existing policies covering this issue.)

IF APPROPRIATE, POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT ON NACD'S OR A FEDERAL AGENCY BUDGET:

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MEETING AND DATE ADOPTED BY SPONSORING ENTITY: (E.g., WACD annual meeting date)



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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S): (Type name and Title)

WACD National Director (NACD board member)

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RESOLUTION 2023-02

SHORT TITLE: WACD supports of the use of food-grade biochar as an additive to livestock feed to reduce methane production and greenhouse gas emissions and to improve soil and animal health.

SPONSOR CD: San Juan Islands Conservation District

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 _____

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: Small amounts of biochar have been added to livestock feed in Europe and elsewhere in the world for many years to improve animal health, improve the quality of meat products from the animals, improve soil health from the carbon added by their waste, improve air quality by reducing methane, and combat climate change by the reduction of a greenhouse gas. Use of biochar in livestock feed is widely practiced and regulated successfully around the world.

The use of biochar as a feed additive for animals that enter the human food chain was removed from the Food & Drug Administration list of approved additives in the United States roughly a decade ago, but at least one State has approved of its use for livestock - the California Department of Food & Agriculture allows the use of biochar (called charcoal in their regulations) in livestock feed (Draper 2020).

In Washington State, there is not currently a statutory allowance of biochar in commercial livestock feed. The resolution would work to amend RCW 15.53.9013 and/or other relevant RCWs to allow food grade biochar to be added to commercially available livestock feed. The policy justification is to protect animal health, to improve quality of meat products, to add carbon to the waste that enters the soil profile, and to reduce methane emissions from livestock.

Supporting Documents:

- Senate Bill Report HJM 4014 –Supporting the continued research, development, production, and application of biochar from our forests and agricultural lands:



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[https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate/4014%20SBA%20AWNP%2018.pdf?q=20210217161403)

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- The Potential for Biochar to Enhance Sustainability in the Dairy Industry (pp 4-5) - https://cpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/blogs.cornell.edu/dist/c/8159/files/2020/09/Dairy-Manure-Biochar-Synthesis-Report_Innovation-Center_2020.pdf

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: WACD supports the amendment of RCW 15.53.9013 and/or other relevant RCWs to allow regulated amounts and types of food quality biochar to be added to commercial livestock feed.

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IS THERE A BUDGET IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?

- NO**
- YES** (briefly explain): This would add to the work of the WACD lobbyists.



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RESOLUTION 2023-03

SHORT TITLE – REDUCING AND RECYCLING PLASTICS IN AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SPONSOR CD: Thurston CD

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 Agriculture, Ecology
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Conservation district clients often use products that make use of various plastics – such as haylage wrap, polypropylene feed sacks, baling twine, chemical product containers; shrink-wrap (such as around newly purchased agricultural equipment), and likely many more applications. Farmers and ranchers do not currently have options to recycle much of their plastic waste, which results in costly disposal in landfills, or on-site burning contributing to air and water pollution. Agricultural plastics are often dirty from use and not desirable to many existing recycling markets. Further, reducing plastic use and plastic recycling is a real need in aquaculture and nursery production.

TCD supported the development of an agricultural plastics recycling program over a decade ago, but regional and global recycling markets are volatile and lacked the sustainability to build a robust and reliable recycling program. Statewide coordination and support is needed to ensure program accessibility and success.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture and Ecology may have existing programs that begin to address the issue of plastics recycling, but gaps remain for agricultural plastics.

Working with WSDA and DOE, WSCC and WACD could identify opportunities to expand current efforts (and publicize them), identify existing needs and gaps, and analyze the viability of creating recycling programs that can receive all agricultural plastics.



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An assessment and adjustment of the effectiveness of the implemented program is recommended at year 1, 3 and 5.

Reducing and recycling plastics will promote better air quality by reducing on-farm burning of plastics, and divert products from landfills and protect waters of the state along with wildlife.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

WACD and WSCC work with the Washington Departments of Agriculture and Ecology to identify current programs for reducing and recycling agricultural and related plastics and develop a plan for coordination, expansion, and publicizing of programs, along with further needs and opportunities analysis.

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ARE WACD RESOURCES (FUNDING, STAFF CAPACITY, ETC.) REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?

- NO**
- YES** (briefly explain): Estimate 8-16 hours per quarter for coordination and plan development.



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RESOLUTION 2023-04

SHORT TITLE: Agricultural, forest and rangeland mitigation

SPONSOR CD: North Yakima Conservation District

AREA: NW SW NC XSC NE SE

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY (check any option that applies):

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STATE AGENCY Washington State Department of Agriculture
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: The loss of agricultural lands (agricultural, forest and rangeland) to non-agricultural uses in Washington State is occurring at an alarming rate. These conversions not only threaten the agricultural industries of the State but also negatively impact multiple ecosystems for habitat and functions. The common protocol for impacts to ecosystem habitat and function is the requirement for “mitigation” for the value of the loss. However, no consideration for the loss of agricultural value nor the associated ecosystem functions agricultural lands provide is considered or required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: WACD will develop a position statement for required mitigation for loss of agricultural land types and that WACD, WSCC, WDSA, Conservation Districts and appropriate entities and partners work to develop guidance. Guidance will then be championed by WACD and our partners to become law through legislative action(s).

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ARE WACD RESOURCES (FUNDING, STAFF CAPACITY, ETC.) REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?

NO

X **YES** (briefly explain): Expected resources will be used in the early development and facilitation of the “working partners” to develop the guidance. Future resources will be needed to move the “guidance document(s)” through the legislative process to law. After that no additional resources are necessary.



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RESOLUTION 2023-05

SHORT TITLE: Hydropower Position Statement

SPONSOR CD: North Yakima Conservation District

AREA: NW SW NC XSC 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 _____

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: Hydropower is an issue in the future of Washington's Green Energy efforts. Past and current legislative efforts require the conversion from carbon-based energy sources to renewable or green energy sources. Within many of those legislative efforts the ability of Utilities to "count" hydropower is limited and/or restricted. Yet the hydropower generated within Washington State is exported to other states to meet / count towards their legislative mandates. Washingtonians continue to see the industrialization of Farmland, Rangeland and ecosystems with Wind Generators and Solar Complex's as a result of poor or outdated political beliefs. The rising cost of power is one of the additional impacts of these efforts.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: WACD will develop a position statement in conjunction with Conservation Districts, appropriate partners and entities that identifies and promotes hydropower as a renewable energy resource. WACD will engage in efforts that identify and promote hydropower as a renewable energy resource. WACD will be proactive in its efforts due to the direct connection this issue has to RCW 89.08, Conservation Districts and the conservation of renewable natural resources. WACD shall publicly put out a publication notifying readers what WACD's position is.



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ARE WACD RESOURCES (FUNDING, STAFF CAPACITY, ETC.) REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?

- NO**
- YES** (briefly explain): Coordination, development and implementation of a position statement will require staff time and effort.



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RESOLUTION 2023-06

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.

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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.



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RESOLUTION 2023-07

SHORT TITLE: Carbon CSP (Conservation Stewardship 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 _____

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: Producers need an easy to navigate program that pays producers yearly for the carbon sequestration practices they have completed that year.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

WACD will work closely with conservation districts statewide, SCC, NACD, and other partners, to identify funding and opportunities to develop a Carbon CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) program which may include the following components: 1) develop a conservation plan, 2) producers turn in a record of work completed that year to sequester carbon (based off of an eligible practices list), 3) planners run models to determine amount of carbon sequestered, 4) producers receive a payment based on carbon sequestered.

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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 run the Carbon CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) program.



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RESOLUTION 2023-08

RESOLUTION TITLE: Opposition to Removal or Breaching of the Four Lower Snake River Dams.

SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Franklin

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 (See Page 2)
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BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT: Litigation surrounding the Biological Opinion prepared to address recovery of Snake River Steelhead and Salmon stocks in the Snake River has continued for decades. While the most recent Biological Opinion did not include removal or breaching of the dams as the preferred alternative, some groups oppose any option except full breach/removal of the dams. Hence, the Biological Opinion is once again being challenged in court. WACD should recognize the importance of these dams for transportation, irrigation, recreation, and clean energy generation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: WACD opposes removal or breaching of the four Lower Snake River Dams.



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IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding required, staff time, etc.)

NO

YES (briefly explain): It may require some minimal WACD staff time to track the issue and comment if the opportunity exists.

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MEETING AND DATE ADOPTED BY SPONSORING ENTITY: (E.g., WACD annual meeting date)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S): (Type name and Title)

WACD National Director (NACD board member)



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RESOLUTION 2023-09

SHORT TITLE: Solar and Wind Project Moratorium

SPONSOR CD: North Central Area Association

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 _____

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: Legal processes have insulated solar and wind developers from local regulations. Many local jurisdictions have not updated their ordinances to address the construction of these proposed industrial projects and even those jurisdictions that have may be superseded by the State of Washington's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council). EFSEC bypasses local authority by issuing recommended approvals and associated Site Certification Agreements to the governor for wind and solar projects in lieu of individual state or local agency permits.

Large-scale industrial solar and wind projects are not compatible with the Growth Management Act's (GMA) requirements which seek to protect agricultural and natural resource lands. Notable GMA Goals, as they relate to the impacts of these types of projects include the following:

- Natural Resource Industries - Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive forest lands and productive agricultural lands, while discouraging incompatible uses.
- Environment - Protect the environment and enhance the state's high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the availability of water.

Additionally, many of these projects are proposed on land that is designated as long-term commercial significance. Per RCW 36.70A.030 this land designation includes the growing capacity, productivity, and soil composition of the land for long-term commercial production, in consideration of the land's proximity to population areas, and the possibility of more intense uses of the land. GMA requires each county to designate appropriate agricultural lands that are not already characterized by urban growth and that have long-term significance for the commercial production of food or other agricultural products.



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Locating large-scale industrial developments in agricultural areas, in most cases, creates a situation where the lands will no longer be able to meet the criteria for an agricultural land of long-term commercial significance designation. If the lands no longer meet the criteria, they need to be de-designated as such. Siting of these facilities in these agricultural areas would require a County to properly de-designate lands where these facilities are located or the County's become vulnerable to an appeal, and in turn lose valuable agricultural lands that should be preserved and protected under the GMA.

In addition to lacking consistency with the GMA, these projects are often sited in areas designated as critical areas, including wetlands, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and fish and wildlife conservation areas. These types of projects can negatively impact Washington State's Voluntary Stewardship Program, a landmark State program that seeks to protect critical areas while also maintaining and enhancing agricultural viability in the County. The disturbance of additional acres of habitat can detrimentally impact the objectives of this program by creating a significant loss of habitat without providing mitigation to bank a similar number of acres for conservation.

Large-scale wind and solar projects create countless barriers to the vast tracts of open space that currently exist across eastern Washington. Fragmenting the landscape and creating physical barriers to any wildlife connectivity. The Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group, a group of state and federal agencies, universities, and environmental groups has created guidance that promotes the long-term viability of wildlife populations in Washington State through a science-based, collaborative approach that identifies opportunities and priorities to conserve and restore habitat connectivity. This goal of creating habitat corridors and connectivity has also been identified as a priority by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Wildlife corridors seek to keep large, connected patches of undeveloped native vegetation intact by encouraging areas of low development, managing road systems to minimize the number of new roads and new barriers to important animal movement corridors, and implementing appropriate planning for open space to incorporate high-value habitat and corridors for animal movement.

A 2009 study of the impact of solar farms, identified detrimental impacts including landscape fragmentation, vegetation degradation, interference with flora and fauna as well as microclimatic changes caused by the daytime warming of the surface of solar arrays (Chiabrando R, Fabrizio E, Garnero G (2009) The territorial and landscape impacts of photovoltaic systems: definition of impacts and assessment of the glare risk. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Review*, 13(2009):2441–2451).

Lastly, Wind turbines, solar arrays, and associated infrastructure will contribute to additional ignition sources for increased wildfire risk. Initial construction activities increase the burden on local emergency services as the construction activities can lead to an increase in emergency calls for medical and fire services. Additionally, due to the height of the wind turbines, air support resources, which are commonly used in eastern Washington to combat wildfires may not be able to be deployed. The solar arrays are also an additional hazard for firefighters as they are difficult to disconnect and deenergize which would increase the emergency responders' risk of electrical shock. Further, water cannot be used to combat fire within the solar sites, special recovery equipment and techniques will be required.



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: Resolution to adopt a moratorium of when siting new solar and wind installations until sufficient environmental and habitat studies can be done on the impact on shrub-steppe habitat.

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- NO**
- YES** (briefly explain):



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RESOLUTION 2023-10

RESOLUTION TITLE: Prohibition of Washington State Natural Resource Agencies Acquiring Land

SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Pacific CD

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 WDFW, WSParks, WDNR,
- NRCS
- NACD (See Page 2)
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

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BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Washington State's Natural Resource agencies (WDFW, WSParks, and WDNR) acquire land annually through many funding sources, however all three agencies struggle to complete the management plans for currently owned land, negatively affecting adjacent landowners. In addition, the take of these lands adds an additional tax burden on tax-payers in the county the newly state acquired land exists.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

WACD and SCC will no longer support, and will actively work against, state acquiring land by WDFW, WSParks, or DNR until currently state owned land have completed their management plans, including implementation goals.

IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding **required**, staff time, etc.)

- NO
- YES (briefly explain):



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WACD National Director (NACD board member)