



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION TITLE: WACD Developing and Implementing a Board Supervisor Training Program**

**SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Clark 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

Annually, Conservation Districts have new Board Supervisors elected or appointed. This includes people who are new to joining boards, new to conservation districts or both. The current onboarding system includes the required public records and open public meetings act trainings but doesn't require other trainings such as basic Conservation District history, board supervisor duties and powers, or trainings on effective board governance. While those trainings are available through the Washington State Conservation Commission, having more formalized ongoing and continuing education would benefit Board Supervisors and Districts alike.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:**

WACD in collaboration with the Center for Technical Development, WSCC and Conservation Districts will develop and implement a series of trainings focused on providing the skills and tools necessary to be a Board Supervisor.

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

- NO
- YES (briefly explain): This will take significant staff time to develop curriculum and hold either in-person or virtual trainings at a frequency where board supervisors can attend.