



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION TITLE: Updating and Modernizing Administrative Requirements for WSCC Grant Programs**

**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:**

The Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) has been receiving an increasing amount of funding and new programs that are specific to different natural resource areas. Each new program has resulted in creation of program guidelines specific to that funding. This has created a tangle of rules and guidelines that can be inconsistent with the grants and policy manual and hard to navigate. These guidelines have created many inefficiencies and increased administrative costs for Districts, shifting funding away from on-the-ground implementation. It is also slowing conservation delivery and making our programs unattractive to cooperators, and stifling innovative programs that are working to increase access to CD programs to underserved communities.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:**

WACD shall work with WSCC to develop a permanent grant rule workgroup, assisted and facilitated by WACD, 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.



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

**NO**

**YES** (briefly explain): This will require staff resources to facilitate the workgroup, do research with associated agencies such as Office of Financial Management (OFM), the State Auditors Office (SAO) and Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC). Depending on the outcome of research and discussions, work with the Legislature to update funding restrictions as appropriate.