

**KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 15-006S (amended)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THAT WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WACD) MEMBERSHIP CREATE A RULES, PROCEEDURES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE TO ENSURE WACD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN AN OPEN, TRANSPARENT, AND INCLUSIVE MANNER.

WHEREAS, WACD is an association formed for the purpose of supporting the member Conservation Districts in their work with government, partner organizations, business and private landowner landowner and working land managers; and

WHEREAS, WACD initiatives allow conservation districts to use their collective strengths to accomplish what cannot be done individually; and

WHEREAS, WACD initiatives and directives are proposed by member Conservation Districts by presenting proposed WACD Resolutions to be considered by WACD membership at regional and state WACD meetings; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to update WACD rules, procedures and bylaws to encourage and support the tenants of openmess, transparency, and inclusiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the King Conservation District Board of supervisors as follows:

- 1) The KCD Board proposes the formation of a committee to update WACD Rules, Procedures, and Bylaws to ensure Openness, Transparency, and Inclusivness as shown in the proposed WACD resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and
- 2) Requests that staff forward the District's proposed WACD Resolution shown in Exhibit A to WACD staff for distribution to WACD membership.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the King Conservation District, Washington, at a special open public meeting thereof, and effective this 12th day of October, 20 .



Dick Ryon, Chair

CERTIFICATE

I, Max Prinsen, Auditor of the Board of Supervisors, King County, Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 15-006 of such Board, duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on Oct. 12, 2015.



Max Prinsen, Auditor

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Resolution No. 2015 – xxxx

8/21/2015 Draft

Title: Request to Create a WACD Rules, Procedures, and Bylaw Committee

Problem:

Concerns have been raised regarding the operating procedures of the WACD Executive Committee after the July 13, 2015 WACD Executive Committee vote to renew the Executive Director's Contract. Concerns include the lack of any performance review, and certainly the lack of any opportunity to review and comment on an action that is as consequential as a new Executive Director contract.

There have been numerous policy differences in recent years, especially between views of Districts serving urbanized areas and Districts serving rural, primarily agrarian areas. To overcome those differences, and speak with a unified voice, we need reliable WACD rules, procedures, and or bylaws that provide all CD's and the public adequate notice and opportunity to participate.

Recommendation:

Create a Committee representative of the WACD diversity of membership to review and where needed make recommendations on changes to WACD rules, procedures, and bylaws to ensure the organizational framework is updated to serve all of its members and the public interest. The committee should ensure:

1. That meetings have an agenda assigned and distributed prior to the meeting and that there be room for public comment on the agenda.
2. That the time, date and place of meetings are noticed with adequate time for all CD's and the public to have an opportunity to participate;
3. That meetings allow for participation by telephone, or other electronic method to encourage the broadest participation possible.
4. That meetings have minutes and that those minutes be distributed or have the ability to be made available to the public and have a record of the discussion points and actions that took place during the meeting.

Presented by: King CD