**RESOLUTION 2020-07**

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| **SHORT TITLE:** More Participation to Vote at Annual Meetings |

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| **SPONSOR CD:** Snohomish Conservation District |

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| **AREA:** X NW 🞏SW 🞏NC 🞏SC 🞏NE 🞏SE |

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| **RESOLUTION TYPE:**  x **Policy**  🞏 **Position Statement**  🞏 **Recognition**  🞏 **Study** |

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| **RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY** (check any option that applies):  X **WACD**  **🞏 WSCC**  **🞏 OTHER STATE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **🞏 NRCS**  **🞏 NACD**  **🞏 NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:** Some districts tend to have less resources to pay for board member participation in the annual meeting. Others are subject to additional travel requirements based on their (and the conference’s) location and travel conditions. Consequently, attendance at the annual meeting has shifted depending location and cost. All these imbalances can be solved by guaranteeing participation at the business meeting through virtual platforms like Zoom. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:** Beginning in 2021, all district supervisors across the state shall have the option to participate and cast votes of any business during the annual meeting, whether for or against a resolution, bylaw, in an election of officers or on advisory matter, via a web-based meeting platform with thoughtful integration between those attending in person and those attending virtually. |

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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.  x Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.  🞏 New policy. |

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| **IS THERE A BUDGET IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?**  x **NO**  🞏 **YES** |