**Resolution 2020-10**

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| **SHORT TITLE:** Conservation District Election Improvements |

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| **SPONSOR CD:** King Conservation District |

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| **AREA:** 🞏NW 🞏SW 🞏NC 🞏SC 🞏NE 🞏SE |

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

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

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| **BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:** Other local governments in Washington State hold elections every other year for their elected positions with four-year terms. There is a reason -- it saves money. Conservation Districts spend considerable resources and time on annual elections for three-year terms. In addition, local conservation districts need flexibility to pick election dates and the option to create districts/zones for elected Supervisors. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:** The Washington Association of Conservation Districts is committed to working with the Washington State Legislature to change elected board supervisor terms of office to four years, conduct elections every other year, and allow conservation districts to set the election date anytime during the calendar year. |

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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?**  🞏 **NO**  **X** **YES** (briefly explain): Conservation districts will save money with these election changes, freeing up more resources for conservation work. |