***2016 CACD Policy Resolutions***

***CACD General Membership Meeting on 11/16/16***

***CONSENT CALENDAR:***

**Federal Agency Jurisdiction of Water Quantity**

CACD opposes any efforts by Federal agencies to impose regulatory authority over water quantity in any given waterway, or take priority away from any given State.

*Submitted By:* White River Conservation District as New Policy

*Committee Action:* Approved as Written

*Membership Action:* Approvedas Submitted by Committee

**Equip Funding on the Endangered Species Act**

CACD supports NRCS EQIP funding that is directed away from Endangered Species Act projects.

*Submitted By:* Baca Conservation District as Action Item

*Committee Action:* Approved as Written

*Membership Action:* Approved as Submitted by Committee

**CRP Management**

CACD support Best Management Practices of known conservation practices that allow NRCS District Conservationists to make appropriate decisions as to necessity and quantity of CRP contract management activities.

*Submitted By:* High Desert Conservation District as Action Item

*Committee Action:* Approved as Written

*Membership Action:* Approved as Submitted by Committee

**Natural Disasters on CRP**

CACD supports that all natural disasters, such as wild fires, hails, and any other be considered a contract management practice for CRP lands, at the discretions of the local level. Be it resolved that CACD, NACD, and the Farm Service Agency promote that this item be addressed.

*Submitted By:* Cope Conservation District as Action Item

*Committee Action:* Approved as Written

*Membership Action:* Approved as Submitted by Committee

***AMENDED:***

**Effects of Irrigation Efficiencies on Alluvial Recharge and Return Flows**

CACD requests that NRCS take into consideration the geology, hydrology, and hydrological recharge of the alluvium before funding and implementing changes in irrigation efficiency practices, according to the priorities of the District or local Watershed.

*Submitted By:* White-Yampa-North Platte River Watershed as New Policy

*Committee Action:* Approved as Amended, and as an Action Item

*Membership Action:* Approved as Submitted by Committee

**Electric Rates for Alternative Energy Systems**

Producers that install renewable energy projects should not be subject to future meter increases particular to net meter installations unless those increases apply uniformly to the general customer base.

*Submitted By:* Delta Conservation District as New Policy

*Committee Action:* Approved as Amended

*Membership Action:* Approved as Submitted by Committee

**Mandates for Wildlife Land Use**

CACD and NACD supports that private landowners should be compensated from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the taking of a foregone crop value from wildlife, based on the Endangered Species Act.

*Submitted By:* Baca Conservation District as New Policy

*Committee Action:* Approved as Amended

*Membership Action:* Amended andApproved

***EMERGENCY RESOLUTION:***

**Irrigation Improvements on Public Lands**

CACD and NACD support irrigation ditch improvements on public lands (when partial relocation of the ditch alignment is necessary or advisable) without jeopardizing historic perpetual easements when those ditches traverse public lands.

*Submitted By:* Delta Conservation District as an Action Item

*Committee Action:* Approved as an Action Item

*Membership Action:* Amended and Approved

***DEFEATED:***

**Support of Trout Unlimited Colorado Statewide Water Plan Policy Goals**

 *Submitted By:* San Juan Conservation District

*Committee Action:* Defeated as Submitted