

**2014 CACD Resolutions**  
**As Approved by the CACD General Membership 11/13/14**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Energy Development**

*CACD supports the wise use of all natural resources including the development of energy from non-renewable sources through proven technology with reclamation conducted in accordance with current CACD reclamation policy.*

*District Submitting: White River  
Approved*

**NRCS Habitat Based Policy Location**

*CACD strongly encourages NRCS standards and specifications for the Lesser Prairie Chicken to be based on specific habitat not a general region.*

*District Submitting: Prowers Conservation District  
Approved*

**CACD Membership Dues for 2015**

*CACD Board of Directors supports and recommends that the CACD Annual Conservation District Membership Dues rate remain at \$1,000 per Conservation District for fiscal year 2015, effective January 1, 2015 and further that the individual dues of \$35 continue to be encouraged providing funds for services.*

*Submitted by: CACD  
Approved*

**Anti-Speculation Doctrine**

*CACD supports the Anti-Speculation Doctrine in Water Law and supports the maintenance of in time and in place of historic return flow.*

*District Submitting: Prowers Conservation District  
Approved*

**AMENDED:**

**Colorado Envirothon**

*The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts is the primary charter organization providing program leadership for the Colorado Envirothon Program. This includes the development of by-laws, policies, contest rules, participation guidelines and fundraising for the CO Envirothon state competition. Colorado Envirothon charter partners will abide by the standards and policies adopted by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts.*

*Submitted by: Education Committee  
Approved as Emergency*

**Legal Reforms to Colorado Pesticide Law**

*Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) shall be involved in any review of the Pesticide Application Act as it is presented to the Colorado Legislature.*

*District Submitting: Southeast Weld  
Committee Action: Approved*

**Micro-hydro Electrical Generation Opportunities in Western Colorado**

*CACD supports the renewable energy efforts of agricultural producers throughout Colorado to generate electricity via micro-hydro turbines where such production can be placed on the grid by legislative action; furthermore in those Colorado counties and municipalities where the Colorado State Electrical Board currently has jurisdiction CACD shall support the local electrical utility as an alternative to the CSEB to inspect and approve, or not approve, the micro-hydro project and grid connection*

*District Submitting: Delta  
Committee Action: Approved*

**Opposition to the EPA's Waters of the United States Proposal**

*CACD strongly opposes any expansion of the powers of the Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act.*

*District Submitting: West Arapahoe combined with Upper Huerfano  
Committee Action: Approved as Combined*

**Relief of Financial and Maintenance Responsibility of Kiowa Creek's Watershed Protection Project**

*CACD and NACD support any Conservation District that is the sole easement holder and maintenance provider for any flood control dams be relieved of any responsibility and liability or be adequately funded to properly repair and maintain dams to state or federal standards.*

*District Submitting: Kiowa  
Committee Action: Approved*

**NRCS Payment Rate**

*CACD encourages NRCS to review cost docket approaches and implement sound fiscal practices and avoid overpayment.*

*District Submitting: Prowers  
Committee Action: Approved*

### **Direct Assistance Allocation**

*The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts set a goal of increased funding, including Direct Assistance allocations that makes up for and reflects the cost of living increases that have occurred since the last adjustment in the Direct Assistance allocation.*

*District Submitting: San Juan  
Committee Action: Approved as Amended*

### **Renewing Partnership between Natural Resource Conservation Service and Conservation Districts**

*The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts highly encourages the Natural Resources Conservation Service that Conservation Districts are still a very viable and an important local partner in implementing and offering guidance on all natural resources conservation based programs within each of the Conservation District's boundaries statewide.*

*CACD will work towards developing an agreement with NRC S, including the Colorado State Office, all Area Offices, and Field Offices that includes:*

- *Engage Conservation District leaders to attain natural resource priorities.*
- *The State Conservationist will invite and encourage engagement from the CACD and CSCB at all NRCS Leadership Team and State Technical committee meetings.*

*District Submitting: Branson -Trinchera  
Committee Action: Approved as Amended*

### **Watershed Based Ranking and Distribution System with NRCS Cost Share Programs**

*The CACD supports a watershed based ranking and distribution system for all state-wide cost share programs.*

*District Submitting: DeBeque-Plateau Valley, Eagle County, Bookcliff, Mt. Sopris, Southside,  
Middle Park  
Committee Action: Approved as Amended*

### **Support of Watershed Coalitions**

*The CACD supports local landowner driven watershed coalitions. CACD will support legislation beneficial to Conservation Districts and to the local landowner driven watershed coalitions they support.*

*District Submitting: Big Thompson  
Committee Action: Approved as Amended*

**DEFEATED:**

**NRCS Ranking of EQIP Projects**

*CACD request NRCS to rank EQIP projects on a watershed basis for the forthcoming years.*

*District Submitting: San Juan  
Committee Action: Defeated*

**CACD Will Lobby the State for Increased Funding for Individual Conservation Districts**

*Colorado Association of Conservation Districts will lobby the State of Colorado for funding for individual districts to be able to employ a district manager for at least 32 hours per week.*

*District Submitting: Colorado First  
Committee Action: Defeated*

**Chimney Rock Administrative Funding**

*CACD shall work with NACD in 2015 and following legislative sessions, to request funding to provide administrative and managerial functions directly related to any newly designated National Monuments in Colorado.*

*District Submitting: San Juan  
Committee Action: Approved*

**Direct Assistance Allocation**

*CACD will lobby Colorado Legislature for procurement of funds to increase direct assistance to its Conservation Districts.*

- Therefore be it resolved, that the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts set a goal of increased Direct Assistance allocations that makes up for and reflects the cost of living increases that have occurred since the last adjustment in the Direct Assistance allocation. The CACD will direct our lobbyist to work diligently and persistently in the 2015 and following legislative sessions until this goal is accomplished.*

*Submitted by Prowers, Branson-Trinchera , East Otero, West Otero-Timpas, Olney Boone  
Committee Action: Defeated*