2026 RESOLUTION POLICY COMPARISON and BYLAW ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts

Submitted Resolutions as of September 30, 2026

Purpose of this report

The current IASCD Policy Manual assigns the Executive Director responsibility for comparing submitted resolutions with existing IASCD policy and providing similar policy with the resolution packet. This report also applies the eligibility criteria in Article XV of the current IASCD Bylaws. It is an administrative comparison and eligibility review; it is not a recommendation to pass or reject any resolution. Final screening and recommendations remain with the Resolutions Committee and the applicable standing committee.

Governing Requirements Used for Review

1. Resolution classification and Executive Director comparison

Under Policy Manual Section II.C, a regular resolution is submitted on the proper IASCD resolution form on or before September 30. The same section directs the Executive Director to compare submitted resolutions with existing policy and provide similar policy with the resolution packet.

2. Bylaw eligibility criteria

Article XV requires a resolution presented for consideration at the annual business meeting to satisfy at least one of the following tests. The criteria are connected by “or,” so a resolution does not need to satisfy all three.

- Criterion A — concerns conservation, development, or management of natural resources, or the operation of conservation districts.
- Criterion B — has state, national, or significant regional scope.
- Criterion C — proposes new IASCD policy or an alteration of existing IASCD policy.

Summary Determination

Resolution	Sponsor	Class	A	B	C	Result
IASCD Use of District Employees	Squaw Creek SCD	Regular	Yes	Yes	Yes	Meets Article XV
IASCD Conference Planning	Ada SWCD	Regular	Yes	Yes	Yes	Meets Article XV
Support for the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act to Facilitate Voluntary Stream and Floodplain Restoration	Nez Perce SWCD	Regular	Yes	Yes	Yes	Meets Article XV
Reinvestment of ISWCC Consolidation Savings in Conservation District Allocations	Nez Perce SWCD & Latah SWCD	Regular	Yes	Yes	Yes	Meets Article XV
Protection of ISWCC Personnel, Funding, and Conservation District Support in the ISWCC/IDWR Consolidation	Nez Perce SWCD & Latah SWCD	Regular	Yes	Yes	Yes	Meets Article XV

Current IASCD Policy Reference Sheet

The following provisions are the current-policy references used in the comparisons. They are concise summaries for packet use; the section number and heading identify the controlling provision in the current Policy Manual.

Policy section	Relevant current policy
I.2 — Basic Policies	IASCD seeks technical, financial, and political support for conservation districts.
I.8 — Basic Policies	Supports timely ISWCC allocation of matching funds to eligible districts.
II.D — Purpose of Conservation Districts	Programs should emphasize voluntary action, local decision-making, private enterprise, and public-private partnership.
II.G — District Employees	Districts and conservation/natural-resource agencies should cooperate in reviewing and meeting personnel needs.
II.H — IASCD Committee Guidelines	Committees act under Board direction, use defined work plans, and carry responsibilities approved by the Board.
II.J.3-4 — Fiscal Policy	Protects district state funding and supports full funding of the state matching structure.
II.K.3 — Board Operations / Travel	Establishes reimbursement rules for staff and others traveling at IASCD expense.
III.7 — Technical Assistance	Recognizes the value of Commission service to conservation districts.
III.9 — Technical Assistance	Urges state agencies to prioritize financial and technical assistance to districts.
V.B.2-3 — Water Quality	Supports simplified federal permitting approaches and clearer Corps/EPA guidance for Section 404 activities.
IX.1 — Program Funding	Urges increased state funding for conservation-district work.
XIV.4 — Resource Planning	Supports a bottom-up coordinated resource-management approach involving affected parties.
XV.3 — Water Quality	Favors locally administered, voluntary approaches for agricultural nonpoint-source work.

Resolution 26-01: IASCD Use of District Employees

Sponsoring district(s)	Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District
Date submitted	September 1, 2026
District contact	Arthur Beal
Classification	REGULAR — proper IASCD resolution form received by September 30

A. Article XV eligibility review

Criterion	Finding	Basis
A	**Yes**	The proposal directly concerns district employees and the operational burden placed on a district when its staff are used for IASCD conference work.
B	**Yes**	The proposal would apply across IASCD divisions and to districts statewide when staff are used outside the host-division rotation.
C	**Yes**	It establishes a new $200-per-day compensation policy for the district providing the employee.

Eligibility conclusion: Meets Article XV. The resolution independently satisfies at least one required criterion and, as submitted, satisfies all three.

B. Existing IASCD policy comparison

Related current policy: II.G — District Employees; II.K.3 — Board Operations / Travel.

Comparison: Existing policy addresses cooperation in meeting personnel needs and reimbursement of travel expenses when district staff travel at IASCD expense. No current policy was identified that compensates an employing district for the value of an employee's work time when that employee is used by IASCD.

Policy effect if adopted: New policy. It would supplement, rather than duplicate, the existing personnel and travel provisions.

C. Policy provisions

- II.G — District Employees
- II.K.3 — Board Operations / Travel

D. Administrative clarification for committee review

For implementation, the Resolutions Committee may wish to clarify whether the $200 daily payment is in addition to travel reimbursement, who must authorize the use of borrowed staff, and whether payment is made to the district rather than directly to the employee.

Resolution 26-02: IASCD Conference Planning

Sponsoring district(s)	Ada Soil & Water Conservation District
Date submitted	September 28, 2026
District contact	Mike Pellant, Ada SWCD Chair
Classification	REGULAR — proper IASCD resolution form received by September 30

A. Article XV eligibility review

Criterion	Finding	Basis
A	**Yes**	The resolution addresses district staff and supervisor workload and the assignment of responsibilities for IASCD conference planning.
B	**Yes**	The annual IASCD conference is statewide, and the proposed planning framework would apply to all divisions over time.
C	**Yes**	It proposes a new standing planning framework and a conference-planning document defining IASCD and division responsibilities.

Eligibility conclusion: Meets Article XV. The resolution independently satisfies at least one required criterion and, as submitted, satisfies all three.

B. Existing IASCD policy comparison

Related current policy: II.H — IASCD Committee Guidelines.

Comparison: Current policy provides a general framework for IASCD committees, including Board direction, work plans, assigned responsibilities, budgets, and recommendations. No current policy was identified that comprehensively assigns annual-conference planning responsibilities between IASCD and the host division.

Policy effect if adopted: New procedural policy that fills a gap. The proposed committee can fit within the existing committee framework if its charge, membership, and authority are established consistently with Section II.H.

C. Policy provisions

- II.H — IASCD Committee Guidelines

D. Administrative clarification for committee review

The resolution is consistent with the committee structure in current policy. The committee charge should make clear whether the resulting planning document is advisory, Board policy, or intended for membership adoption.

Resolution 26-03: Support for the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act to Facilitate Voluntary Stream and Floodplain Restoration

Sponsoring district(s)	Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District
Date submitted	September 30, 2026
District contact	Steve Becker
Classification	REGULAR — proper IASCD resolution form received by September 30

A. Article XV eligibility review

Criterion	Finding	Basis
A	**Yes**	The proposal directly concerns stream, riparian, wetland, floodplain, water-quality, and habitat restoration.
B	**Yes**	It addresses proposed federal legislation and FEMA-related requirements, giving it national scope.
C	**Yes**	It establishes a new IASCD federal legislative position on a specific floodplain-restoration permitting pathway.

Eligibility conclusion: Meets Article XV. The resolution independently satisfies at least one required criterion and, as submitted, satisfies all three.

B. Existing IASCD policy comparison

Related current policy: I.7 — Basic Policies; II.D — Purpose of Conservation Districts; V.B.2-3 — Water Quality; XIV.4 — Resource Planning; XV.3 — Water Quality.

Comparison: Current policy supports science- and cost-informed regulation, voluntary and locally led conservation, streamlined federal permitting concepts, bottom-up resource planning, and locally administered water-quality approaches. The current manual does not address the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act or FEMA floodway treatment of ecosystem-restoration projects.

Policy effect if adopted: New federal legislative policy that is consistent with several existing IASCD policy themes but is not duplicative of them. No direct conflict was identified.

C. Policy provisions

- I.7 — Basic Policies
- II.D — Purpose of Conservation Districts
- V.B.2-3 — Water Quality
- XIV.4 — Resource Planning
- XV.3 — Water Quality

D. Administrative clarification for committee review

This resolution would add a specific federal advocacy position while relying on policy principles already present in the manual.

Resolution 26-04: Reinvestment of ISWCC Consolidation Savings in Conservation District Allocations

Sponsoring district(s)	Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District and Latah Soil and Water Conservation District
Date submitted	September 30, 2026
District contact	Steve Becker / Dave Huggins
Classification	REGULAR — proper IASCD resolution form received by September 30

A. Article XV eligibility review

Criterion	Finding	Basis
A	**Yes**	The proposal concerns funding available to conservation districts and their capacity to deliver conservation work.
B	**Yes**	It proposes a statewide distribution of savings resulting from the ISWCC/IDWR consolidation.
C	**Yes**	It establishes a new IASCD budget-advocacy position and a specific approach for distributing verified consolidation savings.

Eligibility conclusion: Meets Article XV. The resolution independently satisfies at least one required criterion and, as submitted, satisfies all three.

B. Existing IASCD policy comparison

Related current policy: I.2 — Basic Policies; I.8 — Basic Policies; II.J.3-4 — Fiscal Policy; III.9 — Technical Assistance; IX.1 — Program Funding.

Comparison: Current policy favors strong state financial support, timely district allocations, protection of existing district funding, the matching-fund structure, and increased state funding for district work. It does not direct how savings from an agency consolidation should be treated.

Policy effect if adopted: New funding policy. It is consistent with the general objective of increasing district resources, but it adds a specific equal-distribution method for consolidation savings.

C. Policy provisions

- I.2 — Basic Policies
- I.8 — Basic Policies
- II.J.3-4 — Fiscal Policy
- III.9 — Technical Assistance
- IX.1 — Program Funding

D. Administrative clarification for committee review

Current policy also contains match-based allocation language. Because this resolution proposes equal distribution of a new source of funds, the committee may wish to retain the resolution’s existing clarification that these dollars are an additive enhancement and do not replace or reduce existing allocations or matching funds.

Resolution 26-05: Protection of ISWCC Personnel, Funding, and Conservation District Support in the ISWCC/IDWR Consolidation

Sponsoring district(s)	Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District and Latah Soil and Water Conservation District
Date submitted	September 30, 2026
District contact	Steve Becker / Dave Huggins
Classification	REGULAR — proper IASCD resolution form received by September 30

A. Article XV eligibility review

Criterion	Finding	Basis
A	**Yes**	The proposal concerns the personnel and financial resources used to deliver conservation programs and support conservation districts.
B	**Yes**	It addresses a statewide agency consolidation affecting all Idaho conservation districts.
C	**Yes**	It establishes a specific IASCD policy position on protection of ISWCC personnel and funding within IDWR.

Eligibility conclusion: Meets Article XV. The resolution independently satisfies at least one required criterion and, as submitted, satisfies all three.

B. Existing IASCD policy comparison

Related current policy: I.2 — Basic Policies; II.D — Purpose of Conservation Districts; III.7 — Technical Assistance; III.9 — Technical Assistance; IX.1 — Program Funding.

Comparison: Current policy strongly supports technical and financial assistance to districts, locally led conservation, the value of Commission services, and increased state funding for district work. The current manual does not address the 2026 ISWCC/IDWR consolidation or the reassignment of Commission-funded personnel within IDWR.

Policy effect if adopted: New, situation-specific policy that extends established IASCD principles into the consolidation. It is not a duplicate of current policy and no direct conflict was identified.

C. Policy provisions

- I.2 — Basic Policies
- II.D — Purpose of Conservation Districts
- III.7 — Technical Assistance
- III.9 — Technical Assistance
- IX.1 — Program Funding

D. Administrative clarification for committee review

Because the current manual predates the consolidation and uses older agency terminology, this resolution would provide a current policy position on a circumstance not addressed in the existing manual.

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Committee Resolutions

Resolution No.: 26-01

Resolution Subject/Title: **IASCD use of District Employees**
Sponsoring District: **Squaw Creek SCD**
Date Submitted: 15 Sept 2026
District Contact: **Arthur Beal**
Phone Number: 208 369-0137

Committee to Review Resolution:			
Resolutions Subcommittee Determination:	☐ Accepted	☐ Rejected	
Standing Committee Determination:	☐ Pass	☐ Do Not Pass	☐ No Recommendation
IASCD Action:	☐ Passed	☐ Failed	☐ Tabled

Whereas IASCD meets in Boise every other year
Whereas each Division in a rotation is supported by its districts and district employees
Whereas the employees are paid by their respective district and donate that time in the division turn
Therefore when district staff is utilized out of a district out of division not presenting the annual conference, the district from which the staff is borrowed be compensated at the equilivant rate of $ 200 per day unless otherwise agreed upon by IA SCD and the District

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Committee Resolutions

Resolution No.: 26-02

Resolution Subject/Title: IASCD Conference Planning
Sponsoring Districts: Ada SWCD
Date Submitted: September 28, 2026
District Contact: Mike Pellant, Ada SWCD Chair - rangelandsolutions@mail.com
Phone Number: (208) 869-3848

Committee to Review Resolution:			
Resolutions Subcommittee Determination:	☐ Accepted	☐ Rejected	
Standing Committee Determination:	☐ Pass	☐ Do Not Pass	☐ No Recommendation
IASCD Action:	☐ Passed	☐ Failed	☐ Tabled

Whereas the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District's Annual Conference is set to change locations annually, alternating between Division III and rotating Divisions every other year.

Whereas the annual IASCD conference is planned for the training and benefit of Conservation District Supervisors and their staff, and to conduct the business of the membership.

Whereas District staff time is paid for by local government funds, and District capacity is limited, so additional responsibilities divert both staff and supervisor time.

Whereas Division size and capacity for additional work varies across the state, leading to unevenly distributed workloads.

Whereas the pandemic and recent executive director turnover has decentralized any previous planning mechanisms.

Whereas in July 1999, there was a 203-page Conference Planning Manual put forth by IASCD.

Whereas recently, there has been no standard or consistent conference planning responsibilities listed out for either IASCD staff or local District staff, which results in additional work to address and maintain continuity during conference planning each year.

Therefore, be it resolved that a committee be formed to create a succinct Conference Planning Document to set Conference guidelines, and IASCD and Division responsibilities for all conferences moving forward to be approved by IASCD Membership at the next IASCD Fall Conference.

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Committee Resolutions

Resolution No.: 26-03

Resolution Subject/Title: Support for the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act to Facilitate Voluntary Stream and Floodplain Restoration
Sponsoring District: Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District
Date Submitted: 9/30/2026
District Contact: Steve Becker, npswcd@co.nezperce.id.us
Phone Number: 208-843-2931

Committee to Review Resolution:

Resolutions Subcommittee Determination: ☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected

Standing Committee Determination: ☐ Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ No Recommendation

IASCD Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

WHEREAS, Idaho's soil and water conservation districts work with private landowners and local, state, Tribal, and federal partners to implement voluntary stream, riparian, wetland, and floodplain restoration projects that improve water quality, aquatic habitat, floodplain function, watershed health, and natural resource conditions; and

WHEREAS, conservation district restoration projects may include floodplain reconnection, channel and streambank restoration, wetland and riparian restoration, placement of large wood and other instream habitat structures, and other practices intended to restore natural aquatic and floodplain processes; and

WHEREAS, many of these projects are intentionally designed to change how water, sediment, and wood interact within a stream and its floodplain, and successful restoration may include slowing water, increasing floodplain interaction, restoring channel complexity, or producing localized changes in water-surface elevation; and

WHEREAS, current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodway requirements can require an ecosystem restoration project to demonstrate that it will cause no increase in the base flood elevation, even when restoring natural aquatic or floodplain function is the primary purpose of the project; and

WHEREAS, satisfying existing floodway requirements may require additional hydraulic modeling, engineering, FEMA review, map-revision procedures, fees, and other administrative work that can substantially increase the cost and time necessary to implement a voluntary conservation project; and

WHEREAS, these costs reduce the conservation funding available for actual on-the-ground implementation and can create additional costs and barriers for conservation districts, project sponsors, and private landowners who voluntarily participate in restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act (H.R. 6256/S. 1564) would establish a specific federal pathway for an ecosystem restoration project whose primary purpose is to recover, enhance, or improve natural and beneficial functions of an aquatic resource or floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the Act would allow a community to permit a qualifying ecosystem restoration project within a regulatory floodway that results in an increase in base flood elevation when a professional engineer determines that the cumulative increase, together with existing development, does not exceed one foot or another amount established by FEMA, and when no insurable structure or critical infrastructure would be adversely affected; and

WHEREAS, the Act would also exempt flood insurance rate map change requests associated with ecosystem restoration projects from FEMA review and processing fees and would require post-project analysis of changed flood conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Act does not exempt ecosystem restoration projects from floodplain regulation, eliminate local floodplain permitting authority, or remove protections for people, structures, and critical infrastructure, but instead establishes a regulatory process designed to recognize the purpose and characteristics of qualifying ecosystem restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, this approach would directly benefit conservation districts and participating private landowners by reducing unnecessary regulatory costs and barriers associated with qualifying restoration work, including projects involving instream large wood and other measures designed to restore aquatic and floodplain function, while maintaining appropriate flood-risk protections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD) supports enactment of the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act (H.R. 6256/S. 1564), or substantially similar legislation, establishing an appropriate federal floodplain regulatory pathway for qualifying ecosystem restoration projects while maintaining protections for people, property, and critical infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD supports federal policy that recognizes floodplain reconnection, instream large wood placement, stream and riparian restoration, aquatic habitat improvement, and other voluntary conservation practices whose purpose is to restore natural aquatic and floodplain functions as ecosystem restoration activities eligible to utilize this regulatory pathway when they meet applicable requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD supports reducing unnecessary engineering, modeling, administrative, and FEMA processing costs associated with qualifying ecosystem restoration projects so that conservation districts, private landowners, and conservation partners can direct a greater proportion of limited conservation resources toward implementation of on-the-ground conservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD shall communicate this position to Idaho's Congressional Delegation, the National Association of Conservation Districts, and other appropriate federal partners and support federal advocacy consistent with this resolution.

Background/Reference: Additional information regarding the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act and the floodplain-restoration permitting issue it is intended to address is available from American Rivers, “What is the Floodplain Enhancement and Recovery Act?” (February 2026): https://www.americanrivers.org/2026/02/what-is-the-floodplain-enhancement-and-recovery-act/

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Committee Resolutions

Resolution No.: 26-04

Resolution Subject/Title: Reinvestment of ISWCC Consolidation Savings in Conservation District Allocations
Sponsoring District: Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District, Latah Soil and Water Conservation District
Date Submitted: 9/30/2026
District Contact: Steve Becker, npswcd@co.nezperce.id.us, Dave Huggins, latah@latahsoil.org
Phone Number: 208-843-2931, 208-827-1976

Committee to Review Resolution:

Resolutions Subcommittee Determination: ☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected

Standing Committee Determination: ☐ Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ No Recommendation

IASCD Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

WHEREAS, the 2026 consolidation of the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) within the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) was advanced in part to streamline administrative functions and reduce redundant expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Idaho conservation districts are locally governed political subdivisions that rely on state allocations, local funds, grants, and partnerships to maintain the personnel and capacity necessary to deliver voluntary conservation programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 22-2727 establishes a process for ISWCC to consider district budgets, budget requests, programs, work plans, and workload when requesting state funds for conservation districts and provides for the allocation of appropriated funds among the districts; and

WHEREAS, administrative positions and functions eliminated or consolidated as part of the ISWCC/IDWR reorganization are expected to produce ongoing personnel and administrative savings; and

WHEREAS, reinvesting those ongoing savings in conservation districts would preserve the conservation purpose of those state resources while increasing locally led capacity to provide technical assistance, develop and implement conservation projects, assist private landowners, and deliver state conservation priorities; and

WHEREAS, funds made available through administrative efficiencies should strengthen the conservation delivery system rather than reduce the resources available for conservation or be redirected to unrelated agency purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD) shall request that the Governor, Division of Financial Management, ISWCC, IDWR, and Idaho Legislature reinvest the ongoing personnel and administrative savings resulting from the ISWCC/IDWR consolidation into the ISWCC budget for distribution to Idaho's conservation districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD shall request that the amount of verified ongoing savings associated with eliminated or consolidated ISWCC administrative positions be added to the Trustee and Benefit Payments or other appropriate district-allocation line item and distributed equally among Idaho's conservation districts, consistent with applicable law and legislative appropriation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this request is intended as a budget enhancement for conservation district capacity and is separate from, and shall not reduce, existing district allocations or other ISWCC conservation program funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD shall use this resolution to guide its FY 2027 and subsequent budget advocacy and communications concerning the disposition of savings generated by the ISWCC/IDWR consolidation.

Budget amount: *Use the verified ongoing savings amount in IASCD budget testimony and requests once confirmed through the enacted or proposed budget documents.*

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Committee Resolutions

Resolution No.: 26-05

Resolution Subject/Title: Protection of ISWCC Personnel, Funding, and Conservation District Support in the ISWCC/IDWR Consolidation
Sponsoring District: Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District, Latah Soil and Water Conservation District
Date Submitted: 9/30/2026
District Contact: Steve Becker, npswcd@co.nezperce.id.us, Dave Huggins, latahsoil.org
Phone Number: 208-843-2931, 208-827-1976

Committee to Review Resolution:

Resolutions Subcommittee Determination: ☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected

Standing Committee Determination: ☐ Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ No Recommendation

IASCD Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

WHEREAS, Idaho's soil and water conservation districts depend on the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) for technical assistance, program administration, coordination, and support necessary to carry out locally led conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 consolidation of ISWCC within the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) was directed to preserve the Commission's core mission, voluntary nonregulatory role, and partnership-based support of Idaho's conservation districts; and

WHEREAS, the draft ISWCC/IDWR Memorandum of Understanding establishes a Soil and Water Conservation Bureau within IDWR consisting of Department employees assigned to support the Commission and implement the Commission's programmatic direction; and

WHEREAS, the draft MOU states that employees assigned to the Soil and Water Conservation Bureau will primarily perform duties necessary to fulfill Commission duties and responsibilities, which may allow personnel capacity assigned and funded for Commission purposes to be redirected to other IDWR work; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation provides that the ISWCC Executive Director shall work full-time on administration of Chapter 27, Soil Conservation Districts, and support the Commission in the performance of its duties; and

WHEREAS, ISWCC personnel positions and the funds supporting those positions exist to carry out the Commission's statutory conservation responsibilities, including assistance to conservation districts, conservation programs, technical support, grants, cost-share programs, and other duties established under Title 22, Chapter 27, Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of administrative functions should not reduce the personnel capacity available to conservation districts or allow ISWCC-funded personnel resources to subsidize unrelated IDWR programs, projects, or responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, if IDWR requires additional personnel capacity to perform IDWR programs or projects, those needs should be identified and funded through IDWR's own budget rather than by redirecting personnel or funds provided for ISWCC conservation responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, maintaining clear separation and accountability for personnel and financial resources provided for Commission purposes is necessary to ensure that legislative appropriations continue to accomplish the conservation work for which those resources were provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD) supports an ISWCC/IDWR Memorandum of Understanding and implementing structure that preserves the statutory mission, programs, personnel capacity, and financial resources of ISWCC for the Commission's conservation responsibilities and support of Idaho's conservation districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD requests that the final MOU provide that personnel positions and associated funding assigned, appropriated, or otherwise provided to carry out ISWCC programs and responsibilities shall be

dedicated to Commission statutory duties, conservation programs, and conservation district support functions and shall not be redirected to unrelated IDWR programs, projects, or responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD does not support MOU language stating only that Soil and Water Conservation Bureau personnel will "primarily" perform Commission duties if that language permits personnel capacity funded or assigned for ISWCC purposes to be routinely redirected to other IDWR work, and requests language that clearly protects those personnel resources for Commission responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD supports transparent accounting and budget structures that allow funds and personnel provided for ISWCC purposes to remain identifiable and accountable to their intended conservation purposes and that prevent those resources from being used to subsidize unrelated IDWR responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IASCD shall use these principles in its review of and comments on the ISWCC/IDWR MOU, related legislation, budget implementation, and future administrative procedures, and shall communicate this position to ISWCC, IDWR, the Governor's Office, and the Idaho Legislature as appropriate.