



# Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Committee Resolutions

Resolution No.: 25-EMG2

**Resolution Subject/Title:** Support of ISWCC Movement to IDWR

**Sponsoring District:** North Bingham

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Committee to Review Resolution: Emergency Resolution, considered after 2/3 majority floor vote.			
Resolutions Subcommittee Determination:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	
Standing Committee Determination:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation
IASCD Action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled

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**Whereas,** responsible government calls for the continual evaluation of current policies and practices to ensure effective and efficient departments and agencies within any administration; and

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**Whereas,** the Honorable Governor Brad Little has signed Executive Order 2025-05, the Idaho Act, directing executive departments, offices, and agencies to review all current operations in an effort to increase effectiveness and efficiency within Idaho State Government and recommended the combining of the Soil Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR); and

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**Whereas,** the Idaho State Legislature has enacted the Idaho Code Cleanup Act (Idaho Code 67-3701) calling for state code to be "streamlined, up-to-date, and essential"; and

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**Whereas,** the Idaho Legislature convened the Idaho DOGE taskforce on July 25, 2025, as a combined legislative body created in part to "evaluate and implement strategies to merge redundant agencies and optimize services," and the Task Force has met monthly since its establishment and has published documentation supporting the evaluation of merging the SWCC with IDWR; and

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**Whereas,** there is significant alignment of the missions of both the SWCC and IDWR;

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**Whereas,** the proposed statutory realignment of the administrative oversight of the ISWCC warrants careful evaluation to ensure it strengthens the voluntary, locally led, and non-regulatory foundation of conservation districts in Idaho; and

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**Whereas,** IASCD must advocate for administrative and organizational structures that reinforce, rather than diminish, the unique role of conservation districts in leading locally led and non-regulatory conservation;

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34 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation  
35 Districts (IASCD) support the combination of SWCC and IDWR, and  
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the IASCD Board and Legislative Advisors engage  
38 with the Governor's Office and Legislature to ensure that any proposed combination retain  
39 the identity, voluntary, non-regulatory mission, and partnership centered focus of the  
40 SWCC and Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and  
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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the IASCD Board and Legislative Advisors advocate for  
43 a portion of any savings to be added to the Trustee and Benefits funds within SWCC; and  
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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the IASCD Board and staff engage with the Governor's  
46 Office, Legislature, SWCC Staff, IDWR Staff, Districts and other stakeholders to ensure  
47 that any combination of IDWR and SWCC is executed to ensure no interference with the  
48 core mission of SWCC and Districts in supporting locally led and voluntary conservation in  
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