

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

In order to promote the responsible stewardship of the water resources of the state; to protect irrigated lands for present and future generations; to ensure the continuation of services and the coordination of state and federal agencies dealing with water resources; to aid such agencies in securing prompt authorization, appropriation of funds and completion of projects, and in formulating and implementing water resource policies and procedures; to assist irrigation districts and water users in the economic development and operation of water improvements and the integration of their activities with state and federal agencies; and to preserve the water rights and interests of irrigation districts and irrigation companies; it shall be the objectives of the Washington State Water Resources Association to:

1. Engage in activities which promote the efficient formation and operation of irrigation districts and irrigation companies in this state - including, but not limited to, promotion of legislation in furtherance of such purposes;
2. Promote federal and state legislation for bringing about better planning, use and management of water resources and oppose legislation inconsistent with those purposes;
3. Join with other water user groups in water resource planning;
4. Represent and further the interests of irrigated agriculture in various public and administrative decision-making processes involving water resources and related natural resources. Such decision making includes issues such as water rights, water quality standards, fisheries and wildlife regulations, hydroelectric development, etc.;
5. Act as communications conduit for irrigation districts and irrigation companies to collect and disseminate information pertinent to the governing, operation, and administration of such districts and companies;
6. Inform and educate other interest groups and the public regarding the benefits and economic significance of irrigated agriculture;
7. Promote the continuing development and eventual completion of the Columbia Basin Project;
8. Promote the continuing development and eventual completion of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan and;
9. Promote such other water resource projects as needed by its members.

The foregoing statement, together with the current resolutions, express the objectives of the Washington State Water Resources Association and shall be diligently pursued by its Board of Directors, Officers, Executive Director, general membership, and authorized representatives.

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Approved by the General Membership, December 5, 2024