



Resolution No. 17-01

A Resolution for the updating of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts bylaws to reflect changes in committee structure

WHEREAS, current approved Bylaws for the California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD) were amended and approved in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the standing committees identified in Article VIII of the Bylaws have been inactive, except for the Forestry and Fuels Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Fuels Management Committee concentrates on a variety of forest conservation and management topics; and

WHEREAS, the CARCD board of directors agrees that it is necessary to reduce the number of standing committees in order for the membership to focus on areas of priority and incrementally increase committee capacity; and

WHEREAS, the CARCD board of directors agrees that a broader range of participation and membership and membership tenure is needed on the standing committees; and

WHEREAS, the CARCD board of directors agrees that a vice chair can increase standing committee leadership and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, an approved charter, which is reviewed annually, is necessary for each standing committee to document its purpose and operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VIII. Committees, Section 1, of the CARCD Bylaws be amended as written in the attached draft Section 1 dated September 2017 and as summarized below:

1. There shall be three issue based committees –
 - a. Forestry

- b. Land and Soil
 - c. Water
 - 2. Each standing committee is open to participation by all interested parties and broad participation is welcomed and encouraged. However, official committee members shall be appointed and, to the extent possible, be comprised of a member from each Region, up to three RCD members-at-large, representatives with technical subject matter expertise and any workable number of governmental agency partners.
 - 3. In addition to a chair, each standing committee shall include a vice chair to provide leadership and support, as well as serve as a replacement to the chair to the committee during periods of absence. Both chair and vice chair shall be appointed by the President.
 - 4. In addition to the policies outlined in the CARCD Bylaws, standing committee purpose and operations shall be documented in a committee charter, which shall be approved and, subsequently, reviewed annually by the President.
 - 5. All appointed committee members shall be eligible to serve as voting members of standing committees, unless restrictions placed on a member's participation prohibit their eligibility as voting members.
 - 6. Standing committee members shall be appointed by the President, serve 3-year terms, with the initial members serving staggered terms as determined by the President, and may be reappointed for consecutive terms.
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Submitted by the CARCD Board of Directors

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Draft Article VIII. Section 1

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Article VIII, Section 1 with Changes shown in Red

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