Sunsetted Positions

2026

Consolidated Policy Position #2026-05: State Primacy and Cooperative Federalism for Western State Water Quality Programs combines language from the following position allowing it to be *superseded*:

#506 Asserting State Primacy on Protecting Ground Water Quality

Consolidated Policy Position #2026-04: Western Water, State Authority, and Cooperative Federalism, combines language from the following six positions allowing them to be *superseded*:

#499 Regarding Preemption of State Law in Federal Legislation
#503 Regarding Water-Related Federal Rules, Regulations, Directives, Orders and Policies
#507 Outlining Actions Federal Agencies Should Take to Expedite State General Stream Adjudications
#515 State Primacy over Groundwater
#525 Regarding States' Water Rights and Natural Flows
#530 Supporting Migratory Birds and the Management of State Water Rights and Resources

Consolidated Policy Position #2026-01: Water Data - Support for Critical Federal Water Data, Forecasting, and Applied Research Programs combines language from the following 12 positions allowing them to be *superseded*:

#536 Support for Critical Federal Water Data Programs
#533 Strengthening the Resiliency of Our Nation to the Impacts of Extreme Weather Events
#532 Regarding Radio Frequencies Bandwidth
#523 Regarding Drought Preparedness, Prediction and Early Warning Programs
#522 Regarding Federal Water and Climate Data Collection and Analysis Programs
#513 Supporting Federal Research on Climate Adaptation
#510 Supporting Weather Station Networks
#509 Supporting the use of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations and Innovations
#508 Regarding Probable Maximum Precipitation Standards Position
#502 Supporting the Water Resources Research Institutes and USGS Water Resources Research Act Program
#500 Supporting NOAA Data, Forecasting, and Research Programs
#491 Supporting Subseasonal to Seasonal Weather Research, Forecasting, and Innovation

Consolidated Policy Position: #2026-02 Support for Critical Western Water Infrastructure Programs and Projects, combines language from the following 10 positions allowing them to be *superseded*:

#528 Supporting Rural Water Infrastructure Needs & Projects
#518 Supporting Rural Water Supply Project/Infrastructure Needs
#511 Supporting Water Infrastructure Funding
#501 Regarding the Reclamation Fund
#498 Supporting National Dam Safety Programs
#497 Regarding Rural Water and Wastewater Project/Infrastructure Needs and USDA Programs
#495 Regarding the National Levee Safety Act of 2007 and Levee and Canal Structures
#494 Regarding the Transfer of Federal Water and Power Projects and Related Facilities
#493 Regarding the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978
#492 Regarding Bureau of Reclamation Maintenance, Repair and Rehabilitation Needs

#490 Regarding Water Quality and Federal Reserved Treaty Rights for Tribes (*outdated*)

2025

#486 Concerning the Clean Water Act § 404(c). (*outdated*)

2022

#472 Regarding Clean Water Act Jurisdiction (*superseded by more recent position*)

2020

#410 Acknowledges state authority over "waters of the State" and called for recognizable limits to federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction. (*superseded by more recent position*)

2019

#394 Urging Congress to authorize and the Administration to complete a comprehensive study of the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System's authorized purposes and related benefits before addressing an appropriate balance and mix of uses. (*outdated*)

#389 Urging Congress and the Administration to prioritize federal programs that provide the translation function between basic scientific research on climate and weather extremes to water resources management actions. (*positions more recently adopted*)

2017

#373 Letter commenting on the proposed rule developed by the EPA and the USACE to clarify the scope of Clean Water Act jurisdiction. (*proposed rule became the 2015 Clean Water Rule*)

#372 Letter sending comments on the USFS Proposed Directive on Groundwater Resource Management, Forest Service Manual 2560. (*Forest Service has withdrawn their activity*)

#370 The Interpretive Rule Regarding Applicability of the Exemption from Permitting under Section 404(f)(1)(A) of the Clean Water Act to Certain Agricultural Conservation Practices. (*proposed rule was withdrawn*)

2016

#359 Opposing requiring pesticide applications for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) discharge permits. (*outdated*)

2015

#338 Energy and Water Integration Act of 2011. (*outdated*)

#341 Letter regarding concerns with the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed changes to the Reclamation Manual. (*outdated*)

2013

#323 A Shared Vision on Water Planning and Policy. (*superceded by a permanent mission statement, A Vision of Water)*

2012

#313 Letter Regarding National Water Research and Development Initiative Act. (*There is no current legislation*)

#315 Letter to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee leaders raising concerns regarding a draft bill entitled the Sustainable Watershed Planning Act. (*outdated, not reintroduced*)

#317 Supporting the Bureau of Reclamation's Field Services Program. (*outdated*)

#318 Offering general comments to CEQ on the Principles and Guidelines. (*outdated*)

#319 Describing principles that are important to the Western states in considering a "national vision" for water policy. (*superceded by more recent position*)

2011

#297 Strong support for legislation to establish a National Drought Council to improve national drought preparedness, mitigation, and response efforts. (*There is no current legislation*)

#298 In cooperation with the Interstate Council on Water Policy expressing strong support for increased funding for the Cooperative Water Program and the National Streamflow Information Program. (*superceded by more recent position statements and letters*)

#299 Supporting S. 2842, the Aging Water Infrastructure and Maintenance Act. (*enacted*)

#300 Regarding introduction of the Cooperative Watershed Management Act of 2008 (S. 3085). (*enacted*)

#301 Commenting on H.R. 135, the "21st Century Water Commission," specifically declaring that the WSWC be involved in the selection of members and that it include State and Native American involvement. (*Bill has not been reintroduced*)

#302 Supporting the enactment of S. 895 to provide the Bureau of Reclamation with authority to assess rural water supply needs and for sufficient funding. (*enacted*)

#303 Revised resolution in support of the Weather Modification Research and Technology Transfer Act. (*No federal research program or legislation has been reintroduced*)

#306 Urging support for full funding of the USGS National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) and sufficient funding for the Cooperative Water Program to match non-USGS contributions. (*outdated*)

#307 Letter to Senator Bingaman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, expressing interest in S. 3231, the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act. (*outdated*)

#311 Letter to Steve Stockton offering assistance to the Corps in their water planning initiative. (*outdated*)

2010

#287 Setting forth the Council's past perspectives on a proposed "Twenty-First Century Water Commission." (*outdated - see #301 above*)

#289 Support of the proposed Water Conservation, Efficiency and Management Act, to specifically authorize the Bureau of Reclamation's water conservation programs. (*separately authorized*)

#290 Concern over the Administration's decision to zero out funding for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Technical Assistance to States (TATS) Program. (*outdated*)

#291/#292 Regarding the proposed Agricultural Water Enhancement Program. (*enacted*)

#295 Concern over budget request for federal funding for water and wastewater treatment, specifically EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) Capitalization Grants. (*combined with #296 and replaced with #330 – Apr 15, 2011)*

#296 Concern with OMB directive to EPA disallowing the use of SRF revenues to repay bonds. (*combined with #295 and replaced with #330 – Apr 15, 2011*)

2009

#276 Urging the Congress and Administration to Continue to Recognize State Primacy Regarding Water Rights and Water Quality Certification in the Federal Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects. (*supplanted by WGA resolution*)

#277 Letter commending the American Indian Environmental Office of EPA for its efforts in establishing the Tribal Water Program Council and expressing a hope that it would "offer an ongoing opportunity for state-tribal cooperation on issues of mutual interest." (*outdated*)

#279 Support for legislation (S. 2751 and H.R. 5136) to create a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (*authority enacted*)

#280 Strong support for federal legislation, the National Drought Preparedness Act, to establish a national policy for drought and coordinate "proactive measures at all levels of government to plan, prepare and mitigate the serious impacts of drought." (*deferred to WGA resolution*)

#281 Support for Reclamation's Water Conservation Field Services Program and "Bridging-the-Headgate" Partnerships. (*outdated*)

#282 Regarding Federal Non-Tribal Fees in General Adjudications asking the Congress to pass legislation requiring the Federal government, when a party to a general water rights adjudication, to pay fees for costs imposed by the state to conduct the proceedings to the same extent as all other users. (*deferred to WGA resolution*)

#283 Reiterating strong support for maintaining a thermal band as part of the Landsat Data Continuity Mission, and the necessary funding. (*separately updated*)

2008

#262 Support for the U.S. Geological Survey's Cooperative Water Program (CWP) and opposes any effort to force the privatization of related USGS services. (*separately updated*)

#268 The WSWC endorses policy resolutions adopted by the Western Governors' Association, and will allow these policies to guide the Council in matters relevant to implementation and potential reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. (*deferred to WGA resolution*)

#269 Water Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products. (*subsequently enacted*)

#270 Reauthorization of the Farm Bill. (*reauthorized*)

#271 Support for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Landsat Data Continuity Mission and calling for continued funding to include a thermal infrared sensor. (*superceded by 2009 WSWC Position No. 283*)

#273 Support for the Nonpoint Source Grant program administered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. (*outdated*)