



**RESOLUTION 2019-03  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PRODUCED WATER STUDY**

**Whereas**, the Western States Land Commissioners Association ("WSLCA") and its member states manage over 515 million acres of trust lands, minerals, and waterways that are interspersed with federal lands; and

**Whereas**, members of WSLCA have state constitutional mandates to manage millions of acres of land and waterways for economic development, public education, conservation, recreation, and other public purposes provided by state law; and

**Whereas**, WSLCA member states represents the second largest land owner group in the nation and generate of \$3 billion annually on behalf of state endowment trust beneficiaries; and

**Whereas**, revenue generating activities from WSLCA member states land served over 22 million students; and

**Whereas**, revenue is generated from management of surface and subsurface lands, including over 30,000 active oil and gas wells; and

**Whereas**, on-shore wells in 31 states, the majority of those western states, contribute to 97% of all produced water; and

**Whereas**, the volume of produced water varies from well to well and during the life of the well.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The WSLCA supports options that will allow produced water to be safely added to the hydrological cycle to help meet downstream allocations, address water scarcity issues, and aid in agriculture operations; and,
2. The WSLCA encourages actions that will help alleviate disposal well capacity issues and potentially reduce the need for fresh water for exploration and production activities; and,

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3. That a scientific study is undertaken to determine the chemical composition of the produced water and the impacts that may have on potential produced water uses; and,
4. That the Environmental Protection Agency assist those states that may be lacking in expertise to enable them to administer produced water programs; and,
5. The WSLCA, as mandated to manage its resources in a fiduciarily prudent manner requests clarity on ownership of produced water and any royalties that may occur from its discharge or recovery of valuable co-products such as lithium; and,
6. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the appropriate parties within the Environmental Protection Agency.

Adopted this 31st day of July, 2019.



President, WSLCA



Secretary, WSLCA

*This Resolution will remain in effect through July 31, 2021  
unless otherwise terminated, amended, or replaced by the Association.*