



Resolution 25-06

Resolution type: Legislative Directive

Resolution to Reduce and Eliminate Geoengineering

Submitted by: Valley County Conservation District

BACKGROUND DESCRIBING ISSUE *

Geoengineering is used to try and cool the earth, remove certain gases, and control the amount of sunlight that reaches the Earth. The EPA shares that due to the nature of geoengineering there could be “unintended health and environmental consequences”. These risks range from respiratory issues, changing the amount of rain/snow fall totals, and negative effects to soil that ultimately affect crop yields and food that feeds Americans. Geoengineering is a threat not only to Montana but the world.

SPONSOR(S) ACTIONS TO DATE *

States across America are implementing policies that reduce and/or eliminate geoengineering. But VCCD is not aware of other state or local agencies that are calling for action to be taken.

LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN LEGISLATION DRAFTED BY MACD *

Encourage and support legislation at the state, local and federal level to report geoengineering activity and put the oversight, penalties, and public hearings in the power of the public service commission.

Cloud seeders should report activity to not only the public service commission but also the Department of Agriculture and the DNRC. Listing content of dispersals and flight logs.

Ski resorts and other ground dispersal shall file a permit with local counties before work begins safe guaring down hill streams and aquifers.

HOW WILL YOUR DISTRICT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, BE INVOLVED WITH, AND TRACK THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE AND DURING THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION? *

VCCD will continue to offer support through the legislation process.

ARE THERE ANY EXISTING MACD POLICIES THAT THIS WOULD IMPACT OR INTERACT WITH? *

No.

HOW WOULD THIS LEGISLATIVE DIRECTIVE IMPACT MACD? *

We foresee no major impact on MACD.

WOULD THIS LEGISLATIVE DIRECTIVE IMPACT THE STATE OF MONTANA BUDGET? IF SO, HOW? *

VCCD foresees no impact on the state budget.

MEETING AND DATE ADOPTED BY SPONSORING ENTITY

Valley County Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, held August 13, 2025.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S) *

Gene Granada, Chairman