



Resolution 26-03

Resolution type: Legislative Directive

A Resolution Urging the Montana Legislature to Prohibit the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks from Using Marijuana Tax Revenue for Land Acquisition

Submitted by: Valley County CD

BACKGROUND DESCRIBING ISSUE

WHEREAS, Montana Department of Fish, wildlife and Parks collects licensing fees and receives a significant portion of the marijuana tax revenue that are used for Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks purposes and programs; and

WHEREAS, the legislation and taxation of marijuana was presented to voters and the public primarily as a means to support public service, infrastructure, education, public safety, conservation, and behavioral health; and

WHEREAS, marijuana tax revenue represents public funds that should be allocated in a manner that provides measurable and immediate public benefits to residents; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of additional land by state agencies and entities may reduce the availability of taxable private property and limit opportunities for agricultural production, energy development, and other economic activities; and

WHEREAS, many citizens believe marijuana tax revenues should be prioritized for core governmental responsibilities and essential services rather than the purchase of expansion of public owned land holdings; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has the authority to establish statutory limitations and guidance regarding the permissible use of marijuana tax revenue;

LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN LEGISLATION DRAFTED BY MACD

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Valley County Conservation District hereby urges the legislature of the State of Montana to enact legislation prohibiting the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks from using marijuana tax revenue for the acquisition of land, conservation easements, or interest in real property by state agencies, boards, commissions, or affiliated entities.

SPONSOR(S) ACTIONS TO DATE

It has been brought to the attention of our local state representatives and legislators.

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

Valley County Conservation District will stay in contact and communicate with our state representation to the Montana Legislature.

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

None known.

HOW WOULD THIS POLICY IMPACT MACD?

No impact.

WOULD THIS POLICY STATEMENT IMPACT THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, HOW?

Yes, distribution of marijuana tax funds.

MEETING AND DATE ADOPTED BY SPONSORING ENTITY

Valley County Conservation District monthly meeting, June 5, 2026

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S)

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