

Resolution: 15-01

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Resolution in Support of a Partnership with the Western Governors' Association and the Western States Water Council to Collaborate on Western Water Issues

- **WHEREAS,** The issues of water management and drought are of critical importance across the West; and
- **WHEREAS,** Collaboration across western states can facilitate the use of effective practices and the development of policies to support those practices; and
- WHEREAS, The Western Governors' Association supports governors in representing western states' policy interests on several issues, including water resource management and water quality, working to ensure that states continue to be recognized as the primary authority for allocating, administering, protecting and developing water resources; and
- WHEREAS, The Western Governors' Association has established the Western Governors' Drought Forum as a framework for sharing best practices, including an online resource library to assist Western governors in sharing those practices; and
- WHEREAS, The Western States Water Council was created to advise Western governors on technical issues associated with planning, conservation, development, management and protection of their water resources;
- **RESOLVED,** That CSG West will partner with the Western Governors' Association to further this work by engaging its members in dialog about strategies to improve water management, drought planning and drought response.

Adopted by the CSG West Executive Committee on July 31, 2015 during the 68th CSG West Annual Meeting in Vail, Colorado.