

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture



Subject of Policy Amendment 8:

Federal investments for agricultural water supply infrastructure

Section Number or Title to be Amended:

10 Agriculture Infrastructure

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Text of Policy Amendment:

Farmers and ranchers depend on reliable infrastructure to deliver their products and expand their operations. Out-of-date, underfunded transportation and water supply systems, and a lack of available labor hinder agriculture production, while advancing technology encourages growth. NASDA believes in maintaining fairness and equity within the agriculture community through the development of a strong agriculture infrastructure.

- 10.7 Aging water supply infrastructure coupled with ongoing and long-term droughts and a changing climate impacts local communities and agricultural production in much of the country. NASDA supports federal investments to update and expand water supply infrastructure on private and public lands to sustain agricultural production, provide safe drinking water to communities and maintain healthy ecosystems. In addition to funding large infrastructure projects, federal programs should support local and regional infrastructure for communities as well as producers and agricultural water organizations (such as water districts, ditch companies, and acequias, among other entities) in upgrading on- and off-farm and ranch infrastructure to increase efficiencies, maintain agricultural production, and increase resilience to drought and other climate impacts.

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