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**RESOLUTION NO. 01-02
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973**

Introduced by the Western Water Policy Committee

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 expressed its purposes to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species and to take such steps as may be appropriate to achieve the purposes of relevant treaties and conventions; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Act in the Western United States has been accompanied by an extensive amount of controversy and conflict; and

WHEREAS, a number of reasonable, well defined recommendations to amend the Act and enhance the effectiveness of the process for implementation of the Act have been considered by the Western Water Policy Committee of the Council of States Governments-*WEST*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that *CSG-WEST* expresses its support for developing amendments to the Endangered Species Act that would enhance its fairness and objective implementation.

**Adopted By the CSG-*WEST* Executive Committee on July 28, 2001 Assembled in
Annual Meeting in Whistler, British Columbia.**