

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following resolutions that were adopted by clubs and/or endorsed by a District. Each resolution has been reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and in some cases amendments have been made to better represent the intent expressed in the resolution, and to respond to updated information.

ENVIRONMENT

2026-01 MITIGATING TRANSBOUNDARY WASTEWATER POLLUTION AFFECTING U.S. COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Submitted by: GFWC Southern District and 5 member clubs - amended CFWC Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, the Tijuana River system, which flows from Tijuana, Mexico into Southern California, regularly discharges untreated sewage, industrial waste, and toxic runoff into the Pacific Ocean near Imperial Beach, California, resulting in severe pollution of coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, this persistent cross-border wastewater crisis has led to thousands of beach closure days over the last decade, serious public health concerns, environmental degradation, and negative economic impacts for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, while some federal funding and binational cooperation exists through the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), it has been insufficient in preventing these ongoing discharges, and further long-term infrastructure and policy investment is urgently needed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the California Federation of Women's Clubs urges the United States Congress to sustain funding for cross-border wastewater infrastructure and pollution mitigation through agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the International Boundary and Water Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, the California Federation of Women's Club encourages its member clubs to educate their communities, advocate for binational cooperation on this issue, and support legislation and policy actions that aim to prevent transboundary sewage pollution impacting the ocean, water quality, and public health.

2026-02 SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Submitted by: San Joaquin Valley District - amended CFWC Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, the Kern County Subbasin is a critical source of groundwater for communities, agriculture, and ecosystems throughout the region, and its long-term sustainability is essential for the health, prosperity, and resilience of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has identified priority deficiencies in Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) submitted by Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), requiring further action to ensure proper groundwater management under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, failure to adequately address groundwater overdraft, deteriorating water quality, and land subsidence poses serious risks, including failed wells, environmental harm, damage to infrastructure, and diminished aquifer storage capacity critical for adapting to prolonged droughts and climate change; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the California Federation of Women's Clubs supports policy for all Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the state and enhance their Groundwater Sustainability Plans, and protect vital groundwater resources for the benefit of communities, farms, and the environment and advocates for strong, science-based groundwater management that preserves California's water future for all.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

2026-03 SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY INCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE ON SINGLE-USE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT PACKAGING

Submitted by: Coalinga Woman's Club - endorsed by San Joaquin Valley District and 2 member clubs -amended CFWC Resolution Committee

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a widespread and ongoing public health crisis in the United States, with 1 in 3 women experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and

WHEREAS, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-779-SAFE / www.thehotline.org) offers free confidential support and resources to individuals experiencing abuse or seeking safety and assistance, and

WHEREAS, people experiencing domestic violence are often isolated from support systems and may have limited opportunities to access resource information, and

WHEREAS, single-use feminine hygiene products are used regularly and privately, presenting a discreet and accessible opportunity to life-saving resources for victims and survivors of abuse without significant cost to manufacturers; therefore be it

RESOLVED: the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) supports and encourages the voluntary inclusion of the National Domestic Violence Hotline contact information on packaging for all single-use feminine hygiene products in the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED: the CFWC encourages its member clubs to raise awareness about this issue and to support manufacturers and companies who chose to participate in this voluntary effort; and be it further

RESOLVED: the CFWC will work in collaboration with like-minded non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, and industry leaders to promote this action as a means of increasing access to domestic violence resources and supporting, and urges the General Federation of Women's Club to adopt this policy resolution.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

2026-04 OPPOSE THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS IN CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES

Submitted by: CFWC Resolution Committee, based upon a resolution submitted by GFWC Mount Diablo District

Whereas: public lands in California and across the United States are held in trust for all Americans and provide vital environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic benefits, including clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and outdoor opportunities for future generations; and

Whereas: the sale or transfer of these lands to private entities undermines public access, increases the risk of environmental degradation, and may lead to the exploitation of natural resources without adequate public oversight or accountability; and

Whereas: the California Federation of Women's Clubs has a longstanding legacy of conservation advocacy, including its historic role in preserving Muir Woods National Monument, and remains committed to protecting public lands for the enjoyment and benefit of all people;

Resolved: the California Federation of Women's Clubs strongly opposes the sale or transfer of public lands in California and throughout the United States to private ownership; and

Resolved: the California Federation of Women's Clubs urges state and federal lawmakers to support legislation and policy measures that protect public lands and ensure their continued public ownership, accessibility, and environmental stewardship.

2026-05 PROHIBIT TRANSGENDERED MALE PARTICIPATION IN GIRL'S AND WOMEN'S SPORTS

Submitted by: Shasta District - amended CFWC Resolution Committee

WHEREAS: biological males have an abundant supply of athletic resources and facilities equal to, or in some cases, better than female athletes; and

WHEREAS: female athletes have fought and worked to achieve a fair and equitable playing field in the sporting world at all levels of competition via the passage of Title IX legislation, and

WHEREAS: the California Federation of Women's Clubs was created by women, is sustained by women, and asks women to lead the way to promote fairness and equity, therefore be it

RESOLVED: the California Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members, clubs, and districts to support legislation which prohibits biological males from participating in women's sports.

2026-06 RECOGNIZING THE INDIGENOUS HERITAGE OF CALIFORNIA

Submitted by: Ojai Valley Woman's Club - endorsed by Tierra Adorada District and 3 member clubs-amended CFWC Resolution Committee

WHEREAS: California was originally inhabited by indigenous people and the Women's Clubs of California have served in communities where these people traditionally lived, and

WHEREAS: colonization by immigrants resulted in land seizure, subjugation, relocation, and genocide of many of these early inhabitants, and

WHEREAS: a Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects indigenous people as the traditional stewards of this land we reside on and the enduring relationship that exists between these people and their traditional lands, and is an expression of gratitude and appreciation, therefore be it

RESOLVED: the California Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its members and the community at large to think about what it means to occupy space on indigenous peoples' land, and be it further

RESOLVED: the California Federation of Women's Clubs feels it is appropriate for Clubs in California to approach and work together with elders from the local indigenous communities to provide learning opportunities for individuals who may have never learned the name(s) of the people who called, and still call, this land home, and be it further

RESOLVED: the California Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its constituent clubs in the state to voluntarily create a Land Acknowledgement specific to their location and community to be read at the start of every meeting

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REAFFIRMED

*Per the CFWC Executive Board decision all current policy resolutions are to be reviewed five (5) years following adoption, reaffirmation, or amendment. The Resolutions committee recommends the following resolutions be reaffirmed as written.**

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

2021-02 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS DIVERSITY AND BIAS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

2010-01 VIOLENCE AND YOUTH DATING

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH 2008-02

CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY

2009-02 SUPER-SIZE TRUCKS

2012-01 PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF LANE SHARING

2021-04 SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE AMENDED

The following resolutions are to be amended by inserting the words added to the resolved statement in blue italics or striking the words printed in strikethrough italics from the resolved.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

2021-01 TEENAGE DRUNK DRIVING (adopted 2021)

Whereas, Seventy percent of all teenagers admit to drinking alcohol; and every fifteen minutes a teenager will die due to drunken driving; and Whereas, Sixty percent (60%) of all teenager deaths from car accidents involves the use of alcohol; RESOLVED THAT THE GFWC/CFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT THE REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVER EDUCATION IN *LOCAL HIGH* SCHOOLS AND PROMOTE PROGRAMS THAT ENCOURAGE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN REGARD TO TEENAGE DRINKING.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

2008-01 "IN GOOD WE TRUST" ON UNITED STATES COINS AND CURRENCY (adopted 2008, amended 2013, reaffirmed 2021)

Whereas, In 1861 Chief Justice Chase of the Supreme Court wrote the following letter to the director of the U.S. Mint: "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins"; and Whereas, Legislation mandated the inscription of "In God We Trust" and it has appeared on U.S. coins since 1894 and on paper currency since 1957; and Whereas, In 1956 Congress and the Supreme Court voted in favor of declaring "In God We Trust" as the National Motto of the United States; therefore RESOLVED, THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" AND PROPOSE THAT IT SHOULD REMAIN ON THE FACE OF ALL UNITED STATES COINS AND PAPER CURRENCY; ~~and further RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO:~~

~~1. THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.~~

~~2. ALL GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS DISTRICTS AND CLUBS.~~

~~3. THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT.~~

RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED TO BE ARCHIVED

Per the CFWC Executive Board decision to automatically remove resolutions that are 20 years old, the following resolutions will be archived.

ENVIRONMENT

2004-01 COASTAL WATERS (Convention 2004, reviewed 2009, 2014, Reaffirmed 2021, 2025 held over the one year to 2026 pending new resolution on this topic.

The goals outlined in the following resolutions have been achieved and the resolution may be archived.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

2021-03 RISK OF E-CIGARETTES 'VAPING' FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

2021-05 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)

If clubs and members feel strongly about any resolution that is being archived, they are encouraged to rewrite the resolution for current times and submit the resolution through their club/or district for submission to the Resolutions Committee or reach out to the Resolutions Committee Chair.

*Full text for all current policy resolutions can be found at the CFWC website under the Resources tab, "CFWC Resolutions (2025)".

CFWC CONVENTION, 2026

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CFWC BYLAWS

Amendment #1: ARTICLE XIII CONVENTION

13.2 Representation: Voting Body

A. CFWC Membership, 8.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
8. Each club having 20 members or fewer will have two (2) delegates or alternates. Each club shall have one (1) additional delegate or alternate for each additional ten (10) members or a major fraction thereof. Each affiliate club shall have one (1) vote. This will allow for full dues paying juniorettes to have all the benefits of belonging to GFWC/CFWC.	8. (Insert add letters) a. Delegate representation will be determined by the number of paid club members on record as of Dec. 31. b. Each club having 20 members or fewer will have two (2) delegates or alternates. Each club shall have one (1) additional delegate or alternate for each additional ten (10) members or a major fraction thereof. Each affiliate club shall have one (1) vote. This will allow for full dues paying juniorettes to have all the benefits of belonging to GFWC/CFWC.	8. a. Delegate representation will be determined by the number of paid club members on record as of Dec. 31. b. Each club having 20 members or fewer will have two (2) delegates or alternates. Each club shall have one (1) additional delegate or alternate for each additional ten (10) members or a major fraction thereof. Each affiliate club shall have one (1) vote. This will allow for full dues paying juniorettes to have all the benefits of belonging to GFWC/CFWC.

Rationale: Clarification, how the club count is determined.

Amendment #2 ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 6.4 Duties

A. The President, 10

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
10. Appoint a committee of three to approve the convention minutes.	10. Appoint a committee of three to approve read the convention minutes. (insert) and report their findings to the Recording Secretary within 60 days closure of convention.	10. Appoint a committee of three to read the convention minutes and report their findings to the Recording Secretary within 60 days of closure of convention.

Rationale: Clarification, direction.

Amendment #3 ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES Section 6.4 Duties

D. The Recording Secretary -- 1 & 3. Convention Minutes

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
1. Minutes of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board meetings shall be sent within thirty days after the meetings, and the Convention minutes shall be sent within sixty days following the closure of the convention.	1. (Insert) period after meetings. (Strike) and the Convention minutes shall be sent within sixty days following the closure of the convention.	1. Minutes of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board meetings shall be sent within thirty days after the meetings.
3. Convention minutes shall be duplicated and mailed to the members of the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee-elect during the election year.	3. Convention minutes a. shall be duplicated and sent within 30 days following closure of convention to the appointed committee of 3, the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee-elect during the election year. b. (insert) Shall be approved at the Fall board meeting.	3. Convention minutes. a. shall be sent within 30 days following closure of convention to the appointed committee of 3, the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee-elect during the election year. b. Shall be approved at the Fall Board meeting.

Rationale: Clarification, direction. Ensure convention minutes are properly dealt with.

Amendment #4 ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 6.4 Duties

I. The Corresponding Secretary

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
1. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the President, the Convention, the Executive Board, and the Executive Committee. These duties shall include: 1. Responsibility for collection, compilation, and distribution of the CFWC Procedure/Yearbook which shall include the bylaws and standing rules. 2. Responsibility for collection, compilation and distribution of the candidate's campaign packets to convention pages.	1. The corresponding Secretary shall conduct manage the correspondence in all formats as directed by the President. the Convention, the Executive Board, and the Executive Committee. #1 Delete. Assigned to new Standing Rule #58, the Procedure/Yearbook. #2, re-word, becomes #1 Insert #3 – 6, Update position.	1. The Corresponding Secretary shall manage the correspondence in all formats as directed by the President. 1. During the election year assemble the campaign packets for distribution at CFWC Convention 2. Handle communication between Executive Board and Executive Committee members as directed by the President. 3. Maintain an inventory list of the CFWC storage unit. 4. Assist the President with other duties as needed. 5. Attend all board meetings. 6. Computer literate.

Rationale: Update position. Reassign the Procedure/Yearbook duty to new Standing Rule 58.

Amendment #5 ARTICLE XIV NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 14.2 Eligibility

F. Finance Officers, # 2 & 3

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
2. A candidate for Director of Finance shall have served previously as Financial Secretary and Treasurer.	2. (Insert) and completed each term of office.	2. A candidate for Director of Finance shall have served previously as Financial Secretary and Treasurer and completed each term of office.
3. A candidate for Treasurer shall have served previously as Financial Secretary.	3. (Insert) and completed the term of office.	3. A candidate for Treasurer shall have served previously as Financial Secretary and completed the term of office.

Rationale: Clarification.

Amendment #6 ARTICLE XIV NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 14.2 Eligibility

G. Area Vice Presidents

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
G. <u>Area Vice Presidents</u> shall have served one term as District President.	G. Area Vice President. A (strike) member candidate shall have served one term as District President (insert) or one term as a CFWC program chairman.	G. Area Vice President. A candidate shall have served as a club president, and one term as a District President or one term as a CFWC program chairman.

Rationale: May allow broader candidate selection.

Amendment # 7 ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE BOARD and DUTIES

Section 8.1 Executive Board

C. Service

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
C. No member of the CFWC Executive Board shall serve simultaneously in the same capacity at GFWC, District, or Club level when judging of reports and awards is involved. A member not in compliance with this bylaw will be subject to having their chairmanship declared vacant and a new appointment made.	C. Service (Insert) 1. Except for the CFWC state Past Presidents, a member of the Executive Board shall hold just one position on the board in any one administration. (Insert) 2. No member of the CFWC Executive Board shall serve simultaneously in the same capacity of GFWC, District, or club level when judging of reports and awards is involved. A member not in compliance will be subject to having their chairmanship declared vacant and a new appointment made.	C. Service 1. Except for the CFWC state Past Presidents, a member of the Executive Board shall hold just one position on the board in any one administration. 2. No member of the CFWC Executive Board shall serve simultaneously in the same capacity of GFWC, District, or club level when judging reports and awards is involved. A member not in compliance will be subject to having their chairmanship declared vacant and a new appointment made.

Rationale: To create a more effective board. State past presidents' exception by privilege of office.

Amendment #8 ARTICLE VIII -- EXECUTIVE BOARD and DUTIES

Section 8.6 Meetings

B. Summer Board Meeting

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
B. Summer Board Meeting. After June 1 following the election of officers, there shall be a meeting known as the Summer Board Meeting.	Delete Letter B	

Rationale: Options, eliminates shall. The definition of "Summer" is ambiguous.

Amendment #9 Article VII Executive Board and Duties

Section 8.6 Meetings

C. Special Meetings

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If adopted, will read
C. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be held upon the call of the President or at the written request of twenty-five (25) members of the Executive Board, four of whom shall be officers.	(Insert after President) and with the approval of the Executive Committee.	C. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be held upon the call of the President, and with the approval of the Executive Committee, or at the written request of twenty-five (25) members of the Executive Board, four of whom shall be officers.

Rationale: Allows for a special or Executive Board Meeting if needed; any time of year, in any format.

(Bylaws may be corrected for editorial, spelling, grammar if it does not change the intent.)

Delegates list