

Wasco SWCD Vehicle Reserve and Replacement Policy (Revised Draft – May 2026)

Purpose: The District maintains a vehicle reserve fund to ensure timely replacement of fleet vehicles, support safe and reliable operations, and avoid unexpected budget impacts.

Annual Contribution: The District will budget \$15,000 per year for the vehicle reserve fund to support planned fleet replacement needs.

Reserve Fund Cap: The reserve fund will be capped at \$70,000 to ensure sufficient reserves to replace the District's most costly vehicle, recognizing that vehicle prices have increased significantly in recent years. The District may revisit this cap during the annual budgeting process.

Vehicle Replacement Guidelines: To maintain reliability, safety, and reasonable salvage value, the District's general practice is to replace vehicles before they reach 100,000 miles. However, based on vehicle condition, maintenance history, and operational needs, the District Manager may extend the service life of a vehicle beyond this threshold. For example, the 2007 pickup may remain in service up to approximately 150,000 miles, provided it remains safe and cost-effective to operate.

Annual Review: This policy will be reviewed annually during the budgeting process to ensure the reserve fund, contribution amount, and replacement guidelines remain aligned with market conditions, operational needs, and fiscal capacity.