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Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project

Requested Action
Support Tualatin Basin Water Supply Partners appropriation request for $1.44 million in the FY 2012 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for the Bureau of Reclamation to complete the Environmental Impact Statement for the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project. Total cost of the EIS is $6.87 million, of which local governments are contributing $3.97 million, or more than 55 percent. Federal authorization for this project was secured in the “Energy and Water Development Act, 2004” (P.L. 108-137).

Identified Need
Water resource agencies in Washington County have been working collaboratively to meet the long-term drinking water, agricultural irrigation and in-stream flow needs of the Tualatin Basin. Studies show water needs in the Tualatin Basin are projected to double by 2050. This increased demand will require an additional 50,000 acre-feet of water each year.

Project Description
The Tualatin Basin Water Supply Partners have invested more than $9.3 million since 2002 to study options for raising Scoggins Dam and to address seismic issues in order to secure additional water for the region. Tualatin Project repayment contractors are working with the Bureau of Reclamation to ensure the necessary Scoggins Dam safety improvements are promptly addressed; the long-term water needs are met; and existing users are protected. The Partners are coordinating closely with Reclamation to expedite the completion of the Bureau’s Safety of Evaluation of Existing Dams (SEED) study and the subsequent Corrective Action Alternatives Study (CAAS). The CAAS will identify the local and federal obligations associated with the required dam safety modifications. The timely and efficient completion of this study is central to the region’s ability to meet long-term water needs and make the facility safer sooner.

Anticipated Benefits
The Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project is a critical investment in future health, sustainability and safety of our watershed, our economy, and our community. With the anticipated increase in population for the basin along with continued economic growth across all business sectors, the water supply project is critical for the future. Water needs will double within 40 years and without the timely completion of this project the water managers will be forced to find costly bridging strategies to secure needed water.

Prior Funding
FY 2010 - $236,000
FY 2009 - $194,000
FY 2008 - $246,000
FY 2007 - $250,000
FY 2006 - $287,000
FY 2005 - $250,000
Resource Recovery Research and Development

Requested Action
Support appropriation request for $150,000 in the FY 2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill for Clean Water Services/Clean Water Institute to continue research and development of nutrient recovery technologies and their use by treatment facilities nationwide. The funding, matched by more than $2.5 million in local public investments, will allow Clean Water Services to conduct a full-scale demonstration of the District’s recently secured patent and help bring the technology to market.

Identified Need
In June 2009, Clean Water Services and Ostara Nutrient Recovery Technologies opened the nation’s first full-scale nutrient recovery facility at the Durham Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant in Tigard, Oregon. In October 2009, Clean Water Services was awarded a patent for an innovative technology that improves the Ostara process to help remove phosphorus from wastewater and eliminate the build-up of struvite, a problem-causing mineral that plagues wastewater treatment plants worldwide. Funding is necessary to conduct a full-scale demonstration of CWS’s recently secured patent and help bring the technology to market.

Project Description
This program is a public/private partnership that has spawned pioneering advances in technology that will help to improve the operational efficiency of nation’s treatment plants, reduce energy usage and protect water quality. This innovated technology has also demonstrated that valuable nutrients—present in the waste stream—can be captured and recycled into an environmentally safe, revenue-producing commercial fertilizer.

Anticipated Benefits
Expansion of this locally developed sustainable technology will help create Oregon jobs, protect water quality, reduce energy usage, improve the operational efficiency of the nation’s treatment plants and provided a return on investment for Clean Water Services’ patent development. The recent adoption of this technology by facilities in Virginia and Pennsylvania has generated nearly $1 million of equipment sales for Oregon manufactures. Full-scale development of this technology will provide additional opportunities for Oregon manufactures to expand market share in the emerging sector.
USFWS Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge infrastructure repairs

Requested Action
Support appropriation request of $1 million in the FY 2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill (USFWS Construction Account) for the US Fish and Wildlife Service to assess, repair and/or replace the levee, pumping and water delivery facilities at the Wapato Lake Unit of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Clean Water Services is also seeking report language that will allow USFWS to reimburse state or local government agencies for any work conducted in support of this effort.

Identified Need
Repair and replacement of these facilities is necessary to protect endangered species; safeguard the drinking water supply for 400,000 Washington County residents; and ensure the safe, reliable delivery of irrigation water to working farms. Levee and pump failures in 2008 and 2010 threatened the region’s drinking water supply, major industrial users such as Intel; agricultural irrigation; food processors; fish and wildlife; and recreational use of the river.

Project Description
The USFWS has begun scoping for the Wapato Lake Unit of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP). The CCP will take up to five years to complete. USFWS Construction Account funds are necessary to ensure the existing levee, pumping and water delivery infrastructure is properly maintained, repaired and operated until the CCP is completed. Clean Water Services is also seeking legislative language that will allow the USFWS to reimburse state or local government agencies for any work conducted in support of this effort.

Anticipated Benefits
Timely maintenance, repair and replacement of the Wapato Lake infrastructure will protect water quality, wildlife habitat, the region’s drinking water supply and agricultural irrigation as the USFWS transitions this area to a National Wildlife Refuge. Adequate funding will also help ensure our region does not have a repeat of the costly and catastrophic failures experienced in 2008 and 2010.
OR 217 Improvements Project

Requested Action
Support appropriation request of $3 million in the FY 2012 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. The proposed projects will improve congestion along the Oregon 217 corridor. These projects range one or more of the following elements: targeted shoulder widening, installation of variable speed limit equipment and/or implementation of variable message signs in the OR 217 corridor.

Identified Need
OR 217 is the least reliable highway in the Portland metropolitan region. This travel corridor is incredibly important for commuters leaving and entering region for employment daily and is a crucial link for commerce and business development. Business development in Washington County is impacted by this congestion requiring companies to alter delivery time and distribution schedules. Various studies estimate hundreds of millions in economic growth are lost due to the severe congestion along this corridor.

Project Description
Targeted Shoulder Widening: Shoulder improvement between Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. and Scholls Ferry Road, will allow moving an accident from the travel lane to a shoulder. On OR 217, 60 percent of the congestion is attributed to non-recurring (i.e., unpredictable) congestion from traffic accidents, special events or inclement weather.

Variable Speed Limit Equipment: Installing variable speed limit signage along OR 217 will reduce the number and severity of collisions. Existing detectors and fiber communications are used to adjust speed limits in response to current traffic volumes, travel speeds and roadway surface conditions. 70 Percent of the accidents on OR 217 are rear-end collisions.

Variable Message Signs: Installation of variable message signs will alert motorists of traffic conditions on OR 217. Signage provides motorists a choice in selection of alternate routes of travel prior to entering OR 217. Up to 85 percent of travelers will change routes when this type of information is available.

Anticipated Benefits
Targeted Shoulder Widening: Proposed project capable of providing 25-35 percent more capacity and reduce the potential for secondary accidents and facilitate emergency vehicle access. $2-$7 million in savings over a 20 year period for each shoulder segment widened.

Variable Speed Limit Equipment: Improve reliability and traffic safety by reducing the number and severity of accidents. Estimate a 30 percent reduction in rear-end crashes results in $26 million savings over 20 years.

Variable Message Signs: Estimated cost savings of $32 million in congestion relief over 20 years.

Job Creation: Short-term jobs: Based upon estimated construction activities on a possible $5-$7 million first phase, 35-50 new jobs would be produced. Long-term jobs: Improvements on OR 217 would help create and support countless jobs throughout Washington County. Employment in areas adjacent to OR 217 is projected to increase from 45,000 employees in 2005 to 65,000 employees by 2035.
Family Stabilization Services - For Homeless Youth

Requested Action
Provide $237,000 in the FY 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill to fund the Washington County Boys and Girls Aid Society’s (BGAID) use of the Family Stabilization Services Program. This will augment the current community supported runaway and homeless crisis system with a three-year best practices program designed to prevent family disruption and youth homelessness. It will provide timely intervention to prevent youth homelessness and their entry into the criminal justice system. This program combines resources from Washington County’s Juvenile Services and Housing Department for implementation.

Identified Need
Washington County has experienced a dramatic increase in runaway and homeless youth. This is the result of families living in crisis because of the sustained unemployment rate (9.1% September 2010), which produces hunger and loss of housing stability due to eviction and home foreclosures.

The Oregon Department of Education (OR-DOE) reported 2,298 homeless students in Washington County schools during the period of September 2009 to June 2010. Further, the Beaverton School District has the highest percentage of homeless students in Oregon (1580). The average annual number of runaway youth in Washington County is 700.

Project Description
The Boys and Girls Aid (BGAID) is Washington County’s lead nonprofit agency addressing the needs of runaway and homeless youth. It operates the SafePlace Youth Shelter serving youth 12 to 19 years of age and the Transitional Living Program, which provides housing and supportive services to youth ages 19 to 23 years. It works closely with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Liaisons at seven school districts to provide services to the increasing number of homeless youth.

The Juvenile Department receiving two or more run reports on a youth will trigger use of the Family Stabilization Services Program. A trained BGAID Youth and Family Counselor will make contact with the family to offer support, assistance and services. The counselor is authorized to provide crisis intervention short-term shelter, individual and family counseling, in-home parenting training, mediation and conflict resolution services. They can also perform assessments then provide referrals to mental health, alcohol and drug treatments or other relevant community resources.

Anticipated Benefits
This preventive intervention program reduces the number of youth runaways and increases the skills of the parents bringing stability to the family unit. This stability also helps prevent the need for a Child Protective Services referral. The Youth and Family Counselor position will serve up to 32 families annually.
Offender Reentry Mentors

Requested Action
Provide $300,000 in federal earmark funding in the FFY 2012 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for the Offender Reentry Mentor Program in Washington County. The objective is to extend the duration of our successful program an additional year, to determine more conclusively if the mentoring approach has a long term effect on recidivism and re-incarceration rates.

The problem we address is that more than 30% of Oregon’s parolees will be convicted of a new felony within three years of release, which puts them back into the most expensive end of the public safety system. This federal funding, along with $35,219 from the State of Oregon (AIP funds), $24,781 from Washington County General Fund, $60,000 from a DOJ Office of Justice SMART Grant, and $120,000 from a DOJ Office of Justice Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative, will allow us to continue providing support for individuals released from Oregon’s jail and prison system.

Identified Need
The Oregon Department of Corrections works to prepare inmates for release back into their communities, but many are released with insufficient or no pro-social support. These offenders are less able to avoid being drawn back into the anti-social environments and behaviors they lived in prior to incarceration. The possibility for them to successfully transition into a productive life is significantly reduced if the only friend meeting them at the bus station or prison gate is involved in criminal activity. And even if these former offenders remain chemically free the first couple of weeks, their behavior is extremely difficult to maintain when job applications are rejected. To facilitate real change Washington County believes this post prison population needs strong support the day they are released and it must include mentoring, assistance in finding employment, and housing. Our experience suggests a stable environment is the key to individuals gaining long-term self-sufficiency.

Project Description
There are approximately 480 individuals paroled to Washington County each year, and another 250 serving local jail sentences of two to twelve months before being released back into the community. The requested funding would support the retention of five Reentry Mentors to work with approximately 325 individuals a year. The Mentors will meet with an inmate prior to release from prison or jail and assist their parole/probation officer in the development of a community reentry plan. The initial focus is to find them stable housing and create a plan for support on the day they are released from prison. Following their release, the mentor continues to work with the offender until he or she has: a sponsor and a place to live, is well established in a support group, has friends in recovery, and participates in a treatment program. This phase will last approximately three or four months.

Anticipated Benefits
Data from Washington County’s current mentor program indicates this approach can yield very good results: 84% of the participants had no new arrests or parole violations while in the program; 84% of the participants secured full-time employment within four months of admission to the program; and 94% of participants secured stable, long-term housing within six months of admission, or are able to fully support themselves financially in transitional housing.

The cost of re-incarcerating one individual back into Oregon’s state prison is $30,828 annually. To this add the cost of their crime (theft, assault, etc.) plus that of the county’s law enforcement officers, jail, corrections center, prosecutor and courts. The annual cost of mentoring one individual in the Reentry Mentor Program currently administered by Washington County is $882.