

RESOLUTION NO. 1113

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE DESCHUTES WATER ALLIANCE ("DWA")

WHEREAS, the DWA has been expanded to represent all of the local stakeholders required to forge a regional water management consensus for water issues in the Deschutes Basin; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared addressing the members and procedures of the DWA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prineville has interest in water issues in the Deschutes Basin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prineville desires to become a voting member of the DWA.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the City of Prineville participate as a member of the DWA. It is further resolved that the Mayor of the City of Prineville shall sign the DWA Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City.

Dated: September 8th, 2009

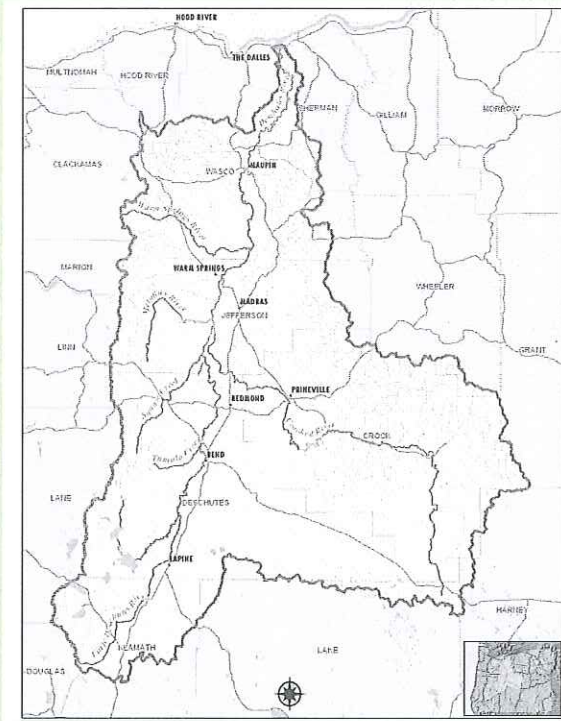
Mike Wendell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steve Forrester, City Manager/City Recorder

DESCHUTES WATER ALLIANCE

A forum to discuss regional water management needs through collaboration.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For distribution August 11, 2009

Adopted , 2009

Revised

DESCHUTES WATER ALLIANCE (DWA)

Memorandum of Understanding

The Deschutes Water Alliance
A forum to discuss regional water management needs through collaboration.

INTRODUCTION

The Deschutes Water Alliance is a regional forum that has the potential to establish ongoing regional water management planning and coordination to address key water issues in the Deschutes Basin. The Deschutes Water Alliance (DWA) was first formed in 2004 through a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation. The original membership included the irrigation districts (Deschutes Basin Board of Control), cities (Central Oregon Cities Organization), the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Deschutes River Conservancy. Under this federal grant, the DWA formed a water bank as a market-based approach to redistributing water rights in the Deschutes Basin. In addition, the DWA published the following studies which can be found on the DRC website www.deschutesriver.org.

- “Instream Flow in the Deschutes Basin”
- “Future Groundwater Demand in the Deschutes Basin: Monitoring , Status and Restoration Needs”
- “Growth, Urbanization and Land Use Change”
- “Irrigation District Water Efficiency Cost Analysis and Prioritization”
- “Reservoir Management”, and
- “Long-range Water Resources Management in Central Oregon.”

Since January of 2009, a group of original DWA partners has been meeting to consider various options for broadening the scope and participation in the DWA. The group proposes to expand participation by including county government and creating an ongoing forum for discussion about key water issues in the basin.

The DWA believes that it is best to address water issues at the regional level in addition to the local level because changes in water use or distribution in one jurisdiction can have an affect in another jurisdiction. Resolution of these water challenges can be addressed most effectively through a regional water planning process. It is critical for there to be a better regional understanding about water management.

After reviewing the original DWA studies and examining other existing water-related collaborations in the basin, the working group concluded that a forum comprised primarily of local governments was needed for water education, water policy discussions and to develop an integrated regional water management plan.

Therefore, the undersigned agree to establish the Deschutes Water Alliance (DWA).

Purpose

To increase understanding of water issues in the region and meet regional water management needs by developing an integrated regional water management plan.

Goals

1. Secure and maintain stream flows and water quality in the Deschutes Basin for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and people.
2. Secure and maintain a reliable and affordable supply of water to sustain agriculture.
3. Secure and maintain a safe, affordable and high quality water supply for urban communities.

Objectives

1. Provide a forum for discussion, understanding and coordination of water needs.
2. Build on the previous studies and reports and work collaboratively to create a regional integrated water management process and plan.

Structure and Membership

The Board and Officers

The DWA shall be governed by a voluntary Board of Directors and is comprised of MOU signatories. Designated alternates may participate in board meetings and work sessions and may vote on behalf of their respective board members.

A Chair and Vice Chair of the board shall be elected annually by the board. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be responsible for scheduling meetings, preparing and distributing agendas, keeping meeting notes, and overseeing DWA administration.

The membership of DWA will consist of the following, elected/officials and alternates as voting and non-voting members:

VOTING MEMBERS

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	(elected official or alternate)
Crook County	(elected official or alternate)
Deschutes County	(elected official or alternate)
Jefferson County	(elected official or alternate)
City of Bend	(elected official or alternate)
City of Culver	(elected official or alternate)
City of La Pine	(elected official or alternate)
City of Madras	(elected official or alternate)
City of Metolius	(elected official or alternate)
City of Prineville	(elected official or alternate)

City of Redmond	(elected official or alternate)
City of Sisters	(elected official or alternate)
Central Oregon Irrigation Dist.	(elected official or alternate)
North Unit Irrigation Dist.	(elected official or alternate)
Ochoco Irrigation Dist.	(elected official or alternate)
Three Sisters Irrigation Dist.	(elected official or alternate)
Tumalo Irrigation Distr.	(elected official or alternate)
Swalley Irrigation Dist.	(elected official or alternate)
Arnold Irrigation Dist.	(elected official or alternate)
Crook County Improv. Dist.	(elected official or alternate)
Avion Water Company	(CEO or alternate)
Deschutes Valley Water District	(CEO or alternate)
La Pine Water District	(CEO or alternate)
Deschutes River Conservancy	(Exec. Director or alternate)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Oregon Water Resources Dept.	(Local Manager Appointment)
Oregon Fish and Wildlife	(Local Manager appointment)
Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	(Local Manager appointment)

STAKEHOLDERS

In order to achieve its goals, the DWA will need to inform, consult with and seek agreement with a wide range of other stakeholders including but not limited to the following:

- State Legislators
- Congressional delegation
- Water Resources Commissioners
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Upper Deschutes Watershed Council
- Crooked River Watershed Council
- Crook County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Deschutes County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Development interests, destination resorts, etc.
- WaterWatch
- American Rivers
- Trout Unlimited

Work plan and Budget

The Board shall develop a work plan and budget to create an integrated regional water management plan using the original DWA studies as a starting point. All voting members of the DWA shall contribute financially based upon a formula to be determined, including grants and in-kind contributions. The Board will approve the work plan, budget and financial formula. The evaluation of potential grant opportunities will be a priority for the DWA.

Consensus Decision-making

DWA will use a consensus decision-making process and will foster a collaborative approach to problem solving. Consensus means that all members agree to support the decision. Members may choose not to block the consensus even though they do not fully agree with the decision. Members are encouraged to voice and have recorded all views. Once a consensus decision has been reached, all members agree to support that decision.

Sufficient time will be provided for the members to seek advice from constituents, agencies, or other experts, when desired, before a decision is adopted. All members present at the meeting are included in the consensus process. Any member may abstain from the consensus and may request to be acknowledged as abstaining in any publication of the consensus. Abstaining is a choice not to block or to support the decision.

If any member feels the need to stand in the way of consensus on a decision, he/she will explain his/her concern with the proposed decision to the group, and the group will make every attempt to understand the concern and the underlying interests. The group may decide to delegate the issue to a working group for further exploration, development or recommendation for the full group.

The group may delegate decisions on administrative matters to a smaller group, such as the executive committee.

Quorum and Voting

A quorum shall be achieved for conducting DWA business when one more than 50% of the board members or their alternates are present, either in person or by other means allowing real time participation in the board meeting. If any board member is absent and unable to participate in real time, voting is permitted by recorded voice or written message as long as the message is received by the Chair prior to the vote being taken at the meeting. It is desirable although not mandatory that a quorum is achieved through balanced representation of municipalities, counties, tribes and irrigation districts.

Meetings and Notification

Regular Board meetings shall be held as determined by the Board. Special meetings may be called as needed. The Chair or Vice Chair will notify board members of meeting times and locations two weeks in advance of the meetings.

Meeting Conduct

Members will treat each other with respect and in a manner that provides opportunity for group decision making. Conflict will also be addressed in keeping with the consensus based operating guidelines.

Public Outreach Process

All DWA meetings will be open to public attendance and any member of the public may attend any meeting. The public is encouraged to participate at the appropriate time on the meeting agenda.

Amendments

Amendments to this agreement may be made only by unanimous agreement of the Board.

Termination

Any party may terminate its involvement in the DWA by providing 60 days written notice to all DWA member organizations.

Signatures

Signatories to this agreement attest that their respective governing bodies have approved participation in the DWA and this approval is evidenced by the public minutes. Listed next to the signatories is the name of the Elected Official who has been designated to serve as DWA board member. Elected Officials may list the name of an Alternate who will attend DWA Board meetings in their absence.

Agreed and signed this ____ day of _____, 2009

MEMBER ORGANIZATION	SIGNATURE	VOTING MEMBERS	
		NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL	NAME OF ALTERNATE
The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs			
Deschutes County			
Crook County			
Jefferson County			
Central Oregon Irrigation Dist.			
North Unit Irrigation Dist.			
Ochoco Irrigation Dist.			
Three Sisters Irrigation Dist.			
Tumalo Irrigation Dist.			
Swalley Irrigation District			
Arnold Irrigation District			
Crook County Improvement Dist.			
City of Bend			
City of Redmond			
City of Prineville			
City of Madras			
City of Sisters			
City of Culver			
City of La Pine			
City of Metolius			
Avion Water Company			
Deschutes Valley Water Dist.			
La Pine Water District			
Deschutes River Conservancy			

Non-voting members, please list the official representative and an alternate.

		NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
MEMBER ORGANIZATION		NAME OF OFFICIAL	NAME OF ALTERNATE
Oregon Water Resources Dept.			
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife			
Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality			

END OF DESCHUTES WATER ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING