

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION AND)
ORDER NO. 11-10-26-5) IN THE MATTER OF WILLAMETTE WATER
) COMPANY'S WATER RIGHT APPLICATION
) S-87330 AND PROPOSED WATER DISTRIBUTION
) TO SOUTH LANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Willamette Water Company was incorporated by Robert W. Straub in 1964 to provide potable water to citizens in Lane County for domestic, commercial and industrial uses, and currently distributes water to customers in the Goshen area;

WHEREAS, Willamette Water Company's rate and service is regulated by the Oregon Public Utilities Commission;

WHEREAS, Willamette Water Company undertook an investigation of the municipal water supplies in south Lane County to determine if it should consider expanding its service area beyond the Goshen area and found water quantity and quality limitations throughout the south Lane County area;

WHEREAS, Willamette Water Company has received requests for delivery of potable drinking water to meet both existing and future demand;

WHEREAS, the Southern Willamette Valley Municipal Water Providers (SWMWP) conducted a regional water supply assessment and determined that municipalities are struggling to meet existing demands, new municipal water supplies in the southern Willamette Basin are not available on a year-round basis, and communities need both redundant water supplies for existing demands and reliable supplies for population growth;¹

WHEREAS, Oregon Water Resources Department water availability data shows that the McKenzie River is the only river in the southern Willamette Basin in which water is available year-round for new appropriation for domestic, commercial and industrial uses;²

WHEREAS, Willamette Water Company filed water right Application S-87330 with the Oregon Department of Water Resources to appropriate water from the McKenzie River for distribution of water to domestic, commercial and industrial water users in the Pleasant Hill, Creswell and Cottage Grove areas;

WHEREAS, the Oregon Water Resources Department issued a proposed final order proposing to approve Application S-87330, finding that the proposed use of water by the Willamette Water

¹ The SWMWP Executive Summary states: "Municipalities [in the Southern Willamette Valley] are struggling to meet the existing demands and to plan for future demands.... New municipal water rights are not generally an option for numerous reasons, including water availability and restrictive rules and policies adopted by the Oregon Water Resources Commission."

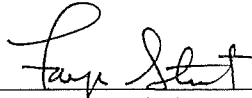
² OWRD water availability calculations can be found on the OWRD web-site at:
http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wars/wars_display_wa-tables.

Company is allowed in the Willamette Basin Program, water is available for the entire period of the proposed use, the proposed use will not injure other water rights, and the proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, Willamette Water Company requests a resolution of the Lane County Board of Commissioners in support of its efforts to provide water to southern Lane County for domestic, commercial and industrial uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners supports Willamette Water Company's efforts to provide water to the Pleasant Hill, Creswell and Cottage Grove areas from the McKenzie River for domestic, commercial and industrial water users in south Lane County.

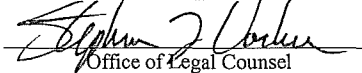
Effective this 26th day of October, 2011.



Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 10-26-2011 Lane County



Office of Legal Counsel