

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: LUBGWMA Payment

<p>Background:</p> <p>The County has been participating in the costs for a third-party liaison to enhance coordination of efforts between the state agencies and counties in the LUBGWMA. In January 2024, the Board approved a contribution of \$8,500 as part of the cost of the first and second phases. Phase 3 is now underway and the County share of the cost is \$5,708.25. Funding is paid through economic development</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve Memorandum of Understanding and contribution and authorize the Chair to sign</p>
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ATTACHMENTS : Proposed MOU

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Checkoffs:

( ) Dept. Heard (copy)  
( ) Human Resources (copy)  
( X ) Legal (copy)  
( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: July 2, 2025

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

**Memorandum of Understanding between  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon  
Water Resources Department, Umatilla County, Morrow County and Oregon Consensus at  
Portland State University**

**1. Purpose:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the six (6) partners, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), Umatilla County, Morrow County and National Policy Consensus Center/ Portland State University (PSU). Collectively the partners are referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party”. The Parties intend to carry out the work listed in Section 2, Scope of Work, consistent with the original intent of the commitment and in the interest of the overall project, and to describe roles and responsibilities for administration of the funds and the work in Section 4, Roles and Responsibilities.

**2. Scope of Work:**

In 1990, DEQ designated the Lower Umatilla Basin as a Groundwater Management Area (GWMA) (Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 468B.180) due to elevated nitrate concentrations in groundwater samples. Since that time a local committee has been appointed by the state and tasked with developing and promoting an action plan to reduce nitrate groundwater contamination in the area. The local Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management (LUBGWMA) Committee produced action plans in 1997 and 2020 and is currently working to prioritize and implement action items from those plans.

Several state agencies were charged by the Governor’s Office to work more collaboratively and deliberately to address the long-standing nitrate groundwater contamination present in the LUBGWMA. Subsequently, several state agencies were charged with developing a Nitrate Reduction Plan, including DEQ, ODA, OHA and OWRD. Additionally, the state agencies were charged with aiding the LUBGWMA Committee (LC) in identifying goals and voluntary actions and strategies the LC might deploy to complement and augment the Nitrate Reduction Plan developed by the state. There is a need for continued coordination of the interagency team to track the progress agencies are making, and an additional need to coordinate communications between the state interagency team and the LC.

This MOU is for Phase 3 of the project. Phases 1 and 2 were under DEQ MOU #044-25

(PSU Contract #634772).

**3. Effective Date and Duration:**

This MOU shall become effective on April 15, 2025 and unless terminated or extended, this MOU shall expire on December 31, 2025.

**4. Roles and Responsibilities:**

DEQ entered Service Order Contract DASPS-1687-18:1/ 100-24 (SOC) with PSU to subcontract for a third-party liaison to enhance coordination of efforts between the state agencies.

Each Party of this MOU is responsible for its project commitment to PSU under the SOC, as amended. PSU will invoice each Party separately in accordance with the SOC.

The Phase 3 project commitment will be split between the Parties in the table below. The costs will be split as follows:

DEQ, ODA, OWRD – 25% each

Umatilla County & Morrow County – 12.5% each

Party	Phase 3 Project Commitment
DEQ	\$11,416.50*
ODA	\$11,416.50*
OWRD	\$11,416.50*
Umatilla County	\$5,708.25
Morrow County	\$5,708.25
TOTAL	\$45,666.00

\*NOTE: There is still unspent funds available from Phase 2 of this project; values represented here include the remaining balances available as of April 1, 2025.

**5. Communication:**

Any communication regarding this MOU shall be directed to each Party's representative below.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
DEQ	Larua Fredrickson	(503) 913-5091	<a href="mailto:Laura.Fredrickson@deq.oregon.gov">Laura.Fredrickson@deq.oregon.gov</a>
ODA	Jonathan Sandau	(503) 986-4552	<a href="mailto:Jonathan.Sandau@oda.oregon.gov">Jonathan.Sandau@oda.oregon.gov</a>
OWRD	Douglas Woodcock	(503) 383-5573	<a href="mailto:Douglas.E.Woodcock@water.oregon.gov">Douglas.E.Woodcock@water.oregon.gov</a>
Umatilla County	Dan Dorran	(541) 278-6201	<a href="mailto:Dan.Dorran@umatillacounty.gov">Dan.Dorran@umatillacounty.gov</a>
Morrow County	David Sykes	(541) 240-0909	<a href="mailto:dsykes@morrowcountyor.gov">dsykes@morrowcountyor.gov</a>
PSU	Steven Ostling	(503) 725-8195	<a href="mailto:sostling@pdx.edu">sostling@pdx.edu</a>

**The persons signing this MOU represent and warrant that they have the power and authority to enter into this MOU.**

SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE

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Title: Assistant Director-DPO

Date: 06/26/2025

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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UMATILLA COUNTY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MORROW COUNTY:

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Date: June 18, 2025