



**AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**  
**Morrow County Board of Commissioners**  
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Item #

**This document must be completed for each agenda item submitted for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.**

Staff Contact: Mike Gorman  
Department: Assessment and Tax  
Person Attending BOC Meeting (*REQUIRED*):  
Short Title of Agenda Item:

Phone Number (Ext): 541-676-5607  
Requested Agenda Date: 10/25/17  
Kim Cutsforth  
permanent increase of the dept Visa to \$5000

**This Item Involves:** (Check all that apply for this meeting.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Order or Resolution                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Appointments                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance/Public Hearing:                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Update on Project/Committee    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Reading <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Comment Anticipated:                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion & Action |
| Estimated Time:   | Estimated Time: 2 minutes                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Document Recording Required                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Report              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Agreement                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                         |

☐ N/A

**For Contracts and Agreements Only**

Contractor/Entity:  
Contractor/Entity Address:  
Effective Dates – From: Through:  
Total Contract Amount: Budget Line:  
Does the contract amount exceed \$5,000? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If Yes, Attach Purchase Pre-Authorization Request if Applicable

Reviewed By:

 10-17-17  
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DATE Department Head


Required for all BOC meetings

 10/17/17  
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DATE Admin. Officer/BOC Office

Required for all BOC meetings

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DATE County Counsel

Required for all legal documents

 10/17/17  
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DATE Finance Office

Required for all contracts; Other items as appropriate.

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DATE Human Resources

If appropriate

**Note:** All entities must sign documents before they are presented to the Board of Commissioners. Original documents are preferred. Agenda requests must be received by the Board's office by 5:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the Board of Commissioners Wednesday meeting. This form needs to be completed, including County Counsel and Finance review for all contracts, and submitted to the Board of Commissioners Office by noon on the Monday preceding the Board's Wednesday meeting.

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**1. TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:**

approval of a permanent credit limit increase for the Dept Visa to \$5000

**2. ISSUES, BACKGROUND, AND DISCUSSION:**

the purchase limit for departments has been increased to \$5000. The Assessor's office had requested a credit limit increase before this increase was in place. Now that the request matches policy we would like to see the limit increased permanently.

**3. OPTIONS:**

**4. FISCAL IMPACT:**

none

**5. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

approve increasing the credit limit to \$5000

**6. SUGGESTED ACTION(S) / MOTION(S):**

a motion to approve increasing the the assessor's office credit card limit to \$5000

- Attach additional background documentation as needed.

Routing: Original or copies of signed contract or document should be sent to the following:

Clerk (Original for recording)

Board of Commissioners (Copy for file)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Finance Department (Copy for file)

Department – For distribution

## Roberta Lutchter

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**From:** Carla McLane  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** Roberta Lutchter; Kim Cutsforth  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda Packet

Roberta and/or Kim,

Just want to let you know that the Planning Commission did approve a Conditional Use Permit for the activities that are subject to the Rauch liquor license a few months back. Something the County currently doesn't do is a verification that a liquor license request has met land use requirements... and sometimes they haven't. But in this case the applicant has. Let me know if you might have any questions. Should the Commissioners be interested we can provide the Final Findings of Fact or the approval letter.

Thanks,  
Carla

**From:** Roberta Lutchter  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 4:06 PM  
**To:** Carla McLane <cmclane@co.morrow.or.us>; David Sykes <david@rapidserve.net>; Don Russell <drussell@co.morrow.or.us>; Gayle Gutierrez <ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us>; Jerry Sorte <gsorte@co.morrow.or.us>; Jim Doherty <jdoherty@co.morrow.or.us>; Justin Nelson <jnelson@co.morrow.or.us>; Karen Wolff <kwolff@co.morrow.or.us>; Kate Knop <kknop@co.morrow.or.us>; Melissa Lindsay <mlindsay@co.morrow.or.us>; Mike Gorman <mgorman@co.morrow.or.us>; Morrow Co Veterans Office <mcvets@co.morrow.or.us>; Richard Tovey <rtovey@co.morrow.or.us>  
**Subject:** Agenda Packet

All,  
The information for J.R. Cook's Update will be sent separately tomorrow morning.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5-2017

**Resolution Approving Morrow County Order to Initiate Formation of Morrow County Extension Service District**

The City Council of the City of Ione, Oregon, finds:

- a. The Morrow County, Oregon, Board of Commissioners intends to form a county Extension Service District under the authority of ORS 451.010(1)(i). A county Extension Service District would have authority to fund Extension educational program activities for all county residents.
- b. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners may initiate the formation of an Extension Service District by adopting an order under authority of ORS 198.835. The Board would like to include all county territory within the boundaries of the Morrow County Extension Service District.
- c. The territory of the City may only be included within the boundaries of the Extension Service District if the City Council adopts a resolution approving the County order initiating the formation of the Extension Service District.
- d. The City Council believes an Extension Service District will be able to better meet the needs for youth, family, community and natural resources informational services of all city residents.

The City Council of the City of Ione Resolves:

The City of Ione, Oregon, consents to the inclusion of all the territory of the City within the boundaries of the proposed Morrow County Extension Service District, and approves the Morrow County order initiating the formation of that district.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Ione, Morrow County, Oregon this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Attest:

Kim Carter  
City Manager/Recorder

City of Ione  
By Rod H. Taylor  
Mayor

STATE OF OREGON    )  
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County of Morrow    )

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original resolution on file in the office of the City Recorder.

Kim Carter  
City Recorder

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-14**

**Resolution Approving Morrow County Order to Initiate Formation  
of Morrow County Extension Service District**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Irrigon City Council, finds:

- a. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners intends to form a county Extension Service District under the authority of ORS 451.010(1)(i).
- b. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners may initiate the formation of an Extension Service District by adopting an order under authority of ORS 198.835 and include all county territory within the boundaries of the Morrow County for an Extension Service District.
- c. The territory of the City may only be included within the boundaries of the Extension Service District if the City Council adopts a resolution in agreement with the County order initiating the formation of such service district; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Irrigon fully believes in and supports the democratic and election process of each elector's (voter) privilege; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Irrigon understands the desire of an extension service district approach to better meet the needs of the community and region; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Irrigon fully understands the fiscal implementations of the creation of an additional "special" district and the need for transparency and communication as the public makes any decision-making; and

**WHEREAS,** any creation of a special district will not increase taxes as allowed under Measure 5 (M5) in 1990 not to exceed \$10.00 per 1000 of assessed value.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:**

The Common Council of the City of Irrigon consents to the territory of the City within the boundaries of a proposed Morrow County Extension Service District be allowed to go to the voters for decision-making.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Common Council of the City of Irrigon does not support the creation of the Extension Service District as such creation will further restrict funding to existing service districts and governmental bodies because of current tax compression, as provided by the Morrow County Assessor's Office showing loss of revenue (does not

include figures related to Local Operating Options) opportunity to more effectively provide services due to Measure 5 (M5):

<u>Taxing District</u>	<u>Current Loss Due to Measure 5</u>	
	<u>(2015-16 year)</u>	<u>(2016-17 year)</u>
City of Irrigon	- \$5,162	- \$6,418
Irrigon RFD	- \$1,179	- \$1,468
Irrigon Cemetery	- \$144	- \$179
Irrigon Parks	- \$571	- \$712
Oregon Trail Library	- \$15,467	- \$16,329
Morrow County Health	- \$37,250	- \$39,381
N. Morrow Vector Control	- \$8,448	- \$8,856
Umatilla/Morrow Radio & Data District	- \$10,473	- \$11,070
Morrow Unified Recreation District	- \$28,075	- \$29,685
Morrow County	- \$254,551	- \$269,108

APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND SIGNED ON  
THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

SIGNED:

Sam Heath

Sam Heath, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aaron Palmquist  
Aaron Palmquist, City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-8**

**Resolution Approving Morrow County Order to Initiate Formation  
of Morrow County Extension Service District**

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Lexington City Council, finds:

- a. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners intends to form a county Extension Service District under the authority of ORS 451.010(1)(i).
- b. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners may initiate the formation of an Extension Service District by adopting an order under authority of ORS 198.835 and include all county territory within the boundaries of the Morrow County for an Extension Service District.
- c. The territory of the City may only be included within the boundaries of the Extension Service District if the City Council adopts a resolution in agreement with the County order initiating the formation of such service district; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the Town of Lexington fully believes in and supports the democratic and election process of each elector's (voter) privilege; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the Town of Lexington understands the desire of an extension service district approach to better meet the needs of the community and region; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the Town of Lexington fully understands the fiscal implementations of the creation of an additional "special" district and the need for transparency and communication as the public makes any decision-making; and

**WHEREAS,** any creation of a special district will not increase taxes as allowed under Measure 5 (M5) in 1990 not to exceed \$10.00 per 1000 of assessed value.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:**




The Common Council of the Town of Lexington consents to the territory of the City within the boundaries of a proposed Morrow County Extension Service District be allowed to go to the voters for decision-making.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Common Council of the Town of Lexington does not support the creation of the Extension Service District as such creation will further restrict funding to existing service districts and governmental bodies because of current tax compression, as

APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND SIGNED ON  
THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 928-17**  
**Resolution Approving Morrow County Order to Initiate Formation**  
**of Morrow County Extension Service District**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Heppner City Council, finds:

- a. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners intends to form a county Extension Service District under the authority of ORS 451.010(1)(i).
- b. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners may initiate the formation of an Extension Service District by adopting an order under authority of ORS 198.835 and include all county territory within the boundaries of the Morrow County for an Extension Service District.
- c. The territory of the City may only be included within the boundaries of the Extension Service District if the City Council adopts a resolution in agreement with the County order initiating the formation of such service district; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Heppner fully believes in and supports the democratic and election process of each elector's (voter) privilege; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Heppner understands the desire of an extension service district approach to better meet the needs of the community and region; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Heppner fully understands the fiscal implementations of the creation of an additional "special" district and the need for transparency and communication as the public makes any decision-making; and

**WHEREAS,** any creation of a special district will not increase taxes as allowed under Measure 5 (M5) in 1990 not to exceed \$10.00 per 1000 of assessed value.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:**

The Council of the City of Heppner consents to the territory of the City within the boundaries of a proposed Morrow County Extension Service District be allowed to go to the voters for decision-making.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

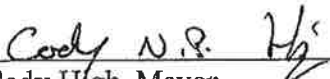
The Council of the City of Heppner does not support the creation of the Extension Service District as such creation will further restrict funding to existing service districts and governmental bodies because of current tax compression, as provided by the Morrow County Assessor's Office showing loss of revenue (does not include

figures related to Local Operating Options) opportunity to more effectively provide services due to Measure 5 (M5):

<u>Taxing District</u>	<u>Current Loss Due to Measure 5</u>	
	<u>(2015-16 year)</u>	<u>(2016-17 year)</u>
City of Heppner	-\$175,518	- \$188,467
Oregon Trail Library	- \$15,467	- \$16, 329
Morrow County Health	- \$37,250	- \$39, 381
Morrow Unified Recreation District	- \$28,075	- \$29,685
Morrow County	- \$254,551	- \$269,108
Willow Creek Park District	-\$6,526	- \$7,041
Heppner Cemetery	-\$8,946	- \$9,607
Heppner Water Control	-\$2,798	-\$3,005

APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND SIGNED ON  
THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

SIGNED:

  
Cody High, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Edith Ann Ball, Recorder

**CITY OF BOARDMAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-2017**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MORROW COUNTY ORDER TO INITIATE FORMATION OF  
MORROW COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boardman City Council, finds:

- a. The Morrow County, Board of Commissioners intends to form a county Extension Service District under the authority of ORS 451.010(1)(i).
- b. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners may initiate the formation of an Extension Service District by adopting an order under authority of ORS 198.835 and include all county territory within the boundaries of the Morrow County for an Extension Service District.
- c. The territory of the City may only be included within the boundaries of the Extension Service District if the Boardman City Council adopts a resolution in agreement with the County order initiating the formation such service district; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Boardman fully believes in and supports the democratic and election process of each elector's (voter) privilege; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Boardman understands the desire of an extension service district approach to better meet the needs of the community and region; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Boardman fully understands the fiscal implementations of the creation of an additional "special" district and the need for transparency and communication as the public makes any decision-making; and

**WHEREAS,** any creation of a special district will not increase taxes as allowed under Measure 5 (M5) in 1990 not to exceed \$10.00 per 1000 of assessed value.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** the City of Boardman, Oregon consents to the territory of the City within the boundaries of a proposed Morrow County Extension Service District be allowed to go to the voters for decision-making.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The City of Boardman, Oregon does not support the creation of the Extension Service District as such creation will further restrict funding to existing service districts and governmental bodies because of current tax compression, as provided by the Morrow County Assessor's Office currently showing loss of revenue opportunity to more effectively provide services due to Measure 5 (M5):


Taxing District

	<u>Current Loss Due to Measure 5</u>	
	<u>(2015-16 year)</u>	<u>(2016-17 year)</u>
City of Boardman	- \$181,278	- \$188,957
Boardman RFPD	- \$32,098	- \$33,456
Boardman Cemetery	- \$1,226	- \$1,281
Boardman Parks	- \$12,870	- \$13,418
Oregon Trail Library	- \$15,467	- \$16,329
Morrow County Health	- \$37,250	- \$39,381
N. Morrow Vector Control	- \$8,448	- \$8,856
Umatilla/Morrow Radio & Data District	- \$10,473	- \$11,070
Morrow Unified Recreation District	- \$28,075	- \$29,685
Morrow County	- \$254,551	- \$269,108
Boardman Urban Renewal Agency	- \$3,177	- \$5,544
West Boardman Urban Renewal Agency	- \$4,620	- \$3,928

Passed by the Boardman City Council this 5th day of September, 2017.

CITY OF BOARDMAN


  
Mayor – Sandy Toms

  
Councilor- David Jones

  
Councilor – Toni Connell

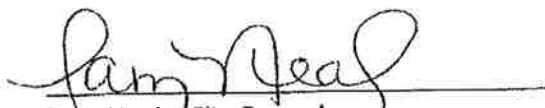
  
Councilor – Art Kegler

  
Councilor – Brandon Hammond

  
Councilor – Brenda Proffitt

  
Councilor – Delbert Turner

Attest:

  
Pam Neal - City Recorder

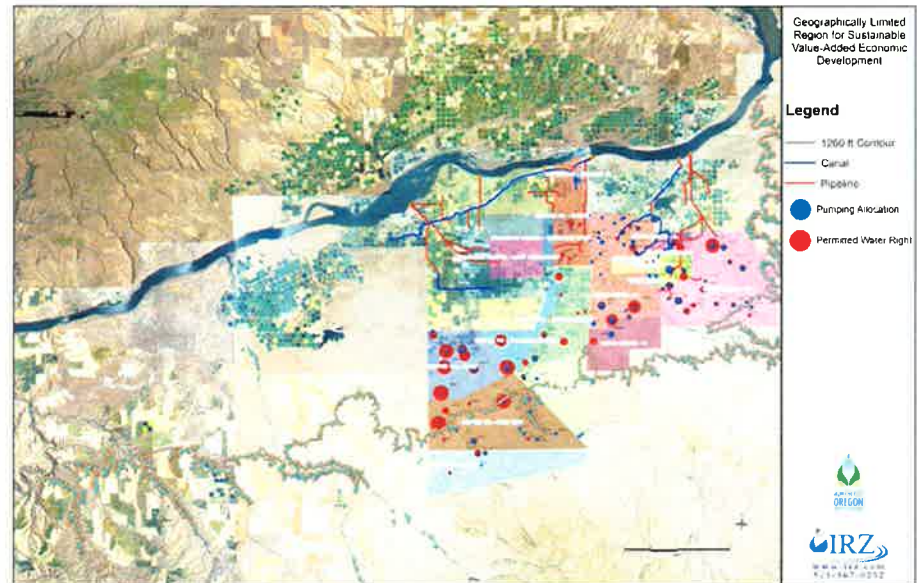


LIFE DEPENDS ON WATER, WE DEPEND ON YOU.

# Local Definition of Success:

- USE OF:
  - 150,000 (500 cfs) – Acre-Feet (500 CFS = .0025% of average daily flow, or .004% at low flow) of Columbia River water.
    - Negotiated down to 180 cfs for first phase due to mitigation water right totals
- AND:
  - Infrastructure penetrating our four critical groundwater areas
    - The designs are done!
- WHICH WILL:
  - Give large and small acreage owners a chance to make a difference
  - Encourage innovation and entrepreneurship
  - Generate billions in economic activity and thousands of local and regional jobs (all sectors)
  - Take pressures off of over-appropriated groundwater and Columbia River tributaries
  - Guarantee commitment to and access to future long-term main-stem projects
  - Build a customer base for regional partnerships in NE Oregon

ATTRACTION FLOWS: SCREENS DESIGNED FOR 0.2 FOOT PER SECOND



# STEP 1: THE PROJECT

1<sup>st</sup> Biennium: Water rights and infrastructure

- Facilitates economic benefit
- Facilitates environmental benefit
- Facilitates social benefit if protections are established to prevent speculation and splinter efforts

2<sup>nd</sup> Biennium: Permanent Mitigation Program and Basalt Relief/Bank (May need a work group)

- This is the true social benefit

3<sup>rd</sup> Biennium: A storage project (Juniper Dam study, etc.)

# STEP 3: THE BASE FUNDING (2015)

## 1. State Approved Funding Package (OWRD):

- Project Funding: \$17.25 million in grant funding, \$30 million in GO backed loan funding (Additional +/- \$7 million in carry-over)
  - \$11 million in grants and over \$22 million in loan funding reserved for Umatilla Basin (\$4 million in grants to central, \$7 million to east)
- Feasibility Funding: \$2 million for feasibility study grants
- Basin Planning: \$750K for planning grants

## 2. Other Funding (Regional Solutions)

- +/- \$670K for Regional Water System improvements to deliver water to industrial areas and certificate right



# THE PROJECT COST

## 1. Central Project

- Total Phase I Project Cost: \$14 million (\$1,750/af)
  - \$4 million of \$11 million targeted to Central Project
  - Landowners to commit \$10 million in equity and debt service
  - State investment: 28% of Project cost
- Phase II (Aquifer Recharge & Recovery) Cost: \$10 million

## 2. East Project

- Total Phase I Project Cost: \$46 million (\$1,486/af)
  - \$7 million of \$11 million targeted to East Project
  - Landowners to commit \$39 million in equity and debt service
  - State investment: 15% of Project Cost

## 3. West Project

- Total Phase I Project Cost: \$35 million (\$803/af)
  - Not enough earmarked funding for West Project (i.e. \$11 million only helped with 2 of 3)
  - Sought \$10 million from SB 839 grant program (Denied in May)
  - Port of Morrow forced to abandon freshwater component
  - West Project status unknown

**Return on Investment: 3,000 jobs and \$600 million in increased business activity (Port of Morrow and 2008 SB 1069 economic study), \$114 million additional assessed property values (Umatilla County)**

# What Has NOWA Done for Me

## WATER (“Enhance Value Added Ag Economy”)

- Boardman
  - Certificated 24 cfs of the 36 cfs Boardman water right (67%)
  - Facilitated a lease of 12.6 cfs of the Boardman water to an ag user (first time in State history) in 2016
- Port of Umatilla
  - Certificated 78.6 cfs of the Port’s 155 cfs water right
  - Secured +/- \$700K for Regional Water System Improvements
- Landowners
  - Facilitated transfers of over 2,000 acre-feet of McKay stored water from private contracts to the WID federal contract to increase value added ag production through a test auction (first time in regional history).
  - Applied for 8 permits totaling 180 cfs
  - Facilitated a Basalt Bank concept to save and bank groundwater
  - Partnered with OBC and EcoNorthwest to complete Mitigation Economic Impact Study

# What Has NOWA Done for Me (Cont.)

Other (“...Protect the Value Added Ag Economy”)

- B2H/Transmission
  - Secured Governor Direction to DLCD to develop and adopt temporary rules to enable corridor planning
  - First Corridor Planning Meeting on October 30
- Elk Depredation
  - Working on three herds (see handout)
- Water Quality
  - Working with data center reps to ease rules on re-use of non-contact cooling water (good for ag and tax base)
- Outreach
  - Reinvigorated the Oregon Water Coalition
  - Financially support the OWC director with the goal of sending her to law school

# NOWA 2017-2019 Revenue Sources

Verbal Discussion

# NOWA Water Subscriptions Recommendations

Verbal Discussion

# Water 2.0 (The Needs)

- Development of Permanent Upper Columbia Mitigation Program
  - Mainstem Mitigation Credit program above John Day Dam
- Umatilla Basin “Basalt Bank”
  - Need a work group to develop basalt banking rules in the CGA’s of the Umatilla Basin
- Targeted Water Supply Infrastructure Funding
  - Note: The upper Columbia/Snake, Willamette, Deschutes and Klamath basins may be too large in scale and return to fit within the 839 program



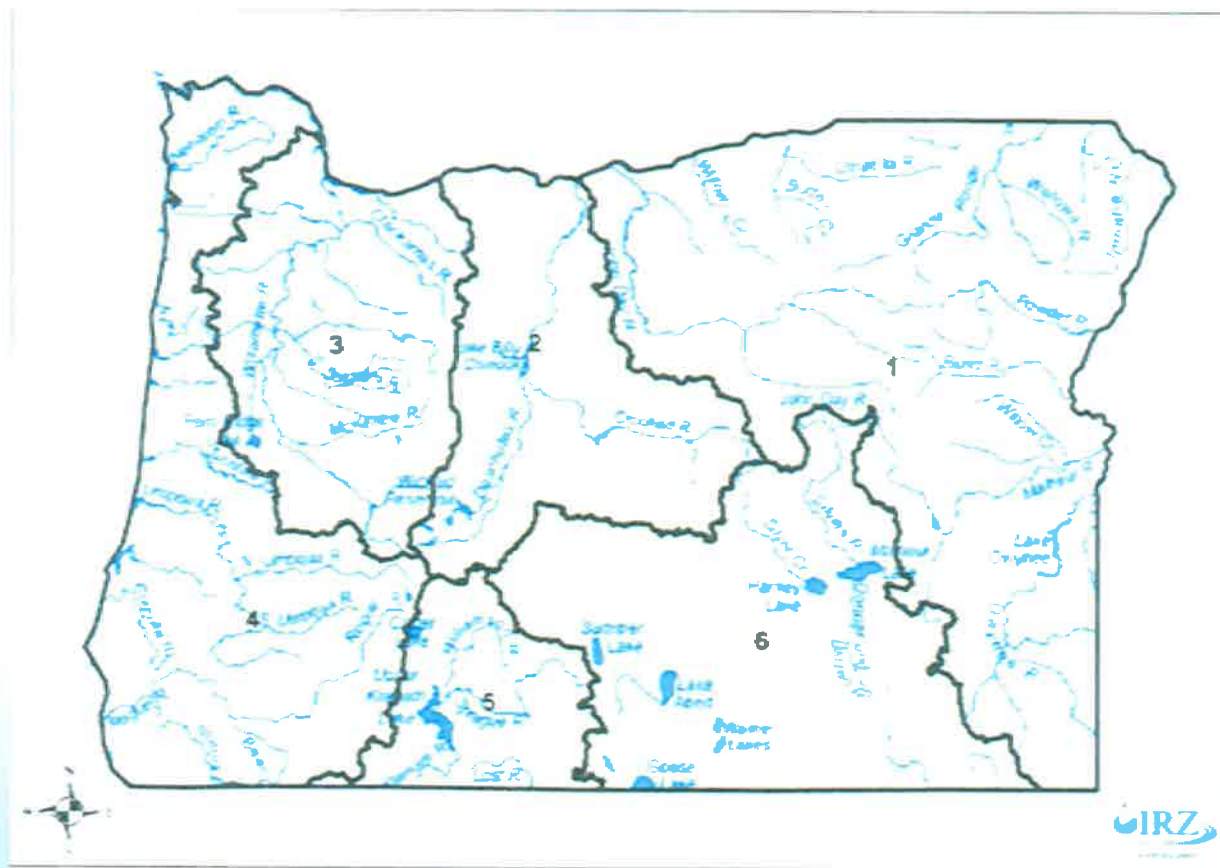
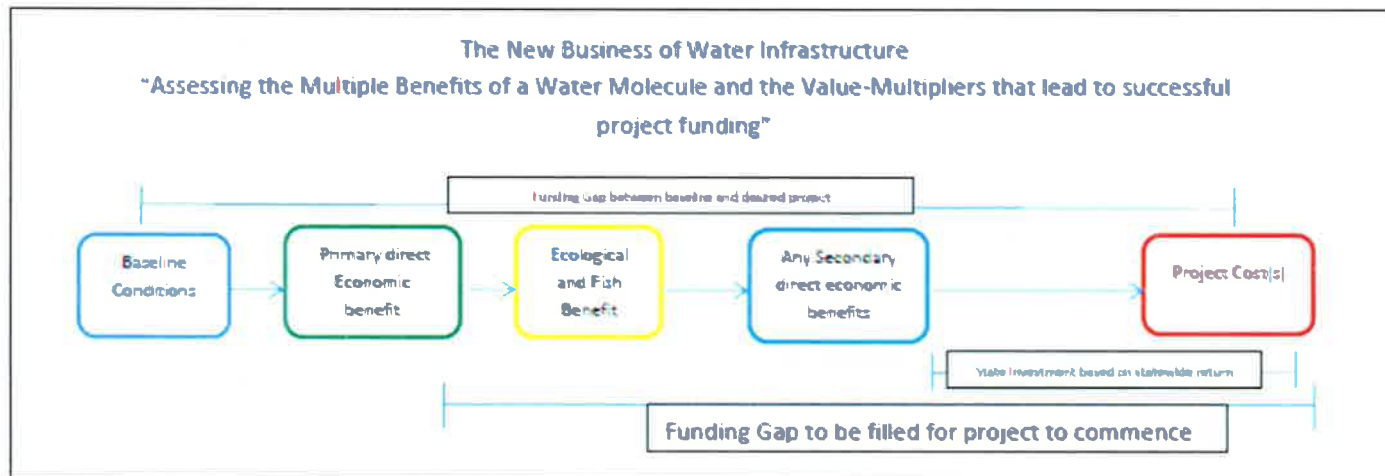
# 2017 Work Tasks

- Mitigation Water Rights
  - Secure Final Orders on all Water Rights by 2018 Irrigation Season
- Mainstem Projects
  - Submit Project Plans for at least two projects (operations required by April, 2019)
  - Continue to Work on Ordinance Project
- Basalt Bank
  - Facilitate Work Group Formation by February Legislative Session
- Mitigation
  - See the Following two Slides

# Mitigation Program Needs and Efforts Underway

- Need: Regional Buy-in and Memorialized Effort
  - Tour to Highlight Opportunities
  - OCF Funding to develop a 5 county consortium to focus discussion
  - NOWA efforts to develop a mitigation program
- Economic Argument
  - FCA Irrigation Modernization Assessments
  - Place Based Planning Efforts
  - OBC/EcoNorthwest Economic Impact Study (Stakeholder Meeting in October)







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