

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 94-2-15-1) IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
) THE MCKENZIE WATERSHED
) COUNCIL CHARTER

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners convened with the Eugene Water and Electric Board to discuss common concerns within the McKenzie River Watershed and contracted with the Lane Council of Governments to conduct a scoping study; and

WHEREAS, the results of the scoping study supported the development of an integrated McKenzie watershed program and the formation of a McKenzie Watershed Council; and

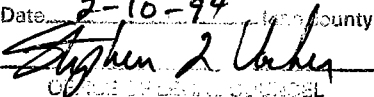
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the Eugene Water & Electric Board agreed to continue as partners and form a Watershed Council with other major stakeholders and key interests in the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the McKenzie Watershed Council has adopted a proposed Charter which will provide the basis from which the Council can develop operating procedures and a work program to achieve its goals and objectives; now, therefore it is hereby

ORDERED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair to approve the McKenzie Watershed Council Charter and by doing so will cooperate in supporting the mission, goals, and objectives of the Council and the watershed project in a form substantially similar to the Charter agreement attached as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein by this reference.


ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 1994.


Chairperson, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED TO FORM
Date 2-10-94 Lane County

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MCKENZIE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL**CHARTER****Purpose**

The McKenzie Watershed Council was formed to help address watershed management issues in the McKenzie River watershed and provide a framework for coordination and cooperation among key interests in the development and implementation of a watershed action program.

Mission

To foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, functions and uses.

Relationship to Decision-Making Bodies and Communities of Interest

The McKenzie Watershed Council is an advisory body to established decision-making bodies and communities of interest. As such the council makes recommendations concerning the protection, restoration and enhancement of the quality of the McKenzie River Watershed.

The agencies, organizations and interests represented on the council are not obligated to adopt or carry out the recommendations of the council, but will give due consideration to the recommendations and take actions they consider appropriate. These agencies, organizations and interests will report back to the council on any actions taken in response to council recommendations.

The council welcomes and will respond to requests for advice on actions affecting the watershed that are proposed by local, state and federal agencies; organizations; or interests.

Council partners will keep their respective agencies, organizations and interests informed about the work of the council and will bring their concerns to the council.

Goals and Objectives

- Improve communication among affected private individuals, interested citizens and representatives of local, state and federal agencies;
- Establish a framework for coordination, cooperation, and citizen involvement;
- Provide a forum for resolving problems and conflicts related to the council's mission when all parties to the problem or conflict agree to refer the matter to the council;
- Develop an integrated, comprehensive watershed management program which includes an action plan, to achieve and maintain watershed health;
- Provide ongoing program evaluation during implementation; and
- Promote ongoing monitoring of the health of the McKenzie River Watershed.

Specific Tasks/Responsibilities

- Approve a public involvement program to ensure an appropriate level of citizen participation in the council's work;
- Determine the current condition and uses of the watershed;
- Identify the desired condition and uses of the watershed;
- Prepare a proposed watershed action program, including recommended policies and actions, to achieve and maintain the desired condition;
- Monitor implementation of the watershed action program;
- Help resolve issues among diverse interests in the watershed;
- Seek funding to support program development and implementation, including funding from agencies represented on the council;
- Address the needs and concerns of the respective agencies, organizations and interests represented on the council; and
- Adopt and implement a work program, monitor work program progress and budget, and give direction to project staff.

Cooperative Partners

The McKenzie Watershed Council shall at all times include representatives from the following interests: local government, water utility, McKenzie Valley residents, resource users (e.g., agriculture, private timber) industrial forest land manager, major water consumers, environmental, state government, and federal government. A majority of partners shall be local citizens, including local officials. The charter council partners include:

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>	<u>Position</u>
Local government	Lane County	Commissioner
Local government	City of Eugene	City Councilor
Local government	City of Springfield	City Councilor
Water utility	Eugene Water & Electric Board	Commissioner
McKenzie Valley residents	McKenzie Residents Assn.	Assn. member
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McKenzie Valley residents	Mohawk Community Council	Council member
Industrial Forest Land Mgr.	Weyerhaeuser Company	Land Use Manager
Resource users	E. Lane Soil & Water Conserv. Dist.	Board member
Resource users	Rural Resources Develop. Comm.	Committee Co-Chair
Major water consumers	Agripac Cooperative	Plant manager
Environmental	McKenzie Fisheries Restoration Fund	Board member
Environmental	Pacific Rivers Council	Admin. Director
State government	Water Resources Department	Div. Administrator
State government	Division of State Lands	Asst. Director
Federal government	USDOI-Bureau of Land Management	Area Manager
Federal government	USDA-USFS, Willamette National Forest	Forest Supervisor
Federal government	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Region Project Mgr.

The partners shall serve at the pleasure of their respective agencies and organizations. Partners may designate an alternate that will participate on the council in the partner's absence.

The council will act to replace partners who resign or are unable to continue serving on the council. The council will strive to maintain continuity and the balance of interests by giving preference to representation from the same agencies and organizations at a similar or higher level position. The council will request the agency or organization to nominate a replacement representative. If the agency or organization is unable or unwilling to do so, the council will seek representation from another agency or organization of the same community of interest.

The council may add agencies, organizations or interests as council partners upon nomination by an existing partner and approval by the council.

Organization and Procedures

The council will use a consensus decision-making process.

The council will select a chair or co-chairs to serve as spokesperson(s), advise project manager on council agendas, call and manage council meetings, enforce ground rules, and perform other tasks assigned by the council. The council may select other officers as needed.

The council may form subcommittees of its own partners and task groups that include individuals not on the council to perform certain functions or focus on specific issues. The council also will identify technical advisors who can provide technical data and assistance and call on these experts as needed.

Lane Council of Governments will provide staffing and project management and coordination. In addition, partner agencies, organizations and interests may provide staff assistance when requested by LCOG or the council.

A Coordination Team, consisting of representatives of partner agencies, will assist the project manager in obtaining information and technical assistance and carrying out tasks assigned by the watershed council.

Funding for the first phase of the project is provided through a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Amendments

The council may propose amendments to this charter at any time as needed. The council will refer proposed amendments to the represented agencies, organizations and interests for approval. Amendments will become effective after all represented groups indicate their approval.

Approvals

Lane County / Date

City of Eugene / Date

City of Springfield / Date

Eugene Water & Electric Board / Date

McKenzie Residents Assn. / Date

Mohawk Community Council / Date

Weyerhaeuser Company / Date

Bureau of Land Management / Date

USFS, Willamette Nat'l Forest / Date

E. Lane Soil & Water Conserv. Dist. / Date

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Date

Water Resources Department / Date

Division of State Lands / Date

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