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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY OREGON

ORDER No.

99-8-24-2

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING A GRANT REQUEST FOR \$87,000 FROM THE OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD TO HIRE A COORDINATOR TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF A COUNTY-RECOGNIZED WATERSHED COUNCIL ON THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER AND PROVIDE COORDINATION SERVICES FOR INCREASED PUBLIC OUTREACH AND WATERSHED ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of watershed health to the future economic and livability of Lane County for generations to come, and

WHEREAS, budgetary constraints limit Lane County government's ability to provide coordination services to citizens of the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed who are eager to charter a watershed council in that region, and

WHEREAS, stakeholders in the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed have been holding meetings to discuss watershed issues of importance without benefit of a coordinator since early 1997, and

WHEREAS, there is broad based support in the watershed to hire a person to coordinate efforts of stakeholders in organizational development to guide the water quality restoration and resource use and enhancement efforts of citizens and agencies in the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed, and

WHEREAS, there is grant money available from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to further watershed council organizational efforts by funding requests for staff, and

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WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge has agreed to function as the administrative entity that manages any grant funds received for watershed council work in the Middle Fork Willamette River basin and will maintain payroll and insurance records in addition to dispersing funds as established in an adopted budget, and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of watershed health to the future economic and livability of Lane County for generations to come, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that the Board of Commissioners supports this grant request for \$87,000 from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to hire a coordinator to assist in the formation of a county-recognized watershed council on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River and provide coordination services for increased public outreach and watershed assessment activities.

Dated this 24th day of August 1999.



Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

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