



# Water Project Grants and Loans



## Addendum to Agenda Item G: Additional Written Comments Received After September 26, 2019

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### Document Description

The Department received the following additional public comments submitted directly to the Water Resources Commission regarding the 2019 funding cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. The public comments on the applications were submitted after the September 26, 2019 public comment period was closed.

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October 25, 2019

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**TECHNICAL REVIEW TEAM COMMENT; WATER PROJECTS GRANTS AND LOANS – 2019 FUNDING CYCLE  
CITY OF PRINEVILLE AIRPORT AREA ASR PROJECT; PRINEVILLE, OREGON**

Dear Ms. Williams and Technical Review Team:

This comment letter has been prepared to provide comments to the Technical Review Team (TRT) recommendations to not fund the City of Prineville Airport Area ASR Project for the 2019 Funding Cycle of the Water Projects Grants and Loans Program (Program). The City provided a detailed environmental benefit analysis that included the City leasing instream over 5,000 acre-feet of water annually to be released from Prineville Reservoir benefitting flows in the Crooked River from Prineville Reservoir to the confluence with the Deschutes River-further, flow benefits continue downstream into the Deschutes River, confluence of the Deschutes River and the Columbia River and to the mouth of the Columbia River annually. These environmental benefits are to be managed by the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and any other interested agencies that may reflect a benefit of timed releases of stored water into the Crooked River to augment flow seasonally or year-round. Further, the injection of water to the Prineville Airport area aquifer has further benefits of augmenting groundwater development from this aquifer over time.

Based on the pre-application meeting with City personnel and Ms. Williams of the OWRD on April 11, 2019, OWRD personnel noted that up to a range of \$3.0 to \$3.5 million was likely available for the 2019 Funding Cycle of the Program. Based on a review of the TRT funding recommendations and the accumulation of 2019 grant awards funds totaling \$2,471,120, that leaves a value of \$502,880 to \$1,028,880 in excess Program funds that could be available to fund additional grant projects.

The City has considered the potential available Program grant funds of \$502,880 to \$1,028,880 and would like to recommend that the TRT could revise the award recommendations of the 2019 Program to include award of the remaining 2019 Program funds available. Considering the potential for the City to review funds in this range of \$502,880 to \$1,028,880, this amount could aide the City in reaching its goal of not imposing significant additional fees to City residents to cover the costs of installation of the City's Dedicated ASR Well #1 proposed for construction in 2020.

If you have questions regarding the City's request to receive a reduced Program funds from the 2019 Funding Cycle, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I can be reached at 541-447-2357, or by email at [eklann@cityofprineville.com](mailto:eklann@cityofprineville.com).

Sincerely,

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September 24, 2019

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RE: Public Comments – Mosier Deep Water Supply Well

I am writing on behalf of Mosier Fruit Growers Association to voice our support for funding of the Oregon Water Resources Department grant application for completion of the Mosier Deep Water Supply Well, proposed for construction at Root Orchards.

The farmers of Mosier Valley all have a vested interest in the availability of a reliable and sustainable water supply to ensure the health of the Mosier Watershed. Since our formation in 1907, the Mosier Fruit Growers Association, has been working to ensure the agricultural success of our members and the successful continuation of our community. The long-standing problem Mosier faces with its declining groundwater levels is a serious issue for our families, our family farms, our local economy and our surrounding community. The availability of a reliable and sustainable water supply for all of Mosier is a critical piece to our survival. The proposed Mosier Deep Water Supply is a significant and critical piece in our tool box as we move forward.

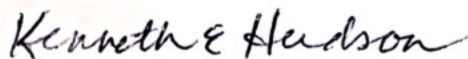
Mosier Fruit Growers Association over the past 111 hundred years has been an important part of the local economy and the Mosier community. Agriculture plays an important part in Mosier and the surrounding environs economy. We are a part of the many orchards, vineyards, farms and other agricultural enterprises employing hundreds of seasonal, part time and full-time workers and bringing in thousands of folks to the Mosier area during harvest for local u-pick operations, cherry stand sales and more recently tasting rooms for our local cider and wine makers. These activities are vital to our local economy.

Mosier continues to grow; we have increased new residential construction, many drawn to our area for our quality of life and recreational opportunities. Tourism is increasingly important to our local businesses and growth of new businesses. A long-term reliable water supply is a critical part of the successful future of our farmers, our families, our community.

We support and urge you to fund this project to allow the completion of Mosier's Deep Water Supply Well program. Root Orchards and the contractor are ready to mobilize.

For the sake of our Mosier community and our entire region, and the health of the Mosier Watershed, the Mosier Fruit Growers Association members strongly urge you to approve and fund this grant proposal.

Sincerely,



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