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Subject: FCBWD
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Regarding next week's OWRD meeting, I'd like to submit a question about the study grant from the FCBWD for its' Aquifer Storage and Recovery project and Well #2.

Since Well #1, drilled early 2019, appears to be a confined aquifer with good flow and great water quality, why would the community of Falcon Cove/Cove Beach need to pursue studying the feasibility of finding and developing another contained aquifer for water storage and obtaining good, clean water until we have fully explored the potential of what seems to be a very viable and promising existing resource?

Why obtain a grant that is 50/50% with half having to be paid back by the water users if the resource isn't needed as there is already a good resource available? There is no guarantee that the study would produce anything as promising as what the community already has in Well #1.

My data about Well#1, its' confined nature, the flows, and the quality are all from Curran-McCleod, The FCBWD's engineering consultants.

From: [Guido Paparoni](#)
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Subject: June 24th OWR commission meeting public comment - Updated Public Comment in support for not recommending the Feasibility Study Grant "Falcon Cove Beach Water District ASR Study / Falcon Cove Beach Water District"
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:57:20 AM

To whom it may concern,

Following my previous April 27th public comment regarding the Falcon Cove Beach Water District (FCBWD) feasibility grant for an ASR study, I wanted to provide some updates:

- On June 6 2020, the FCBWD Board voted to let the moratorium on new water connections expire at the end of the month. I wanted to thank the OWRD and OHA personnel for working with the Falcon Cove Beach community to catalyze the use of 15,000 gal/day from Well #1 as an exempt group domestic use, while the water permit application for a larger volume is in process. Your open engagement with the community resulted in the FCBWD Board lifting the moratorium a year after this clause was first pointed out by OHA in June of 2019.

- Well #1 is now effectively the back-up source for the North and South Springs, and will also serve to further develop our community. It has the potential to equal or exceed the output of the North Spring, our main water source.

- Regarding the ASR study grant, **I would like to reiterate that the study is not needed at this point.** The District should make full use of Well #1 before requesting additional funds. Note that the District recently approved a budget that reflects \$30,000 for such a study, and envisions applying for funding again if the current grant is not approved. I would like to reiterate that the property identified for the drilling of Well #2 (an integral part of the ASR project) is not currently available, including the fact that it holds a conservation area for wetlands for the Cove Creek community. These wetlands were identified as early as 1996 by a geological study conducted by Horning Geosciences, and subsequently listed in the Wetlands Inventory for Clatsop County. Therefore, an ASR project would not only adversely affect such wetlands, but also complicate the development of lots in the area (e.g. placement of septic systems, etc).

- I would also like to use this opportunity for public comment to point out that the FCBWD is currently in the process of developing a Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) for our community. During the moratorium process, the District stated that the WMCP may be used to argue with the County on the number of buildable lots in our community. The District has stated a range of about 140 to 220 buildable lots. If the study argues for the lower end of the range, this would have an enormous negative economic impact for our community. I urge

OWRD to carefully assess the upcoming WMCP study, and to also request that all raw data that has been collected by the District is released free of charge prior to the public comment period for the study. These data sources should include not only all available years, but also the highest frequency data available (i.e. daily if possible). Data should include North and South Spring recorded production, water meter consumption data, water use report based on water right, storage tank levels for all three tanks in the district, estimates for volumes used in water hydrant testing, list and volume of significant leak events experienced by the District, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Guido Paparoni,
Cove Beach Property Owner



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Via EMAIL

Oregon Water Resources Commission

OWRD Director Tom Byler

RE: Feasibility Study Grants: Funding Recommendations, agenda Item F.

Dear Commission and Director Byler:

The City of Umatilla appreciates the work and the recommendation of the grant selection committee and we are excited to have their support to award the City of Umatilla grant request. We sincerely hope you accept their recommendation and award the city's grant application. We resubmitted our application this year, making the changes recommended by staff and including the deficiencies pointed out last year.

We very much appreciate the support of your staff. They were very helpful in explaining the requirements and were very supportive of our efforts. In particular, we would like to thank Rebecca Williams, Grants Program Manager, and Kim Ogren Water Policy Manager, for their assistance in defining the deficiencies in our previous application. Additionally, and related to this application, we would like to thank Kerri Cope, Water Management and Conservation Analyst, for her work on the city's Water Management & Conservation Plan. Ms. Cope's timely and thorough review of our WMCP help to make this application possible. Together, your staff demonstrates professionalism and commitment and we thank them very much.

We understand this is a large request. As such, we worked with a team of experts to define the tasks and connect the work to anticipated and significant conservation opportunities in the Critical Groundwater Area, which we believe will be valuable for the city as well as the CGWA.

If successful, the test wells will provide a clear path forward to increased water conservation in the city. Industrial customers in particular will reduce their consumption by over 50% given the cleaner and less mineral rich water source is available. As noted in the staff report, city will continue to explore other methods for meeting city's water needs. Additionally, since the time of the application, city has enhanced its process for quantifying conservation metrics.

Again, on behalf of the city, thank you for your commitment and support. We would be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Coleman,
Public Works Director

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Consultant for City