

**CITY OF SILETZ
RESOLUTION 736-24**

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF SILETZ'S COMMITMENT TO JOIN WITH LINCOLN COUNTY CITIES AND WATER DISTRICTS TO CREATE A 50-YEAR COUNTY-WIDE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN THAT INCORPORATES LOCAL AND REGIONAL INTEGRATED PLANS TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM WATER SECURITY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND SIGNIFICANT PROTECTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE (LCWSA).

WHEREAS, in Oregon's Mid-Coast Planning Partnership Water Action Plan, the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) has identified the need to create a feasible 50-year county-wide water supply plan that incorporates regionally integrated plans to improve water system resiliency and water supply development in the face of natural and human-caused disasters; and,

WHEREAS, Oregon's Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Water Action Plan names the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA) as a leader in the development of the 50-year County-wide plan, the identification of additional sources of available water, and the prioritization of project funding throughout the region; and,

WHEREAS, the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) is positioned to support the LCWSA through enhanced coordination with state and federal entities regarding regulations, permits, and funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA) is being created in order to establish a regional water system that will provide long-term water security for our entire county; and,

WHEREAS, the success of the LCWSA will require the participation of incorporated Lincoln County cities, major water districts, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the County of Lincoln County, and the involvement of conservation and water organizations; and,

WHEREAS, water suppliers will have a strengthened ability to address water issues, increase resiliency, and develop water sources through pooled resources; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the LCWSA is urgent, as city, water district, and industrial water systems in Lincoln County are already experiencing water shortages and limits during the dry summer months; and,

WHEREAS, climate change projections indicate that the water shortages will increase dramatically; and,

WHEREAS, projected population growth will increase the demand for water resources, as the supply is decreasing, rendering our current systems untenable; and,

WHEREAS, county-wide water systems must prepare for earthquake and tsunami resilience; and,

WHEREAS, countywide water systems must meet new federal and state stream flow regulations for endangered fish species and stream ecology; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County cities and water suppliers, as separate entities, have struggled to adequately fund the development and maintenance of the available local water resources; and,

WHEREAS, infrastructure deterioration and replacement costs are beyond the means of local taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, applications for state and federal permits and major infrastructure funding will be *strengthened* when they demonstrate the benefits to and support of the entire region; and,

WHEREAS, the overall mission of the LCWSA is to review options, develop a 50-year plan, secure funding, and establish regional water supply and distribution systems that will provide long-term water security throughout Lincoln County, while achieving significant protections for our rivers, streams, and watersheds; and,

WHEREAS, the development and realization of this plan will be enhanced through a proposed partnership with Oregon State University; and,

WHEREAS, all LCWSA members should provide their active and proposed plans for local and regional water sources, storage, production, and distribution for inclusion in the OSU study; and,

WHEREAS, all LCWSA members should become well informed on the options available, and have input into the 50-Year Plan to assure that their organization will benefit; and,

WHEREAS, the LCWSA will determine which water projects will be included in the 50-Year Lincoln County Regional Water System Plan through a majority vote of the members, after a review of the OSU study, review of additional information, and consideration of the needs of all members; and,

WHEREAS, each member city and water district will maintain their right to determine and independently proceed with water projects they have identified as essential, independent of inclusion in the final 50-Year Plan; and,

WHEREAS, each member city and water district may choose to remove a water project that is within their service area from the Plan, but should accommodate Plan distribution systems to other cities or water districts; and,

WHEREAS, the LCWSA will assist the cities and water districts in securing funding for and implementation of the approved 50-Year Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Siletz in a regular session, does hereby find, declare and resolve that:


1. The City of Siletz commits to the mission and conditions above and will become a member of the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA).
2. The City of Siletz will appoint a staff member or elected official to actively participate in the pursuits of the LCWSA and to serve as the communication link between the City of Siletz and the LCWSA.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Siletz City Council.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Siletz this 23rd day of September 2024.



Mayor Will Worman

ATTEST:


City Recorder