

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF OREGON CITY'S DESIRE TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE AND WATER SUPPLIED BY SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD TO CURRENT AND FUTURE CITIZENS OF OREGON CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City owns and operates a water distribution system in order to provide water to the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City, together with the City of West Linn, created the South Fork Water Board ("South Fork"), which serves as the primary water supply for both cities; and

WHEREAS, South Fork has historically been the only water supply south of the Clackamas River and has the oldest water rights on the lower Clackamas River; and

WHEREAS, the Clackamas River Water District has expanded its system to provide water from its Clackamas River Water Treatment Plant to areas south of the Clackamas River; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Administrative Rules 660-011 requires a city to develop and adopt a public facilities plan for areas within the urban growth boundary, to provide types and levels of urban facilities and services appropriate for the needs and requirements of the urban areas to be served; and

WHEREAS, Policy 11.3.21 of the Oregon City Comprehensive Plan requires the City to "plan, operate and maintain the water distribution system for all current and anticipated city residents"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City has adopted a 2012 Water Distribution Plan that includes plans for City service to residents within the urban growth boundary where feasible; and

WHEREAS, a Joint Engineering Study (Study) was completed in 2018 with Clackamas River Water and City of Oregon City and identified a joint engineering option for providing water service to the Beaver Creek Area (Beaver Creek Road (Thimble Creek) Concept Area), with jointly owned and operated infrastructure, thereby reducing City costs for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City desires to provide its citizens quality, reliable water service now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City believes it can provide the most reliable water service through City-owned and operated infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Commission's policy is to plan for city water service to all current and future citizens of Oregon City, where feasible.

Section 2. The Commission desires to plan for and provide water supplied by South Fork Water Board or other City-owned water supply sources, as its primary source of water for its water distribution system.

Section 3. The City hereby directs staff to proceed with amendment of the 2012 Water Distribution Plan, inclusive of the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan that reflects planned City service to current and future citizens of Oregon City, including the Beavercreek Road (Thimble Creek) Concept Plan area with City-owned and operated facilities, and not pursue the joint engineering option identified in the Study.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 3rd day of June 2020.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 3rd day of June 2020:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney