



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Category: Prior Approved Resolution

Item No:

Meeting Date: 06/30/2020

Originating Department: BOCC

Issue: In the matter of approving a resolution regarding the Swan Lake North Hydro LLC Pumped Hydro Project Strategic Investment Program.

Background: Enacted by the 1993 Legislature, the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) allows local governments to negotiate agreements for up to 15 years of property tax relief for key industry companies to attract and retain long term investment and employment. Swan Lake North Hydro LLC proposes to build a pumped hydro energy storage project in Klamath County. Attached resolution is a request of the Oregon Business Development Commission to determine that the Swan Lake Project shall be exempt from property taxation under ORS 307.123.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended Motion: Resolution was approved and executed in a public meeting on June 17, 2020

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON**

**IN THE MATTER OF SWAN LAKE)
NORTH HYDRO, LLC PUMPED-)
HYDRO PROJECT STRATEGIC)
INVESTMENT PROGRAM)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-026

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly has declared that a significant purpose of the Strategic Investment Program (the "SIP"), ORS 307.123 and ORS 286-600-285.620, is to improve employment in areas where eligible projects are to be located by encouraging business firms that will benefit from an eligible project to hire employees from the region in which the project is to be located whenever practicable; and

WHEREAS, the SIP encourages local governments to enter into agreements with key industries to attract and retain long term investment and employment; and

WHEREAS, Swan Lake North Hydro, LLC ("Swan Lake") proposes to build a pumped hydro energy storage project in Klamath County (the "Swan Lake Project"); and

WHEREAS, Swan Lake and Klamath County have negotiated the terms of a mutually agreeable SIP agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Business Development Commission is charged by law with determining eligibility and confirming the description of the proposed project and the property constituting it for purposes of assessment and ad valorem taxation ("SIP exemption") as provided in ORS 307.123; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: The Klamath County Commissioners approve the execution of the SIP agreement for the Swan Lake Project; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED: The Klamath County Commissioners request that the Oregon Business Development Commission determine that the Swan Lake Project shall be exempt from property taxation under ORS 307.123; and


IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED: Klamath County shall assist Swan Lake in submitting certified copies of this resolution and other evidence of Klamath County's fulfillment of the provisions under ORS 285C.609 to Business Oregon.

DATED this 17th day of June, 2020.

KLAMATH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Abstain)
Chair


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Counsel