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Klamath County Commissioners  
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Commissioners:  
Chairwoman Minty;  
Vice-Chairman DeGroot,  
Commissioner Henslee

02/24/2023

On behalf of the Chiloquin City Council, I would like to take this opportunity to request your support in their pursuit of the 2024 Congressional Directed Spending appropriation in the amount of \$4,340,000.00 to additionally fund Chiloquin's New Wastewater Treatment Facility Project.

The City of Chiloquin currently has a conventional gravity wastewater collection system that is over 40 years old. The City was issued a Notice of Noncompliance and, to address the compliance matter, the City was issued a Mutual Agreement and Order on February 15, 2007.

Construction of a new Lagoon, Treatment, Storage and Effluent Reuse Facility has been selected as the replacement facility and will consist of a screening facility, pump station, lagoon facility, irrigation pump, solid set irrigation, and an irrigation field.

Recently, the City of Chiloquin purchased a tract of land, outside the City limits, for the purpose of constructing a sewer treatment facility (as well as an additional City water well.) The proposed lagoon treatment plant was identified as the lowest Operations & Management cost of three different alternatives analyzed in the City's Wastewater Facility Plan.

The construction project is budgeted at \$5,856,756 and will eliminate wastewater discharges from the city into the Williamson River. The Williamson River and downstream Upper Klamath Lake are 303D listed TMDL impaired water bodies. These water bodies are home to Lost River and Short-nose Suckers of which are culturally significant to the Klamath Tribes. In addition, The Williamson River is a world-class fly-fishing destination, and affords recreational activities such as swimming, tubing, bird watching and kayaking.

In conclusion, the Chiloquin City Council would like to, respectfully, request a letter in support of their efforts as they seek external funding to help support Chiloquin's New Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. I have taken the liberty to include a draft support letter for your use and convenience, if you would like.

Sincerely,

Teresa R. Foreman  
City Recorder for the City of Chiloquin



## Board of Commissioners

David Henslee, Commissioner  
Position One

Kelley Minty, Commissioner  
Position Two

Derrick DeGroot, Commissioner  
Position Three

February 28, 2023

RE: Chiloquin's 2024 Congressional Directed Spending Request

We would like to take this opportunity to express support for the City of Chiloquin's pursuit of the 2024 Congressional Directed Spending appropriation, in the amount of \$4,340,000.00, to additionally fund Chiloquin's New Wastewater Treatment Facility Project.

Currently, over 40 year old Wastewater treatment plant discharges treated wastewater into the Williamson River. With the construction of a new Lagoon, Treatment, Storage and Effluent Reuse Facility this discharge into the river would stop.

The Williamson River and downstream Upper Klamath Lake are 303D listed TMDL impaired water bodies. These water bodies are home to Lost River and Short-nose Suckers of which are culturally significant to the Klamath Tribes.

In addition, the Williamson River affords recreational activities such as swimming, tubing, bird watching and kayaking. The Williamson River is a world-class fly-fishing destination.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of the City of Chiloquin as they seek external funding to support any funding designed to enhance the cleanliness of our river as well as the health and wellbeing of our Community and residents thereof.

Sincerely,

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David A. Henslee  
Commissioner

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Kelley Minty  
Vice Chair

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Derrick DeGroot  
Chair