



June 22, 2017

Umatilla County Board of Commissioners  
Umatilla County Courthouse  
216 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pendleton, OR 97801

Dear Umatilla County Board of Commissioners:

The Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council (WWBWC) is a non-profit organization formed in 1994 and overseen by a diverse board that reaches agreement on solving local natural resource issues. The WWBWC has greatly appreciated Umatilla County funding support for implementing projects in the Milton-Freewater area this past year. The Watershed Council has used last year's \$10,000 to leverage \$1,370,660 dollars from BPA, state, Federal, and Foundation sources to complete projects that are solving water problems and reducing the risk of Endangered Species Act enforcement on local landowners and businesses. These funding sources often require a local match, making the Umatilla County funds a necessity for our ability to assist the community. Whenever possible, we use contractors from this area and local equipment suppliers.

Projects completed this year have included the following:

- White Ditch irrigation canal piping water efficiency project
- Roloff on farm water storage project
- Two new shallow aquifer recharge sites built, Locust Road and Triangle Road
- Completed designs for a half mile long fish habitat project, Joe West Bridge area
- Ongoing water level monitoring of the river, creeks, and groundwater
- Leading a Walla Walla Valley Bi-State Stream Flow Study
- Science education field trips and project tours for the community

We would like to request \$10,000 from the County this year so that we can continue to assist northeast Umatilla County with locally acceptable water management solutions.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you have any questions or have ideas on how we can better serve the residents of Umatilla County.

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