

() Discussion only

(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Letter of Support

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| <p>Background:</p> <p>The Umatilla School District is seeking letters of support for its Columbia Vista Intermediate solar project. A letter of support has been drafted.</p> | <p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Review and approve letter and authorize Chair to sign</p> |
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ATTACHMENTS : Proposed Letter

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Checkoffs:

() Dept. Heard (copy)
() Human Resources (copy)
(X) Legal (copy)
() (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: August 13, 2025

Action taken:

Follow-up:

Board of Commissioners



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August 13, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express our support for the Columbia Vista Intermediate School Microgrid Project for the Umatilla School District. The Board recognizes the importance of resilient, sustainable, and forward-thinking energy infrastructure that enhances reliability and prepares our region for future energy challenges.

The proposed Umatilla Microgrid will deliver numerous benefits to the community and our county, including enhanced energy resilience during outages, integration of renewable energy resources, and the ability to support critical infrastructure that serves the region. In addition, the solar project aligns with Oregon's broader clean energy goals and demonstrates leadership in addressing the climate-related vulnerabilities facing rural and Tribal communities.

We support the continued planning, development, and implementation of the Umatilla Microgrid and look forward to exploring how this project can serve as a model for other communities in our county.

We thank you for considering the Umatilla Microgrid Project for funding and encourage your full support of this impactful initiative.

Sincerely,

Celinda A. Timmons
Chair, Board of Commissioners

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