



Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area

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OR Department of Agriculture
OR Department of Human Services

Benton County
Linn County
Lane County
City of Coburg

OR Water Resources Department
City of Harrisburg
City of Junction City

OR Dept of Land Conservation and Development
Public Water System Operators
Long Tom Watershed Council
City of Monroe

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Eugene Water and Electric Board
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Oregon Association of Water Utilities
OR Department of Environmental Quality
Lane Council of Governments

Mayor Judy Volta
City of Coburg
P.O. Box 8316
Coburg, OR 97408

Dear Mayor Volta,

We are writing to express support as the City of Coburg seeks funding to construct a public wastewater system. The Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area Committee understands the urgency of this project to protect public health and fully supports the effort. As the population of the Southern Willamette Valley continues to grow, it is imperative that these citizens have their basic needs met and their health safeguarded.

The Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area Committee has been established to address groundwater contamination in the aquifers supplying drinking water to a large portion of the population in the Southern Willamette Valley. Groundwater monitoring has shown nitrate levels above 10 milligrams per liter, a level that the Safe Drinking Water Act declares as one that “may not be suitable for human consumption.”

The Committee, brought together by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, is representative of the diverse interests in the region. It was convened with the purpose of creating an Action Plan that will protect groundwater resources and public health.

Progress towards implementing public wastewater treatment is vital to protecting not only the health of Coburg’s citizens, but also the health of the entire region. The Committee looks forward to working with the City of Coburg on this cause and helping to raise awareness of groundwater issues in the region. We appreciate your acknowledgement of how important it is to maintain clean water resources for the citizens of Oregon, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Tim Bunnell, Chair
Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area Committee