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## OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

### Resolution Adopting the State's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

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hereas, although Oregon has a reputation as a wet state, it still faces challenges meeting its water quantity, water quality and ecosystem needs;

Whereas, these challenges will only increase in the future with projected changes in population, climate conditions, and land use;

Whereas, the Oregon Water Resources Commission took an early leadership role, calling for a statewide water strategy, crafting early drafts, providing suggestions on process and content, and keeping the issue at the forefront of every Commission meeting since 2007;

Whereas, the public process used to identify Oregon's critical water issues and potential solutions was inclusive, open, and transparent, with eleven open houses, multiple government-to-government meetings, dozens of stakeholder workshops, seven rounds of public comment, and continual opportunities for online, written and verbal input;

Whereas, the Project Team included the four state agencies responsible for the development of the Strategy—the Water Resources Department, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Agriculture;

Whereas, the development process depended greatly upon a Policy Advisory Group, comprised of 18 citizen members from across the state, representing diverse perspectives in the field of water;

Whereas, the development process benefitted from a State Agency Advisory Group and a Federal Liaison Group, comprised of 28 natural resource and economic development agency partners;

Whereas, the following boards, commissions, and agencies have provided letters in support of the Strategy and the importance of its role in Oregon's water future—the Board of Agriculture, Board of Forestry, Board of Geology, Drinking Water Advisory Committee of the Oregon Health Authority, Environmental Quality Commission, Fish and Wildlife Commission, Land Conservation and Development Commission, Parks and Recreation, State Marine Board, Sustainability Board, Watershed Enhancement Board, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Energy's Bonneville Power Administration, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Forest Service;

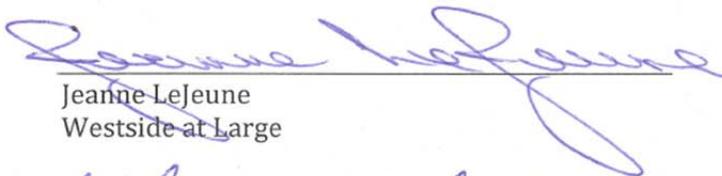
Whereas, Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy includes Recommended Actions in thirteen water-related issue areas, designed to help the state understand and meet its instream and out-of-stream water needs;

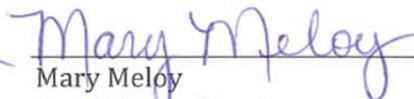
Whereas, Oregon's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy has been completed on time, within budget, and according to the parameters set forth in ORS 536.220; Now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, we the undersigned members of Oregon's Water Resources Commission do hereby adopt Oregon's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy on this second day of August, 2012.

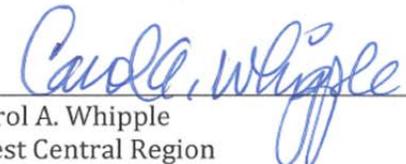
  
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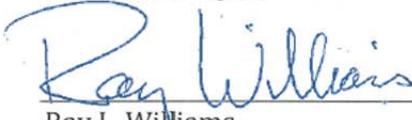
  
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