

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Resolution)	
Authorizing the Continuation)	RESOLUTION NO. 48-2012
of the Special Advocacy Fund)	

WHEREAS, the County has a statutory right to share in annual receipts from the O&C lands; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the County to participate in legislative and administrative activities affecting management of the O&C lands and revenues received on account of those lands, in order to protect, preserve, and enhance the County's interests; and

WHEREAS, the County is a member of the Association of Oregon and California Land Grant Counties (the "Association") and the Association, on behalf of its member counties, engages in activities affecting the management of O&C lands and O&C related revenues in order to protect, preserve, and enhance the interests of the Association's members; and

WHEREAS, members of the Association entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2009 to create a "Special Advocacy Fund," to carry out activities in furtherance of the County's interests, and provide continued funding for the Association's efforts to protect the County's interests in the O&C lands and O&C related revenues through November 1, 2012, when the Special Advocacy Fund terminates and the remaining balances on deposit returned to the counties; and

WHEREAS, the Association's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to request all counties with balances in the Special Advocacy Fund to approve continuation of the Fund, and to leave their balances on deposit in the Fund for the purpose of funding the Association's advocacy for federal legislation that provides payments to counties and associated land management solutions that restore revenue sharing from productive activity on the O&C lands; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to maintain its balance in the Special Advocacy Fund on and after November 1, 2012, for the purpose of funding the services of the Association and its forestry and economics consultants, including advocating for legislation that provides payments to counties and associated management solutions when direct payments are no longer a viable option; and

WHEREAS, the County will make its balance in the Fund available for the purposes stated, along with all other counties who elect to maintain their balances in the Fund, upon the approval of withdrawals in budgets submitted to and approved by the Association's membership at the Association's annual meetings or approved at special meetings of the membership convened pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the Association's Bylaws;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. Columbia County hereby approves a leaving the County's balance in the Special Advocacy Fund on and after November 1, 2012.
2. Withdrawals from the County's balance in the Special Advocacy Fund for use in supporting advocacy by the Association shall be only as part of budgets approved by vote of the Association's membership at the Association's annual meetings or approved at special meetings of the membership convened pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the Association's Bylaws.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: 
Henry Helmüller, Commissioner