

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Columbia County's)
Support for the Citizens of Klamath) RESOLUTION NO. 73-01
County)

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has adopted by vision, policy and law a priority for "Liveable Communities" and preservation of rural lands for food production; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Klamath County, the Klamath County government, and the communities of Klamath County have expended great effort to advance the economic and social vitality of the County; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of rural Klamath County homesteaded lands at the invitation of and commitment by the federal government to grant the land and provide the source of water vital to the pursuit of agriculture enterprise; and

WHEREAS, these citizens have invested their talents, energy, and fortunes in agriculture enterprise which has fulfilled for years the State's desire for beneficial use of rural lands for agriculture production; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture community contributes significantly to the economic vitality of Klamath County; and

WHEREAS, the livelihoods of these citizens, the vitality of their rural communities, the economic health of the County and the State's vision of itself are now threatened by action of the same federal government in a failed policy of pitting rural people against fish and offering no flexible solutions for sharing of resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Columbia County recognizes the deep hurt and anger of the people of Klamath County at this betrayal of commitment and trust by the federal government and the threat of such policies to all citizens and communities of Oregon, and calls upon the Governor of Oregon, the Legislature, and Oregon's congressional delegation to pursue a change in federal law which will restore flexibility to achieve a shared use of resources to the benefit of individuals, communities, and the environment; and

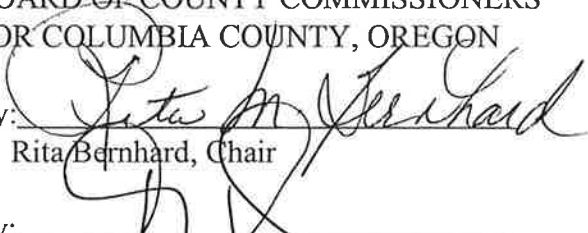
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Governor and State Legislature are encouraged to use this opportunity to carry out their commitment to their vision for Oregon by directing the State's energy and resources to both alleviating the immediate crisis for those citizens and

communities directly affected by the federal action and devising and implementing a long term solution in conjunction with the people and government of Klamath County.

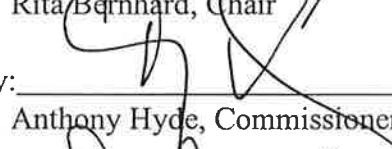
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 22nd day of August, 2001.

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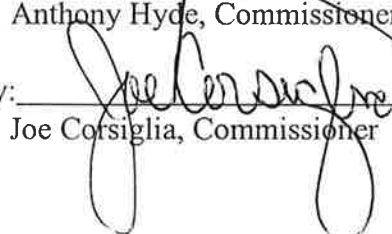
By: _____


Rita Bernhard, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner