

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 3949

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION WORK GROUP

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, the city issued notice of an Alert Stage 1 Water Curtailment in conjunction with the Lincoln County Commissioner’s declaration of a countywide drought. This was a water system advisory which informed the community of the situation and recommended voluntary water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Newport City Council adopted an Alert Stage 2 Water Curtailment restriction effective August 4, 2021. A Stage 2 Water Curtailment is issued when unplanned maintenance/repairs or construction activities occur that significantly affect the water treatment plant or storage and distribution system operations in a short-term manner; and

WHEREAS, the Siletz River, which is the main supply for the Big Creek Reservoir, and the City of Newport drinking water system has been experiencing declining flows, and the Siletz River flows continue to decline; and

WHEREAS, considering complexities inherent to this program, and community interest in its successful implementation, it is both appropriate and necessary to establish a work group to evaluate the program; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, the Newport City Council directed staff to prepare a resolution creating a Water Supply Management and Conservation Work Group.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Water Supply Management and Conservation Work Group Established.** There is hereby established a Water Supply Management and Conservation Work Group. The Work Group shall consist of an individual representing each of the following stakeholder groups:

Fish Plant Processing Industry (1)	Hydrologic and Service Water Industry (1)
Hospitality Industry (1)	Mid-coast Watersheds Council (1)
Brewery Industry (1)	Oregon Coast Community Forest Association (1)
Restaurant/Retail Industry (1)	Residential Customer (1)
Lincoln County SWCD (1)	

Section 2. **Work Group Responsibilities.** The Water Supply Management and Conservation Work Group shall have the following powers, duties, and functions:

- A. Collect and evaluate information, provide recommendations to city administration on water management and conservation strategies and technologies, watershed condition and production, potential water conservation policies and practices, and water supply infrastructure condition and capacity.

Section 3. **Administrative Support.** City staff shall perform administrative functions for the Water Supply Management and Conservation Work Group.

Section 4. Meeting Schedule and Duration. The Water Supply Management and Conservation Work Group shall begin meeting as soon as appointments are made and practicable. The dates and times of the meetings will be determined by a majority of the Work Group in consultation with city staff. The Work Group shall complete its work by December 31, 2023.

Section 5. Appointment. The City Manager, or designee, will identify interested individuals from each stakeholder group, and a list of the individuals representing the stakeholder groups, outlined in Section 1, shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to ratification of the City Council.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport on May 16, 2022.



Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erik S. Glover, Assistant City Manager/City Recorder

