

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 4040

**A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF NEWPORT'S
COMMITMENT TO JOIN WITH LINCOLN COUNTY CITIES AND WATER DISTRICTS
TO CREATE A 50-YEAR COUNTY-WIDE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM PLAN THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY WATER
SYSTEMS ALLIANCE (LCWSA)**

WHEREAS, in its Oregon's Mid-Coast Planning Partnership Water Action Plan, the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) has identified the need to create a feasible 50-year county-wide water supply plan that incorporates regionally integrated plans to improve water system resiliency and water supply development in the face of natural and human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon's Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Water Action Plan names the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA) as a leader in the development of the 50-year County-wide plan, the identification of additional sources of available water, and the prioritization of project funding throughout the region; and,

WHEREAS, the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) is positioned to support the LCWSA through enhanced coordination with state and federal entities regarding regulations, permits, and funding; and

WHEREAS, the success of the LCWSA will require the participation of incorporated Lincoln County cities, major water districts, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the County of Lincoln County, and the involvement of conservation and water organizations; and

WHEREAS, water suppliers will have a strengthened ability to address water issues, increase resiliency, and develop water sources through pooled resources; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the LCWSA is urgent, as city, water district, and industrial water systems in Lincoln County are already experiencing water shortages and limits during the dry summer months; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County cities and water suppliers, as separate entities, have struggled to adequately fund the development and maintenance of the available local water resources; and

WHEREAS, applications for state and federal permits and major infrastructure funding will be strengthened when they demonstrate the benefits to and support of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the overall mission of the LCWSA is to review options, develop a 50-year plan, secure funding, and establish regional water supply and distribution systems which will provide long-term water security throughout Lincoln County, while achieving significant protections for our rivers, streams, and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, all LCWSA members should provide their active and proposed plans for local and regional water sources, storage, production, and distribution for inclusion in the OSU study; and

WHEREAS, the LCWSA will determine which water projects will be included in the 50-Year Lincoln County Regional Water System Plan through a majority vote of the members, after review of the OSU study, review of additional information, and consideration of the needs of all members; and

WHEREAS, each member city and water district will maintain their right to determine and independently proceed with water projects they have identified as essential, independent of inclusion in the final 50-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, each member city and water district may choose to remove a water project which is within their service area from the Plan, but should accommodate Plan distribution systems to other cities or water districts; and

WHEREAS, the LCWSA will assist the cities and water districts in securing funding for and implementation of the approved 50-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 09, 2017, the City of Newport received a Planning Assistant to States (PAS) grant from the US Army Corps of Engineers for developing a Mid-Coast Basin Integrated Water Resources Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2018, the City of Newport received a grant from Meyer Memorial Trust for a local integrated water planning collaborative effort for the Mid-Coast region; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2018, the City of Newport received a grant from The Ford Family Foundation for Community-Based planning for Mid-Coast water partnership; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2019, the City of Newport entered into a contract for services with Blue Water GIS for Mid-Coast water planning partnership ESRI storymap to tell the story of the Mid-Coast Region's Place-Based Water Planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, on April 09, 2021, the City of Newport entered into an agreement with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to implement and operate the Mid-Coast water conservation consortium for year 1; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2022, the Newport City Council adopted Resolution No. 3949, establishing a Water Supply Management and Conservation Work Group

WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, the City of Newport entered into an agreement with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to implement and operate the Mid-Coast water conservation consortium for year 2 for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as well as addendum #1; and

WHEREAS on July 7, 2023, the City of Newport entered into an agreement with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to implement and operate the Mid-Coast water conservation consortium for year 3; and

WHEREAS on December 27, 2023, the City of Newport entered into an agreement with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. for consulting services related to producing a Safe Drinking Water Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2024, the City of Newport signed a professional services agreement with GSI Water Solutions, Inc for technical support to the Water Supply Work Group and Water Conservation Management Work Group.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Newport commits to the mission and conditions above, and will become a member of the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA).

Section 2. The City of Newport will appoint a staff member or elected official to actively participate in the pursuits of the LCWSA and to serve as the communication link between the City of Newport and the LCWSA.

Section 3. The City of Newport will help to support a portion of the costs of the LCWSA mission when proposed and agreed upon by the LCWSA membership, with the approval of their organizations.


Section 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately on adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on September 16, 2024, with the City of Newport's membership in the LCWSA subject to and conditioned upon approval of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA).



Jan Kaplan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erik Glover, Assistant City Manager/City Recorder