



October 17, 2024

BCC Agenda Date/Item: _____

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Board of County Commissioners
Sitting as the Board of Directors of
Water Environment Services

**Approval of a Board Order Delegating Signing Authority of Grant Applications, Grants,
Cooperative Agreements, and Amendments or Renewals
Up to \$150,000 to the District Administrator**

Previous Board Action/Review	Delegation of Grant Signing Authority for County matters, Board Order 2021-11, February 18, 2021 Briefed at Issues 10/15/2024		
Performance Clackamas	Build public trust through good government.		
Counsel Review	Initials: JM, AK	Procurement Review	N/A
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: In February 2021 the Board approved Board Order 2021-11 giving the County Administrator grant signing authority to resolve administrative burdens and create efficiencies. Board Order 2021-11 did not extend this authority to County service districts that operate as County Departments such as the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (“NCPRD”) and Water Environment Services (“WES”). The requested delegation extends this authority and aligns with current signature authority limits, delegates signing authority to the County Administrator for grants, and related agreements, up to \$150,000 and includes a reporting requirement to ensure that BCC is made fully aware of when the County Administrator has used this authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the WES Board approve the attached Board Order.

Respectfully submitted,


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

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Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners (“the Board”) is the governing body of Water Environment Services (“WES”), this matter coming before the Board at this time, and it appearing that the Board has authority to sign all grant applications, grants, cooperative agreements, and any amendments or renewals of the same; and

Whereas, the Clackamas County Administrator also serves as District Administrator for WES (“District Administrator”); and

Whereas, the Board believes it is necessary to delegate limited authority to the District Administrator to sign certain grant applications, grants, cooperative agreements, and any amendment or renewal of the same, to ensure the timely and efficient completion of WES business; and

Whereas, the Clackamas County Board previously delegated this signing authority to the County Administrator for all County Departments, but did not extend the authority for matters concerning WES;

NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing body of WES, do hereby order as follows:

The District Administrator is hereby delegated authority to sign grant applications, grants, and cooperative agreements with a value not to exceed a total of \$150,000 in the aggregate for any one fiscal year on behalf of WES.

2. The District Administrator is hereby delegated authority to sign grant and cooperative agreement amendments or renewals on behalf of WES, provided that the amendment or renewal does not exceed 10% of the original grant amount or \$150,000 for the entirety of the term of the grant, whichever is greater.

3. In the event an emergency exists such that a quorum of the WES Board cannot meet before action must be taken for the protection of the public and/or public goods, the District Administrator is hereby delegated authority to sign grant applications, grants, cooperative agreements, and any amendments or renewals of the same, for any amount provided that:

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- a. The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved the grant application, grant, cooperative agreement, or amendment or renewal of the same; and
- b. The District Administrator seeks approval and ratification by the WES Board at their next available business meeting following execution of the grant application, grant, cooperative agreement, or amendment or renewal of the same.

4. The District Administrator shall provide a full report to the WES Board at their next available meeting on the exercise of any signing authority provided under this limited delegation.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Water Environment Services

Chair

Recording Secretary