



Memorandum

March 4, 2024

Summary:

On February 29, 2024, Chair Smith and Commissioner Schrader met with several council and staff members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR). In that meeting, CTGR highlighted a current effort to request Congressionally Directed Spending this year, and the county offered to bring the issue forward to consider a letter of support.

A draft letter of support is attached, for the Board's consideration.

Recommendation:

PGA recommends approval of the letter of support.

Staff:

Tonia Holowetzki, Interim Director of PGA

Trent Wilson, Interim Government Relations Manager

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March 05, 2024

The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer
1722 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Chavez-DeRemer:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners, we are proud to support the request by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) to pursue Congressionally Directed Spending to advance Phase II of the rehabilitation at Tumwata Village.

Clackamas County is supportive of the revitalization of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site in downtown Oregon City and increased public access to one of Oregon's most hidden treasures – Willamette Falls. Since CTGR purchased the property in 2019, their development team has begun master planning and environmental restoration activities after over 100 years of industrial use.

If approved, the federal funding would allow CTGR to proceed with the design and construction of utilities and infrastructure on portions of the site nearest to downtown Oregon City. Their vision of rehabilitating the site, increasing public access and restoring jobs will require time and meaningful resources.

We urge your support of CTGR's request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Chair Smith
Clackamas County