

February 22, 2018

Joint Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod Co-Chair Representative Paul Holvey 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: **SB 5702** – Written Testimony for February 23, 2018 Subcommittee Meeting in Support of Bradshaw Drop Piping Project

Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey and Members of the Subcommittee:

Medford Irrigation District supports Rogue River Valley Irrigation District seeking funding for their Water Conservation Piping project. The Medford Irrigation District and Talent Irrigation District, in partnership with WISE, has worked closely with Rogue River Valley Irrigation District to help improve water, quality, protect fish habitat, enhance instream flows, as well as protecting the regional agricultural economy. Medford Irrigation District fully supports Rogue River Valley Irrigation District's application for funding that is needed to proceed with project improvements for further improving water conservation, fish habitat, water quality and aquatic weed control and stream temperatures within the project area.

Medford Irrigation District strongly promotes water conservation, efficiency and fish habitat enhancement. The Bradshaw Drop piping project is a good demonstration project that improves water quality and quantity and fish habitat within the District boundaries. Talent Irrigation District supports funding this project.

Sincerely,

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Manager