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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Greeting Chair and Committee Members:

SB 946 is a forced piece of legislation to approve a project already in the hopper. This legislation skirts the Deschutes Mitigation Rules because many storage projects in our high desert predate those mitigation rules.

As such this legislation should not be approved where it would allow a pre-mitigation rules storage to be moved to another location **and not to have to meet today's mitigation rules.**

If this legislation were for the PEOPLE of Oregon, then it would be made more clear that this legislation has usefulness across OREGON and not just for special interest projects.

Furthermore, this bill would allow water storage infrastructure projects to befall the pocketbooks of irrigation district water patrons when there has been no analysis that the water patrons benefit from or even can use the new storage site. This bill is a WATER SYPHON for private development and is not in the interest of our environment.

I encourage this committee to not pass this bill. It is premature and is not in the interest of the public WATERS of Oregon nor the PEOPLE of Oregon.

Keep water instream and not stored in artificial lakes in the guise of an irrigation district's touted water storage need.

This legislation further legitimizes open reservoirs whereas the trend for the last decade is for irrigation districts to **PIPE irrigation systems**. The Romans knew how to design piped water systems **without the need for open water storage**. The Romans knew how to engineer their piped water systems to pressurize water to run up hill without exposed water storage systems. So what exactly is the emergency that exists today for which retroactive permitting is now asked for under SB 946? And what emergency exists today that proves that keeping water in rivers is **LESS important** than evaporating shallow water storage lakes?

SB 946 is yet another hoax to make you believe the waters of our high desert aren't already over appropriated. **"SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, 'place of use' means the area submerged by the water stored in the reservoir or pond at maximum fill."**

Maximum fill of a leaking water storage reservoir should be no basis for legitimizing storing that full amount of water if it never occurred in the first place.

This legislation needs much more thought and inclusion of the environmental community ACROSS Oregon.

Thank you

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