



April 19, 2019
Via email

To: The Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

Re: Support for DBBC request for HB 5030 funds

Dear Co-chair Girod, Co-chair Holvey, and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction:

The Wild River Owners Association (WROA) represents approximately 150 homeowners who live on or near the Deschutes River about 8 miles below Wickiup Dam. Our development straddles the Deschutes just north of Burgess Road in Deschutes County. We are directly affected by river flows, water quality, erosion and fish and wildlife habitat.

WROA strongly supports the Deschutes Basin Board of Control's application for funding from HB 5030. Combined with other funding (notably PL 566) we believe that irrigation modernization will materially and positively impact those issues mentioned above, benefiting the residents of WROA, other communities on the river, the Central Oregon farming industry, the general public and the fish and wildlife that depend on the river.

We respectfully request and urge the subcommittee to accept DBBC's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mike Taylor
President & River Conservation Representative
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