

## CRUST II

### Pick Up Where CRUST I Left off on Columbia River Mitigation Program

**Problem Statement:** Without legislative or executive memorialization of the recommendations of the Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Task Force (CRUST) to pursue short and long-term Columbia River mitigation supplies to aid the Mid-Columbia region in implementing the recommendations of the CRUST, over \$116 million in regional water supply investment may be jeopardized and the ability to fix one key region of Oregon may be lost forever.

#### Need:

- I) Appoint a CRUST II Work Group to pick up where CRUST I left off in 2012 and memorialize short-term and long-term mitigation commitments and security for CRUST related mitigated Mid-Columbia water use rights and \$116 Million in Columbia River regional water supply investments in Oregon. Maintain focus on developing partnerships with on-going Washington efforts and co-investment that benefits environmental and economic needs on both sides of the Mid and upper Columbia River.
- II) CRUST II Recommended Members (Minimum)
  - a. One member from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
  - b. One member from the Yakama Nation
  - c. One member from the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Workgroup
  - d. Director of the Washington Office of Columbia River
  - e. Director, Washington Department of Agriculture
  - f. One member, Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association
  - g. One member from the Mid-Columbia Water Commission
  - h. One member from the Northeast Oregon Water Association
  - i. One at-large senior water rights holder in the Umatilla Basin
  - j. One member from WaterWatch of Oregon
  - k. one at-large Conservation Group member
  - l. One member from the Bonneville Power Administration
  - m. Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department
  - n. Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - o. Director of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
  - p. Director of the Port of Morrow
  - q. Director of the Port of Umatilla
  - r. One Morrow County Commissioner
  - s. One Umatilla County Commissioner
  - t. One member from Oregon State University, IWW or INR
  - u. One member appointed to work on Columbia River Treaty Negotiations
  - v. One member from ODA

- III) Facilitator
  - a. \$500,000 shall be directed to the Governor's Natural Resource Director to hire a facilitator and pay for overhead, travel, outreach and contractual support for two years to oversee short and long-term objectives of the Columbia River mitigation effort<sup>1</sup>
- IV) Deliverables
  - a. By 2022 Short-Session
    - i. Memorialize and ensure protection of the short-term mitigation that qualifies for maintenance and security of the \$116 Million investment in current regional Columbia River water sustainability infrastructure throughout the 30 year debt service span of the projects that resulted from the 2012 CRUST and the infrastructure projects funded during the 2015 legislative session (180 cfs for 30 years)
  - b. By 2023 Long-Session
    - i. Provide an actionable list of investments to memorialize, at a minimum, 110,000 acre-feet of permanent mitigation water for long-term water sustainability and enhancement in the Mid-Columbia region of Oregon.<sup>2</sup>
    - ii. Provide a pathway to memorialization, financing and realization of the actionable mitigation investments and realization of permanent mitigation supplies by the year 2023

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<sup>1</sup> This facilitator needs to be a two-year contract under the executive branch due to the interstate, inter-sovereign and international nature of the Columbia River Mainstem. Conduits for this funding could be HB 3228, HB 5571 (gut and stuff) or POP 101 (pass through from OWRD to NR office via OWRD Complex Basin POP)

<sup>2</sup> Note: We believe this number needs to be 333,000 acre-feet should we need to provide a place holder for CTUIR water rights settlement and mitigation demands downstream from the Mid-Columbia Region of Oregon but we are putting our number in this section as it is a defensible total