



CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

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Dear State of Oregon Legislators,

RE: Support for SB 5531- Request to Include City of Rogue River Water Supply and Fire Protection Improvement Project as a Capital Funding Project

On behalf of the City of Rogue River Oregon, I express my urgent request for support for inclusion of our water project in Senate Bill 5531. Our City is in dire need of adding water storage for both drinking water needs and fire suppression. The City currently has a deficit of 362,783 gallons in storage, and that deficiency is projected to nearly double in the next ten years. Fire danger and our City's ability to provide adequate water to fight small fires before they get out of hand is a real concern that keeps me up at night. In our current situation we can't afford to have our water treatment plant down for one moment which is not something we can continue. Help is needed now to increase our water storage capacity.

The City of Rogue River has aged and undersized water infrastructure and has been in the process of scoping, estimating and procuring additional funds for the design and construction of a new 1 million gallon concrete reservoir and fire protection improvements city wide. This effort is the top priority for the City Council to ensure adequate water supply and fire protection, and to provide adequate water supply for current and future housing developments. Rogue River is a neighboring city to Phoenix and Talent who suffered severe losses in the Alameda Fire in 2020 which in turn promoted Rogue River to review its resiliency to a similar event and found deficiencies. A pre-design report has been submitted with our Capital Project Request. The project also includes fire hydrant upgrades not covered in the pre-design report for high risk areas and hydraulic modeling efforts to identify deficiencies and future improvements.

The **City of Rogue River, in Jackson County**, is desperately asking for **\$3,142,985** to assist in partially funding our **Water Supply and Fire Protection Improvement Project**.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bollweg

Michael Bollweg, Public Works Director City of Rogue River

