



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/11/14
Agenda Item #: B.2
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am
Date Submitted: 3/4/14

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on Johnson Creek Watershed Council**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: March 11, 2014 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes

Department: Non-departmental **Division:** Commissioner Shiprack, District 3

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Matt Clark, Executive Director (Johnson Creek Watershed Council); Robin Jenkinson, Watershed Scientist/Restoration Coordinator (Johnson Creek Watershed Council); Roy Iwai, Program Specialist (Multnomah County Road Services Water Quality Program)

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Johnson Creek Watershed Council is a non-profit, grassroots community organization dedicated to restoring and enhancing the watershed. Its six paid staff members collaborate with a number of public and private organizations to fulfill their mission. The Council is one of a number of watershed councils in Multnomah County. Others include Columbia Slough, Sandy River, and Tualatin River.

In 2003, the organization produced the Johnson Creek Watershed Action Plan, with assistance from Multnomah County, among others. A 2015-25 plan is currently in the works. Other projects include salmon habitat enhancement, reforestation efforts, and removal of invasive species. The Council also conducts a youth engagement program that provides kids with an opportunity to take part in watershed maintenance, and conduct monitoring experiments.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The County provides the Watershed Council with \$5000 annually to benefit the stream. In 1999, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on Johnson Creek salmon recovery with the other local jurisdictions. It established an inter-

jurisdictional committee. The funding is related to that effort.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

n/a

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The County's Water Quality Program is charged with coordinating the county-wide response to federal and state clean water regulations. This requires working with public and private partners, including the JCWC, to share information and resources. The Council's governing board includes a representative from Multnomah County in a non-voting capacity, to advise and make recommendations, and ensure effective communication and coordination.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Judy Shiprack /s/

3/4/14

Agency Director: _____

Date: _____

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