

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-016**

Recognizing the COLUMBIA SLOUGH WATERSHED COUNCIL as a "Voluntary Local Watershed Council" Under Oregon Law.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. "Voluntary local watershed councils" consist of a majority of local residents, including local officials. (Oregon Revised Statute 541.910(1)).
- b. "Voluntary local watershed councils" must report their activities periodically to the Board of County Commissioners. (Oregon Revised Statute 541.910(3)).
- c. The Columbia Slough has been declared water quality limited by the State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.
- d. The Columbia Slough Watershed lies within the jurisdictions of Multnomah County, City of Portland, City of Gresham, and City of Fairview.
- e. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council is a local, citizen-led organization organized in 1994 reflecting the interests of the watershed, with representation from local government, special purpose districts, neighborhoods, businesses, environmental interests, recreation advocates, scientists, and educators.
- f. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council meets State and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board guidelines.
- g. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council has requested formal recognition by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.
- h. Formal recognition will enable the watershed council to be eligible for Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant funds to support council activities directed to assessing watershed conditions, developing action plans, implementing projects, and educating watershed residents.
- i. Public stewardship and public involvement are critical elements in improving and protecting water quality and watershed health in the Columbia Slough watershed to meet County goals for clean water.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council is recognized by Multnomah County as a "voluntary watershed council" in accordance with State law.
2. The Council shall report its activities regularly to the Board of Commissioners as required by State law.

**ADOPTED this 12th day of March, 2015.**



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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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