

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-010

Recognizing the Sandy River 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 Sandy River has been declared water quality limited by the State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality;
- d. The Sandy River Watershed lies within the jurisdictions of Multnomah County, Clackamas County, the City of Gresham, the City of Troutdale, and the City of Sandy;
- e. The Sandy River Watershed Council is a local, citizen-led organization organized in 2025 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 Sandy River Watershed Council meets State and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board guidelines;
- g. The Sandy River 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; and
- i. Public stewardship and public involvement are critical elements in improving and protecting water quality and watershed health in the Sandy River watershed to meet County goals for clean water.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

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

ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



Jessica Vega Pederson

Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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