

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR LINN COUNTY, OREGON

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STEVE JUNGCLAUS WILKER, Clerk
By Roxie Newell Deputy

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION)
TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE NORTH)
SANTIAM WATERSHED FORUM AS THE)
VOLUNTARY WATERSHED COUNCIL)
INTENDED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT)
A WATERSHED ACTION PROGRAM TO)
PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL)
RESOURCES OF THE NORTH SANTIAM)
RIVER WATERSHED)

RESOLUTION #98-067

WHEREAS, ORS 541.347(2)(a) encourages the initiation of voluntary programs at the local level to protect and enhance the quality and stability of watersheds; and

WHEREAS, ORS 541.350(7) defines a watershed council as "a voluntary local organization designated by a local government group convened by a county governing body to address the goal of sustaining natural resource and watershed protection within a watershed; and

WHEREAS, ORS 541.388(1) encourages local government groups to form voluntary local watershed councils; and

WHEREAS, ORS 541.388(2) states that local watershed councils shall consist of a majority of local residents, including local officials, and that the council represent a balance of interested and affected persons within the watershed and assure a high level of citizen involvement in the development and implementation of a watershed action program; and

WHEREAS, the North Santiam Watershed Forum began an organizational process in 1995 and held its initial informational and organizational meeting on December 2, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the North Santiam Watershed Forum adopted by-laws in March of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the 13 member Steering Committee of the North Santiam Watershed Forum was established in November 1997 after selection of individual members by the various primary interest groups having an interest in the North Santiam Watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Statement in Article B of the Bylaws of the North Santiam Watershed Forum states that "The North Santiam Watershed Forum will provide opportunities for stakeholders to cooperate in promoting and sustaining the health of the watershed and its communities."; and

WHEREAS, general membership in the North Santiam Watershed Forum is open to any organization or individual having an interest in some aspect of the watershed; and

WHEREAS, Linn County, in a coordinated effort with Marion County, has been actively involved in the formulative and development activities of the North Santiam Watershed Forum and has encouraged the creation of the watershed council; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Commissioners and its staff have examined the bylaws, membership rolls, and organizational activities to date of the North Santiam Watershed Forum and finds that they are consistent with ORS 541.345 to 541.400;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the North Santiam Watershed Forum as the watershed council which will serve the entire North Santiam River Watershed; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Commissioners encourages the North Santiam Watershed Forum to maintain an organization which represents a balance of interested and affected persons within the watershed; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Commissioners encourages the North Santiam Watershed Forum to develop and implement a watershed action program intended to protect and enhance the quality and stability of the North Santiam Watershed both for the health of the watershed and for the economic and social betterment of the individuals, organizations, and communities in the watershed; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Commissioners request the North Santiam Watershed Forum to make progress reports to the board of commissioners on at least an annual basis.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1998

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Catherine Skiens, Chairman




David R. Schmidt, Commissioner



Larry J. Johnson, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Linn County Legal Counsel