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Oregon Water Resources Department
Becky Williams, Grant Program Specialist
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301

RE: City of Carlton Grant Application – Raw Water Storage Expansion Study

Dear Ms. Williams,

Please accept this letter of support from the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, for the City of Carlton's grant application to the Department's Water Conservation, Reuse, and Storage Feasibility Study Grant Program.

The City of Carlton has significant challenges facing parts of its water system especially Panther Creek Reservoir and its ability to sufficiently store raw water year-round. Over the years, the capacity of the Panther Creek Reservoir has been reduced by sedimentation (eroded sediment transported into the reservoir by Panther Creek) and by several landslides that have contributed sediment to the reservoir. The City estimates nearly 60% lost capacity through the years causing serious problems during the summer and fall.

The City has been actively investigating options to improve storage capacity and we support the City's efforts to assess the feasibility of expanding the reservoir by raising the existing dam height to create additional raw water storage. Raising the dam to increase storage for summer usage will provide a more reliable water source and extend the use of the existing source.

Sincerely,

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
10-13-16 by Board Order
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