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DESCHUTES/BUDD WATERSHED COALITION MOU

LACEY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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Watershed Boundaries Are Approximate



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Budd Inlet/ Deschutes River Watershed



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TIMELINE FOR DESCHUTES COALITION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Starting Summer of 2007	The Squaxin Island Tribe requests that the three cities collaborate with the tribe on a Deschutes water rights acquisition strategy.
Winter 2008/2009	Ecology agrees to work with the cities of Yelm, Olympia, and Lacey on expedited concurrent review of water rights applications
11/29/2011	Historic MOU signed at Squaxin Tribal Museum and Culture Center for collaboration between the three cities and the tribe on projects beneficial to the Deschutes Watershed.
Spring 2012	Ecology issues records of examination (ROE) approving water rights for Yelm, Olympia, and Lacey.
Spring 2012	Protest filed on Yelm's water right decision by Sarah Foster. Olympia and Lacey ROEs escape protest.
2012 through 2015	Yelm's case moves through the legal system to the Washington State Supreme Court
October, 2015	Washington State Supreme Court upholds Sarah Foster's appeal.
Spring 2018	Washington State Legislature passes RCW 90.94 (The Streamflow Restoration Act) which includes the Joint Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation.
Summer, 2022	Yelm receives water rights and formation of the Deschutes/Budd Watershed Coalition begins.

OUTLINE OF 2012 MOU BETWEEN THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE AND THE CITIES OF YELM, OLYMPIA, & LACEY

- PARTIES WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE BIOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE WATERSHED
- COALITION MAY EXPAND TO INCLUDE OTHER JURISDICTIONS, QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, AND NON-PROFITS.
- MOU CONTINGENT ON “FINAL WATER RIGHTS”
- ONCE “FINAL WATER RIGHTS” IS ACHIEVED;
- COLLECTIVELY PROVIDE \$500,000 FOR PROJECT
 - CONSULT WITH TRIBE ON WATER RIGHTS MITIGATION PROJECTS ON THE SMITH RANCH
 - CITIES OPEN TO OTHER PROJECTS PERFORMED ON SMITH RANCH
 - COALITION DEVELOP LONG TERM STRATEGIC PLAN
- MOU BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF FINAL SIGNATURE AND TERMINATES FIVE YEARS FOR THE DATE OF ACHIEVING “FINAL WATER RIGHTS”.
- MOU MAY BE EXTENDED IN 10 YEAR INCREMENTS OR AS OTHERWISE AGREED.

CURRENT ACTIVITY WITH DESCHUTES/BUDD WATERSHED COALITION

- YELM RECEIVED “FINAL WATER RIGHTS” THIS PAST SUMMER. SO, IMPLEMENTATION BYLAWS ARE BEING DEVELOPED.
- SOME OF THE ISSUES ADDRESSED ARE;
 - GOVERNANCE,
 - ADMINISTRATION,
 - BUDGET,
 - MEMBERSHIP/ADDING NEW MEMBERS, &
 - PROCEDURES

ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETION OF BYLAW DOCUMENT

- TIME TO COMPLETION IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE.
- HOWEVER, THE FULL LACEY CITY COUNCIL COULD SEE THE COMPLETED BYLAWS EARLY IN 2023.
- THE GROUP IS STILL WORKING THROUGH BYLAW DETAILS BUT THEY DON'T SEEM PARTICULARLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

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