

1 **Resolution No. 2024-30**

2 **A Resolution of the City of Lincoln City, declaring the City’s commitment to join with**
3 **Lincoln County cities and water districts to create a 50-year county-wide water supply and**
4 **distribution system plan that incorporates local and regional integrated plans to provide**
5 **long term water security for the entire county and significant protections for the**
6 **environment through membership in the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance**
7 **(LCWSA)**

8 **Whereas**, in its Oregon’s Mid-Coast Planning Partnership Water Action Plan, the Mid-Coast
9 Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) has identified the need to create a feasible 50-year
10 county-wide water supply plan that incorporates regionally integrated plans to improve water
11 system resiliency and water supply development in the face of natural and human-caused
12 disasters; and,

13 **Whereas**, the Oregon’s Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Water Action Plan names the
14 Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA) as a leader in the development of the 50-year
15 County-wide plan, the identification of additional sources of available water, and the
16 prioritization of project funding throughout the region; and,

17 **Whereas**, the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) is positioned to support the
18 LCWSA through enhanced coordination with state and federal entities regarding regulations,
19 permits, and funding; and,

20 **Whereas**, the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA) is being created in order to
21 establish regional water systems which will provide long-term water security for our entire
22 county; and,

23 **Whereas**, the success of the LCWSA will require the participation of incorporated Lincoln
24 County cities, water districts, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the County of Lincoln
25 County, and the involvement of conservation and water organizations; and,

26 **Whereas**, water suppliers will have a strengthened ability to address water issues, increase
27 resiliency, and develop water sources through pooled resources; and,

28 **Whereas**, the mission of the LCWSA is urgent, as city, water district, and industrial water
systems in Lincoln County are already experiencing water shortages and limits during the dry
summer months; and,

Whereas, climate change projections indicate that the water shortages will increase dramatically;
and,

Whereas, projected population growth will increase the demand for water resources, as the
supply is decreasing, rendering our current systems untenable; and,

Whereas, county-wide water systems must prepare for earthquake and tsunami resilience; and,

1 **Whereas**, countywide water systems must meet new federal and state stream flow regulations
2 for endangered fish species and stream ecology; and,

3 **Whereas**, Lincoln County cities and water suppliers, as separate entities, have struggled to
4 adequately fund the development and maintenance of the available local water resources; and,

5 **Whereas**, infrastructure deterioration and replacement costs are beyond the means of local
6 taxpayers; and,

7 **Whereas**, applications for state and federal permits and major infrastructure funding will be
8 strengthened when they demonstrate the benefits to and support of the entire region; and,

9 **Whereas**, the overall mission of the LCWSA is to review options, develop a 50-year plan, secure
10 funding, and establish regional water supply and distribution systems which will provide long-
11 term water security throughout Lincoln County, while achieving significant protections for our
12 rivers, streams, and watersheds; and,

13 **Whereas**, the development and realization of this plan will be enhanced through a partnership
14 with Oregon State University; and,

15 **Whereas**, all LCWSA members should provide their active and proposed plans for local and
16 regional water sources, storage, production, and distribution for inclusion in the OSU study; and,

17 **Whereas**, all LCWSA members should become well informed on the options available, and have
18 input into the 50-Year Plan to assure that their organization will benefit; and,

19 **Whereas**, the LCWSA will determine which water projects will be included in the 50-Year
20 Lincoln County Regional Water System Plan through a majority vote of the members, after
21 review of the OSU study, review of additional information, and consideration of the needs of all
22 members; and,

23 **Whereas**, each member city and water district will maintain their right to determine and
24 independently proceed with water projects they have identified as essential, independent of
25 inclusion in the final 50-Year Plan; and,

26 **Whereas**, each member city and water district may choose to remove a water project which is
27 within their service area from the Plan, but should accommodate Plan distribution systems to
28 other cities or water districts; and,

Whereas, the LCWSA will assist the cities and water districts in securing funding for and
implementation of the approved 50-Year Plan. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That the City
Council of the City of Lincoln City, As Follows:

Now Therefore, the members of the Council of the City of Lincoln City do hereby find, declare
and resolve that:

1. Lincoln City commits to the mission of the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA).

1 2. Lincoln City will appoint a staff member or elected official to actively participate in the
2 pursuits of the LCWSA and to serve as the communication link between the City of Lincoln City
and the LCWSA.

3 3. Lincoln City will consider supporting a portion of the costs of the LCWSA mission when
4 proposed and agreed upon by the LCWSA membership.

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6 Approved by the City Council of the City of Lincoln City this ____ day of _____ 202__.

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Susan Wahlke, Mayor

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10 Attest:

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12 Jamie Young, City Recorder

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14 Approved as to form:

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16 David Robinson, City Attorney

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