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Clatsop County



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Subject: Lower Columbia Regional Sediment Management Plan

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

On the behalf of the Clatsop County Board of County Commissioners I want to express our appreciation and gratitude for the Regional Sediment Management Plan.

The Board and I realize that the management plan is the culmination of ten (10) years of effort that would not have been possible without the leadership of the Lower Columbia Solutions Group. The movement of sediment from place to place can cause critical damage to fish and crustaceans and public and private property thereby damaging the economic viability of the coastal area. This extensive and long-term commitment to finding a solution provides the baseline document to assure that sediment management is thoughtful and wise in the lower Columbia. The process deployed to achieve this result is a model for resolving many other seemingly intractable issues faced by residents and businesses located on the Coast.

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The Board has instructed staff to provide the document to the Planning Commission to review and include as a supporting technical document to the County's Goal 19 addition to the County Comprehensive Plan.

We are delighted to sign the Declaration of Cooperation and we look forward to participating in the future with implementing the Regional Sediment Management Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Huhtala".

Peter Huhtala
Vice-Chairperson

cc: Governor Kitzhaber

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