

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Grant Letter of Support

<p>Background:</p> <p>3RValve is applying to Department of Energy for a funding for a survey on the feasibility of aquifer pumped hydro energy storage. A letter of support from the County has been requested. A proposed support letter is before the Board for review and approval.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve Letter of Support for grant and authorize the Chair to sign</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Letter

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Heard (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:
Bob Waldher
Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: June 5, 2024

Action taken:

Follow-up:

Board of Commissioners



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June 5, 2024

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SUBJECT: Umatilla County Support for Idaho National Laboratory on Performance of “Aquifer Pumped Hydropower (APH) and Hybrid Microgrid Evaluation to Expand National Energy Storage Potential” submitted to Funding Opportunity Department of Energy (DOE) DE-LC-0000118 “National Laboratory Call for Technical Assistance with Hydropower Hybrids and Pumped Storage Hydropower” 2022 Vehicle Technologies Office AOP Lab Call”

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

Umatilla County is pleased to support the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) on developing/implementing the “Aquifer Pumped Hydropower (APH) and Hybrid Microgrid Evaluation to Expand National Energy Storage Potential”. This work focuses on the use of aquifer pumped hydro to provide energy storage and resilient, hybrid microgrids to improve emergency power supply.

The County is willing to share information for the project. We appreciate the opportunity for consultation on this project and to offer our letter of support. “Aquifer Pumped Hydropower (APH) and Hybrid Microgrid Evaluation to Expand National Energy Storage Potential” objectives align with Umatilla County efforts to provide resilient energy storage and microgrids to the members of its communities.

We look forward to a successful working relationship with Idaho National Laboratory, “Aquifer Pumped Hydropower (APH) and Hybrid Microgrid Evaluation to Expand National Energy Storage Potential” team, and the U.S. Department of Energy for this critical project.

On behalf of the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners, we hope it will receive your every consideration for funding. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John M. Shafer
Chair, Board of Commissioners

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