

AMENDED CHARTER FOR
UMATILLA COUNTY CRITICAL GROUNDWATER TASK FORCE

1.
CHARTER

The Umatilla County Critical Groundwater Task Force is hereby created for the purposes specified in the statement of objectives.

2.
OBJECTIVES

- 1) Review and evaluate previous studies, plans and actions taken.
- 2) Gather, organize and analyze available information.
- 3) Inventory anticipated needs through year 2050.
- 4) Develop a consensus for a sustainable plan, that is technically and economically feasible, to protect and enhance groundwater quantity, as an essential natural resource.
- 5) Coordinate with entities working simultaneously on plans to protect groundwater quality (e.g., Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area Committee).
- 6) Develop lines of communication and coordination to reduce obstacles and to broaden the base of support.
- 7) The Task Force may develop and advance such other consensus objectives as it determines.
- 8) Identify and promote development of projects with known multi-beneficial use.

3.
OUTCOMES
DESIRED

A doable "2050 Plan" which has consensus support and which will assure adequate groundwater for broad community needs through the year 2050.

4.
TASK FORCE

The Task Force shall consist of 20 voting members, each appointed by the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners for indeterminate terms. Members shall serve without pay. It is their job to conduct the affairs of the Task Force, as appropriate, in order to achieve Task Force objectives. The Task Force may provide for such ex officio members as it chooses, each of whom shall have all the privileges of membership except the right to vote.

5.
CHAIR AND
VICE-CHAIR
PERSONS

The Board of Commissioners will appoint one of the voting members to serve as Chairperson, and one to serve as Vice-Chairperson. These officers shall have the authority and powers usually attendant with those offices, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

6.
COORDINATOR

Subject to available funding, the Task Force will be assisted by a paid coordinator, in the person of an independent contractor. In addition, Planning Department staff will assist on an "as available/needed/requested" basis.

7.
PROTOCOLS

The Task Force is authorized to develop the protocols, procedures, and rules for conducting its affairs that it deems best suited to its needs. This may include such things as are normally included in the bylaws of an organization (e.g., other officers, requirements of attendance, quorums, etc.).

8.
MEETINGS

The Task Force shall meet on call of the chairman, at the request of the commissioners, and at such other times as the Task Force determines; and annually with the Board of Commissioners to review, provide recommendations, consider programs of work, and do such other business as may be proper.

9.
LIMITATIONS

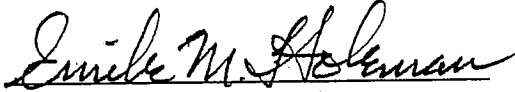
The Task Force shall comply with the Oregon Public Meetings law; and shall not perform any act or countenance any action in contravention of the Laws of the State of Oregon or the ordinances of Umatilla County.

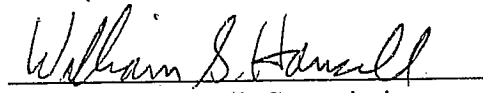
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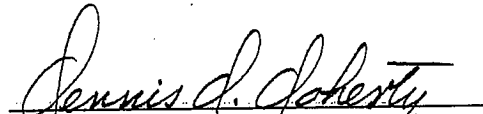
The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to amend this charter from time to time, as may be necessary or advisable under circumstances and/or realities then applying.

DATE: April 06, 2005

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


Emile M. Holeman, Chair


William S. Hansell, Commissioner


Dennis D. Doherty, Commissioner



Note: The original Charter was adopted January 5, 2004. Article 5 was amended by order of the Board of Commissioners June 10, 2004. Article 2 was amended by order of the Board of Commissioners on April 06, 2005.