

Subject: Tumalo Basin Sanitary District (TBSD) Updates and Additional Funding Request

District Updates:

The Tumalo Basin Sewer District (TBSD) has been legally formed with strong community support and predominantly positive feedback. We are pleased to report that five volunteers are running for the five District board positions in the current November election. Draft ordinances have been prepared for the Board to approve in early 2025, and initial coordination with funding agencies such as the Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) has begun to secure funding for future phases of work.

The TBSD is seeking to begin exploring alternatives for effluent treatment and disposal, with the goal of preparing a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) next year. This report will be crucial for securing future project funding and ensuring the sustainability of our community's future sewer system. The TBSD also will need administrative support and materials to facilitate effective operations, after board members are sworn into their positions in early 2025.

Additional Funding Request:

While the initial \$75,000 ARPA funding has been instrumental in the TBSDs success thus far, several opportunities have been identified to maintain momentum and prepare the District for comprehensive sewer planning next year. An additional \$25,000 would provide for the following:

- 1. Conduct Initial Evaluations on Effluent Treatment and Disposal Options: \$17,500**
 - Alternatives to be Explored: Wastewater Lagoons, Textile Filters (Orenco AX), Membrane Bioreactors (MBR)
 - Deliverables: Existing Conditions Base Map for layout and illustration of system alternatives, calculations for land requirements, memo on effluent disposal/reuse options, and conceptual figures
- 2. Acquire Essential District Materials: \$500**
 - Projector & Screen: \$400
 - Mouse for the district laptop: \$30
 - Miscellaneous/Contingency: \$70
- 3. Secure Professional Services: \$5,000**
 - Retainer for Bookkeeper: \$2,500
 - Retainer for Lawyer: \$2,500
- 4. Prepare Funding Applications: \$2,000**
 - DEQ CWSRF Planning Grant: \$1,000
 - Business Oregon Water/Wastewater Technical Assistance Grant: \$1,000

Total Additional Funding Requested: \$25,000

Immediate Needs and Benefits:

- **Identify System Alternatives:** This research will lay the groundwork for sewer system options that can be further studied and refined in the coming year, providing a clear path forward for our community's wastewater management.
- **Community Engagement:** The materials and professional services funded by this request will support ongoing community conversations and engagement, fostering transparency and trust.
- **Strategic Planning:** Early evaluations and preparations will provide a solid foundation for the Preliminary Engineering Report, making our future funding applications more robust and compelling.

Conclusion:

We believe that this additional funding will support TBSD and the continuation of efforts towards District setup and sewer planning. The proposed budget will enable us to gather critical information, support community discussions, and prepare for future funding applications. We appreciate your consideration and support in this matter. Thank you for your time, attention, and support thus far.



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