



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST AND STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** December 21, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Informational presentation on the Tumalo Wastewater Feasibility Study

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

None at this time—information only.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

In the spring of 2022, the BOCC was approached by a group of Tumalo business owners and commercial property owners with a request to fund a Wastewater Feasibility Study for the community of Tumalo. The County hired the engineering firm of Murraysmith (now Consor) to perform the feasibility analysis and prepare options for consideration by interested stakeholders in the community. The Feasibility Study evaluated three options and included estimates for capital construction, hookup fees, and utility rates, as well as governance and Sanitary District formation. The study and process documents have been published to the Project website: [www.TumaloSewerOptions.org](http://www.TumaloSewerOptions.org).

With a host of other infrastructure and planning projects in the area, the Wastewater Feasibility Study has been a source of confusion in the community. It is important to note that Deschutes County is not a utility service provider and will not take any direct action to develop a community system. If the community desires a wastewater system, this study will provide stakeholders with options for consideration and a roadmap to implement – similar to how the community established and formed the Laidlaw Water District in the early 1980s.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

This study was funded with federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARPA) funds at a cost of approximately \$150,000.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chris Doty, Road Department  
Susanna Julber, Senior Associate, Consor  
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