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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

A Resolution changing the name for the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative (COCSI) to Oregon Living With Fire (OLWF) Steering Committee *
* RESOLUTION NO. 2022-017
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Committee

WHEREAS, the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative (COCSI) began with multiple stakeholder support in September 2016; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the creation of COCSI, now OLFW was to implement the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy from an “all hands, all lands approach” with specific focus within the five counties (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake) in Central Oregon

WHEREAS, an informal Steering Committee was established to provide guidance and direction to the acting Program Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee, with broad stakeholder support, decided to create a contractual position that would serve as the COCSI Program Coordinator, now OLWF; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding with Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake Counties was approved to provide funding for the COCSI Program Coordinator, now OLWF and Lake County has withdrawn from the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, a Participating Intergovernmental Agreement was signed by the Deschutes National Forest, Ochoco National Forest with Deschutes County to provide funding for the COCSI Program Coordinator, now OLWF, and

WHEREAS, Deschutes County will provide contractual services for the COCSI Program Coordinator, now OLWF; and

WHEREAS, from this point forward the program will be entitled Oregon Living with Fire (OLWF), replacing COCSI; and

WHEREAS, the OLWF Steering Committee will continue providing program guidance and direction to the contractual OLWF Program Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the OLWF Steering Committee will be comprised of representatives from the following stakeholders in Central Oregon: (1) representative from Crook County government, (1) representative from Deschutes County government, (1) representative from Jefferson County government, (1) representative from Klamath County government, (1) representative from the Deschutes National Forest, (1) representative from the Ochoco National Forest, (1) representative from the Prineville BLM, (1) representative from the Oregon Department of Forestry, (1) representative from the Natural Resources Conservation District, (1) member each for a total of five, from each County, non-government stakeholder representing a diverse stakeholder group with

an interest in implementing the National Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy, for a total of a 14-member Steering Committee.

WHEREAS, the OLWF Steering Committee members will each serve a two-year term, elect a chair, vice chair, and continue to provide program guidance and direction to the Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator will be responsible for scheduling conference call and meetings as necessary.

WHEREAS, Deschutes County seeks to formalize the governance and protocols of the OLWF Steering Committee, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, as follows:

Section 1. Establish the OLWF Steering Committee with the stated purpose of implementing the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy within the four counties in Central Oregon.

Section 2. The OLWF Steering Committee will provide program guidance and direction to the OLWF Program Director.

Section 3. The OLWF Program Coordinator will provide semi-annual progress reports to the respective County Boards of County Commissioners and other significant stakeholders.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dated this _____ of _____, 20__

PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR

ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE-CHAIR

PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary