Joint Presentation to Columbia River Policy Advisory Group by the State of Washington and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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Ecosystem Restoration Project

LEGEND

- State Boundary
- Ceded Lands Boundary
- Usual & Accustomed Area
- Joint Use Area
- Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Managed Areas

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Walla Walla River Flow Restoration Project

- $292 Million Columbia River pump exchange will deliver ~50K AF to 3 Walla Walla R. Irrigation Districts
- New Col. R. water right, stream flow protection
- Restore natural stream flows to Walla Walla River enabling 1000’s salmon recovery
- Protect irrigated agriculture economy
- Adjudicated CTUIR water rights to stream flow
CTUIR Vision

(Modeled on success of Umatilla Basin Project)

- Through cooperative partnerships, secure adequate water to meet both fisheries and agricultural needs.

- Reintroduce and recover fisheries that will support the CTUIR economy, culture and subsistence needs for 7 generations.
Walla Walla River Watershed

Upstream

BOOOSTER PUMP STATION

PIPE

POINT OF DISCHARGE

WATER EXCHANGE

1997

PLATE 17
Walla Walla Project – Congressional Authorization, Sponsorship, Cost Share

- 2010 Completion of Army Corps Feas. Study
- 2010 Congress - Construction Authorization – Water Resources Development Act
- New Sponsor(s) – Washington, Oregon, CTUIR, Irrigation Districts?
- Sponsor Capability for Non-Federal Cost Share
- WRDA - $102.2 Million Non-Federal Cost Share – 35%
Walla Walla Project – OR and WA Permitting and Flow Protection

**OREGON**

- Sponsor applies for flow augmentation right. OAR Chapter 690, Division 310.
- Walla Walla ID and Hudson Bay District IC receive Col. R. water under “exchange order” ORS 540.533–540.543.
- Stream flow protected via “exchange” seniority date.

**WASHINGTON**

- Sponsor applies for new Col. R. water right. RCW 90.03.250
- Gardena Farms ID enroll rights in Trust Water Program. RCW 90.42
- New authority needed for “new” Oregon water – legislation and/or CTUIR Indian water rights settlement.
Walla Walla Project – Request for Washington Funding Support

- CTUIR in partnership with the Office of Gov. Gregoire respectfully request $40 million from the WA Col. R. Program Storage Projects Account:
  - $38 million for contribution to non-federal construction cost share.
    (note – leaves approx. $12 million for OR/others)
Policy Issues – Project Outcomes

- Project-derived flow protection will necessitate settlement of tribal water rights
- **$52 million total non-federal cost share assumes U.S. agrees to pay half; price doesn’t increase**
- $2.9 million O&M needs to be covered
- **Project will provide new, stable water supply for $100s million agricultural economy**
- Project will restore more normative stream flows, support reintroduction of 5,000 adult spring Chinook, provide an Indian and non-Indian fishery, and contribute to in-Basin ESA fish recovery