

Santiam Water Control District



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SB 5542 Oregon Water Resources Department Budget

Testimony of Santiam Water Control District Submitted to the Joint Ways and Means
Sub-Committee on Natural Resources

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Mr. Chair and members of the Sub-Committee for the record I am Brent Stevenson the Manager of the Santiam Water Control District. (SWCD) The SWCD provides water for the irrigation of 17,075 acres of crops, hydroelectric generation, aquaculture, wildlife and wetlands, fire suppression, industrial use, as well as domestic water for the City of Stayton. SWCD also supplies water to the City of Salem for aesthetic use in Mill Creek.

I am here today to encourage your support of SB 5542, our precious water resources, and the state agency tasked with managing those resources for the benefit of all Oregonians. We as Oregonians have grand expectations and place an enormous responsibility on the WRD without giving just consideration in the budget process. It is time we all recognize that water issues are becoming more complicated, costly, and critical to our futures.

Santiam Water Control District encourages your support for funding of the Oregon Water Resources Department's base budget and Packages 100-105; and an add back of Package 108 as requested in the ARB (but not recommended in the GRB), additionally we request that you oppose any request to reduce the Departments base budget .

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 5542.

Thank You

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Brent Stevenson
District Manager