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To: Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair Representative Paul Holvey, and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Re: SB 5530 - Testimony in Support of Lottery funds for the Bradshaw Drop Irrigation Canal Piping Project

Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, and Members of the Committee:

The Medford Water Commission is a core partner in the Water for Irrigation, Streams and Economy (WISE) project, and has provided ample support for the WISE project for many years. As noted in the attached letter of support for the OWRD Water Project Grant, the Bradshaw Drop Piping project will improve water quality and fish habitat within the RRVID boundaries, increase water availability for multiple uses, and serve as an excellent demonstration project to showcase WISE project goals and inspire other similar projects throughout the Rogue Basin.

The Medford Water Commission enthusiastically encourages Legislative approval of lottery bond funding for this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Oregon Water Resources Department
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Subject: Letter of Support for Rogue River Valley Irrigation District
OWRD Water Project grant application for Bradshaw Drop Piping Project

Dear OWRD Grant Selection Committee:

The Medford Water Commission strongly supports Rogue River Valley Irrigation District's application for funding of the proposed Bradshaw Drop piping project. The OWRD funding is a crucial piece of the funding package to allow this important project to move forward. This project involves piping 3.6 miles of the District's main canal, which will provide the following benefits:

- Improve water quality through pressurized irrigation water
- Reduce polluted irrigation runoff through conversion from flood irrigation to sprinklers
- Leave water in-stream for fish, including the Federally-listed coho
- Create an opportunity for hydroelectric generation
- Eliminate leakage and evaporation
- Reduce the need for aquatic weed control
- Provide a WISE demonstration project
- Protect the regional agricultural economy

The Medford Water Commission is a key partner for water conservation, water quality and fish habitat enhancement in the Rogue River Basin. The Bradshaw Drop Piping project is an excellent project that will improve water quality, quantity and fish habitat within the RRVID boundaries, and will serve as the perfect demonstration project to showcase WISE project goals and inspire other similar projects throughout the Rogue Basin. The Medford Water Commission enthusiastically encourages OWRD funding for this project.

Sincerely,

John Dailey, Chair
Board of Commissioners