

An aerial photograph of a large dam and reservoir. The dam is a long, multi-gated structure with a central powerhouse. To the left of the dam is a parking lot and some industrial buildings. The reservoir is filled with dark water and is surrounded by dense green forest. A road runs along the left side of the dam. The sky is clear and blue.

ACCESS TO FEDERAL STORED WATER WILLAMETTE BASIN

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Willamette Basin Project Overview

- Congressional authorization - 1938/1950 for numerous purposes, including:
 - Irrigation, flood control, navigation, hydropower, pollution abatement, municipal water supply
 - No municipal use contracting program until reallocation of storage space occurs

Why Are Water Providers Interested?

- Responsibility to serve growing communities
- Facing limited future water supply options
- Conditions on existing permits
- Redundant supply for resiliency





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Long Process, State Investments

- **1996: Willamette Basin Reservoir Study**
- **2000: Study put on hold due to ESA listing**
- **2008: Biological Opinion (Bi-Op) issued**
- **2013 Oregon Legislature - cost share**
- **2015 Federal/State cost share signed**
- **2018 State position letter - support**

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After 20 years of effort it is time to move forward with reallocation:

- Secures municipal water supply
- Provides 70% of storage space for fish, wildlife and water quality
- Provides over 20% of the stored space for irrigation

Legislative support needed for implementation
Policy Option Package #103



Questions?