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On Behalf Of: Curry Watersheds Partnership

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The Curry Watersheds Partnership is a group of non-regulatory organizations working together to help local landowners and communities keep our shared lands and rivers healthy and sustainable. The Curry Watersheds Partnership includes the Curry Soil and Water Conservation District, the South Coast and Lower Rogue Watershed Councils, and the Curry Watersheds Nonprofit.

We support the creation of a Planning Fund to support place-based water planning. We believe Plased Based Water Planning is integral to seeing the success of Oregon's water future. In order to answer the big climate questions we have around water use, the equity of water use, and to create solutions together, there needs to be access to resources (staff capacity and money) to help local communitites with planning efforts. We were actively involved with the HB 5006 planning efforts last year and support the creation of funds to push this work forward.