

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: MILL CREEK-WALLER DAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY

Appointment of a Planning Commissioner to the Mill Creek-Waller Dam Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint a Commissioner.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

The North Santiam Watershed Council (NSWC) has requested one representative of the Salem Planning Commission to serve on the Mill Creek-Waller Advisory Committee. Two City Councilors have also been appointed.

The purpose of this committee is to bring together watershed partners, technical experts, community leaders, and local voices whose experience will help guide alternate development, analysis, and design for projects involving fish passage and habitat restoration at Waller Dam and nearby reaches of Mill Creek and the Mill Race. The committee will serve as a collaborative forum to share knowledge and perspectives. Committee members will serve as volunteers and will:

- Attend quarterly meetings during the study and design phase (2026-2027);
- Review and provide feedback on project materials;
- Represent their community or organization in good faith; and
- Collaborate respectfully with other members and project partners.

The project is part of NSWC's Mill Creek Fish Passage Barriers Improvement Project. This project is funded by the Restoration Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)