

# DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

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# Introduction and Purpose of this Declaration

A Declaration of Cooperation that all parties sign will help clarify goals and expectations for this next phase, including the following:

- Overall goals and principles for how we will work together
- Process for identifying and evaluating alternative solutions
- Interim Governance structure – how decisions will get made
- Geographic Scope
- Public outreach and involvement
- Funding issues and approaches

# Phase I Accomplishments

- Identification of the minimum requirements for Certification pursuant to FEMA accreditation for Pen 1 and Pen 2
- Additional modeling underway to look at design-level flood protection
- Oregon IFA 7-year low-interest loan for \$1.4 million to City of Portland to complete engineering analysis.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has granted MCDD \$200,000 for alternatives analysis through the PAS Program.
- Oregon Panel Discussion and Leveraging for Levees events.

# Phase II Goals

- A level of protection that recognizes the importance of the area to the metro area, while also being economically prudent.
- Explicitly recognize and explore the ecological potential for the area, including costs and benefits of partial floodplain restoration.
- Engage all communities with current or historical ties to the system in a collaborative discussion about how to address the levee maintenance and improvements.
- By the end of Phase II have agreement on the preferred solution alternatives, after thorough analysis, public input and deliberation.

# Phase II Principles

- Commitment to move forward
- Importance of public outreach
- Multi-jurisdictional Steering Committee
- Criteria for selection of remediation alternatives

# Phase II Criteria for Solutions

- “We will attempt to balance the varied community goals including flood protection, ecosystem values, recreation, equity, and economic stability. We will also take into consideration impacts from variables such as climate change and the Columbia River Treaty.”

# Phase II Criteria For Solutions

- Baseline for all levee sections will be:
  - Ability to protect against a 1% flood (i.e. a one-in-100-year flood) to retain FEMA accreditation.
  - Ability to remain active in the USACE's Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (RIP)
- Additional protection levels will be evaluated based upon the Design Level analysis and the costs and benefits of additional protection
- Impacts to surrounding property owners
- Impact to surrounding residents and businesses, including recognition of historical impacts of the levee system
- Support of environmental/wildlife values
- Potential for broader community benefits such as recreation, transportation

# Phase II Governance

- The Columbia River Levee **Oregon Solutions Team** for review, recommendation, and collective decisions on key policy and funding matters.
- A **Technical Advisory Committee** - provides review and advice on technical matters to the Oregon Solutions Team. The TAC will not make policy decisions.
- A **Public Outreach Team** shall be charged with designing and implementing strategies for communicating with the general public and specific stakeholder groups.
- A **Steering Committee** for administrative matters (meeting agendas, budgets, contracts, etc.) and recommendations to the larger Oregon Solutions Team.



# Other Phase II Issues

- **Geographic Scope - Beyond Pen 1 and Pen 2**
- **Public Outreach and Involvement**
- **Funding and Budget**
  - **Anticipated New Costs**
    1. Analysis of potential floodplain restoration alternatives, including cost-benefit analysis
    2. Additional public outreach expenses
    3. Oregon Solutions process management and facilitation
    4. Analyze economic impact of accreditation?
    5. Begin engineering investigation and analyses of MCDD and SDIC levees