

## Theodore R. Kulongoski Governor

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George Gillette Chair, Milton-Freewater Water Control Board 15 SW 10th Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

Larry Givens County Commission Chair Umatilla County Courthouse 216 SE Fourth Street Pendleton, OR 97801

Dear Ms. Hall, Mr. Gillette, and Mr. Givens:

I have received your letter requesting the Milton-Freewater Levee Repair project be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your letter and the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives, encompassing environmental, economic, and community objectives. By this letter, I am designating this as an Oregon Solutions project and appointing Senator David Nelson as the convener.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help bring together the potential partners in a neutral and collaborative way to address issues and opportunities. By integrating and leveraging investments, this project has the potential to strengthen the ties between the public, private and civic sectors in your community.

I am pleased to see the Milton-Freewater community taking a collaborative approach toward finding a solution for the levee issue and look forward to hearing about your progress as an Oregon Solutions project team is assembled. Please keep me updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

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