



League of Women Voters[®]
of Clallam County

April 22, 2021

Re: Support for Dungeness Streamflow Restoration Off-Channel Reservoir

To Whom It May Concern:

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County have been involved in a study and educational outreach over the last 4 years. Our goals were to create an educational outreach program that informed the public of the future and issues of fresh water in our county. A second goal was to determine what policies/actions the League could support to ensure the continued availability of fresh water to shareholders and all citizens.

Among the many issues encountered and data collected we determined that the proposal of an Off- Channel Reservoir in the Dungeness Watershed was the most viable plan offered to maintain the sustainability of this critical resource. This proposal addressed many challenging issues including streamflow restoration and irrigation reliability. The land identified is a prime location for such an endeavor and is available.

Among the other factors that threaten our access to fresh water is the reality of climate change and its effects on one of the main sources of our water that originates in the snow packs and glaciers of the Olympic Mountains. We must be able to store excess water during the wet seasons without resorting to dams that have contributed to the degradation of rivers and the fisheries we depend upon.

The League has strong national and state positions on natural resources. Supporting the health, sustainability and infrastructure of water to our communities is paramount to both local, state and federal government. We ask that you support this grant for beginning implementation of this vital project.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Miller, President
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Sincerely,

Carrol Hull, Chair of Water Study Group
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