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*Re: Order on Petition to Review OWWSA Public Record Request Denial*

Mr. Alderman and Ms. Eakins:

On August 12, 2025, Mr. Alderman submitted a Petition for Review of Public Record Request Denial. The Petition related to a public record request dated July 21, 2025 submitted to the Ochoco West Water & Sanitary Authority ("OWWSA"). The public record request sought the following:

1. A copy of the recently terminated agreement with the organization and individuals involving the "Ochoco West Horse Coop" or Rikki Johnson, from 2024 to the present. Also include any newly executed agreements or interim agreements or documents of understanding, as well as proposed agreements (even if currently under draft or not).
2. A copy of the communications from the OWWSA Board Chair to members of the OWWSA Board, including text messages, emails, etc. regarding the scheduling and agenda for all meetings for May, June, and July of 2025.

On August 12, 2025, I sent an email to Mr. Alderman and OWWSA setting the deadline for the OWWSA's Response to the Petition on August 15, 2025.

On August 14, 2025, OWWSA is not claiming any exemptions pursuant to the public records. Therefore, records in OWWSA's custody and control that are responsive to the Prineville Review's July 21, 2025 public record request shall be provided by OWWSA to Mr. Alderman in accordance with Oregon public record laws. The request for an order waiving public record request fees is premature as there was no waiver request submitted to OWWSA, nor was there a denial of a fee waiver.

Either party may institute proceedings with the Crook County Circuit Court to seek review of my decision.

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