Title Transfer
The Partners have pursued Title Transfer to ensure the timely and efficient delivery of the Project. The Partners have invested $500,000 in the facilities assessment and secured $500,000 in Congressional funding for Reclamation's share of the study. The Partners and repayment contractors have identified a governance model that can assume ownership and management of the design, construction and operations of the facility. A decision on Title Transfer cannot be made until the costs to all parties are well understood and evaluated.

Washington County, Oregon
Washington County, Oregon is the second-fastest growing county in the state with a population of more than 525,000 and the economic engine of Oregon—home to Intel, Nike, SolarWorld, Genentech and a vibrant agricultural economy. Safe, secure and reliable water resources are central to the state and region's economic success and livability. The number of jobs on the westside has more than doubled in the last 20 years, reaching over 250,000. The westside has outpaced the rest of the Portland metro region in economic development and is a net exporter of earnings to the state.

“This project is essential for meeting the long-term water supply needs of our community.”
Mayor Jerry Willey, City of Hillsboro

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Improving public safety and meeting the region’s critical future water needs are central to the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project. The Partners and Tualatin Project repayment contractors are working closely with the Bureau of Reclamation to integrate the federal government’s Safety of Dams Program with the Water Supply Project to make the facility safer sooner. Integration will help ensure the necessary dam safety improvements are promptly addressed; the region’s long-term water needs are met; and existing repayment contractors are protected.

### A Shared Commitment

Federal authorization for the TBWSP was secured in the Energy and Water Development Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-136) and Congress has provided nearly $2 million in funding to Reclamation for the water supply project and title transfer assessment.

Over the last decade, the Partners have invested more than $11 million to complete the Scoggins Dam Raise Appraisal Study, the Water Supply Feasibility Study, and developed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project.

### Building a safe, secure and reliable water supply for Oregon

The leadership of our region formed the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project Partners nearly a decade ago and are committed to developing a water supply resource that will serve our region into the next century, just as earlier generations planned, financed and built the public infrastructure serving us today.

Improving public safety and meeting the region’s future water needs are central to the effort. Reclamation’s Safety of Dams study is scheduled to be completed in 2011. The Study will identify options for reducing seismic deficiencies at Scoggins Dam and identify the local and federal obligations associated with the necessary dam safety modifications. The Partners are working closely with Bureau of Reclamation to ensure necessary dam safety improvements are promptly addressed; the long-term municipal, agricultural and environmental water needs of our region are met; and existing users are protected.

Integration of the dam safety improvements, Water Supply Project and the potential of Title Transfer will allow the Partners and Reclamation to make the facility safer sooner and meet the long-term water needs of the region. Doing nothing is not an option—the existing dam must be modified to respond to new seismic criteria, protect public safety and ensure the region has access to safe, secure and reliable water today and into the future.

### Water Project Key to Long-term Regional Vitality

The residents and businesses of Washington County, Oregon need dependable, safe and secure fresh water resources to ensure the long-term economic health and livability of our region. Demand for water in the Tualatin Basin is expected to double by the year 2050, with some communities facing water supply challenges by 2020. Local water resource agencies in the Tualatin Basin are working now to plan for diverse, safe and reliable water supplies in order to avoid potential water shortages and conflicts such as those experienced in the Klamath Basin.

### Project Summary

**Project Component** | **Total Cost** | **Local Funding** | **Reclamation Funding**
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Water Supply Feasibility Study (2004) | $1.3 million | $1.2 million | $100,000
Environmental Impact Statement | $6.87 million | $3.97 million | $2.9 million
Tualatin Project Title Transfer | $1 million | $5 million | $ 5 million
Partners’ Scoggins Dam Raise Appraisal Study (2009) | $1.9 million | $1.9 million | 
Land Acquisition | $1.2 million | $1.2 million | 
Program Management | $2.9 million | $2.9 million | 
**TOTAL** | $15.17 million | $11.67 million | $3.5 million

*$1.46 million of authorized funding has been provided to Reclamation

### Smart Investments Now will Benefit Entire Region for Generations

The Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project is an investment in the health and sustainability of the region’s watershed, economy, and community. Direct benefits of the project include:

#### Economic Development

Washington County is the economic engine of the state, generating more state revenue than is returned to the area. A reliable, secure and cost-effective water supply is essential to the continued economic health of the region.

#### Watershed Health

Sustaining the overall health of the Tualatin River watershed is a primary goal of local water resource agencies. Adequate instream flow is a major factor in maintaining water quality and fish habitat. Two fish species in the Tualatin River are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Restoration of fish habitat will require more water.

#### Community Livability

Quality of life is directly related to the region’s economy and sustainability. Residents of Washington County value the beauty, quality and recreational opportunities afforded by the area’s natural environment. The region must continue to maintain and enhance a distinctive quality of life to attract talented workers.

### Other Project Benefits Include:

- Agricultural irrigation
- Water conservation
- Reliable, safe and cost-effective water supply
- Improved fish and wildlife habitat
- River and tributary flow restoration
- Flood management
- Expanded recreational use
- Restoration of ESA-listed Spring Chinook and Steelhead

“Long-term water resource planning is critical to maintaining a positive business environment and to sustain conditions suitable for further investment.”

Rick Kroon, Director of Corporate Environmental, Health & Safety, Intel Corporation