

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MORROW COUNTY, OREGON**

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION            )  
ADOPTING THE REVISED WATER            )  
INITIATIVES AND POLICY CONCEPTS        )                            RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-31  
FINAL RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, water is a vital element of life and commerce throughout Morrow County,

**WHEREAS**, Morrow County faces many water quantity and quality challenges impacting health, business and quality of life.

**WHEREAS**, Morrow County identified the need and reserved resources to hire a professional water coordinator to help identify and understand water issues in Morrow County.

**WHEREAS**, Morrow County hired GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to serve that role after a robust public procurement process.

**WHEREAS**, Morrow County appointed a Water Advisory Committee (WAC) to work with county staff and GSI Water Solutions, Inc. staff to develop Briefing Papers and to identify appropriate county role in helping to solve water challenges.

**WHEREAS**, GSI Water Solutions, Inc, county staff and the Steering Committee held open, public meetings over a two-year period.

**WHEREAS**, The WAC proposed and the Board of Commissioners adopted, four Briefing Papers setting forth a general understanding of water quality, water quantity, domestic wells and existing projects and solutions relative to water in Morrow County.

**WHEREAS**, the WAC heard presentations from numerous state and local agencies, cities, private businesses and parties with water expertise to learn about water needs in Morrow County.

**WHEREAS**, based on the above, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and county staff developed a final report and recommendations, including four water initiatives.

**WHEREAS**, county staff and GSI Water Solutions, Inc. staff met with the Board of Commissioners on December 4<sup>th</sup> to review a draft report and recommendations.

**WHEREAS**, Morrow County seeks to implement policies and programs fostering a short-term and long-term supply of water for personal consumption, for commerce and for quality of life and the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** THAT THE MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE FINAL REPORT OF THE MORROW COUNTY WATER INITIATIVES AND POLICY CONCEPTS, DECEMBER 2024.

**Section 1 Title of Resolution:** Morrow County Water Initiatives and Policy Concepts.

This Resolution shall be known, and may be cited, as the "MORROW COUNTY WATER INITIATIVES AND POLICY CONCEPTS."

**Section 2 Effective Date:**

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED** BY THE MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
MORROW COUNTY, OREGON**

*Absent*

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David Sykes, Chair

*Jeff Wenzel*

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Jeff Wenzel, Commissioner

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Roy Drago Jr., Commissioner

Approve as to Form:

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Morrow County Counsel