

## **Oceanside Water District**

## Oceanside, OR

December 5 2025

To: Tillamook County Advisory Committee

Re: Tourism Facilities Grant Application — Oceanside Tire Trail Rebuild Project

Dear Tillamook County Advisory Committee Members,

We are writing to urge you to approve a Tourism Facilities Grant request submitted by the Oceanside Action Partnership (OAP) to support the future construction of the Oceanside Tire Trail. This particular trail is an important element in our area, and it directly involves the Oceanside Water District.

The corridor which houses the trail as it descends from the Camelot Estates Development to Cape Meares Loop Road, also contains several major water distribution pipes for the District. When the OAP approached us with the idea of carrying out construction to improve the condition of the trail, we were both very much in favor of the action and concerned as well. We were in favor because of our awareness of the deplorable condition of the trail which is of frequent use to residents of Camelot as well as tourists who frequent the area. As it exists currently, it is poorly maintained, very steep, and a risk to all who use it. That it will potentially be significantly improved by the proposed actions of OAP and as such will be of significant benefit to the community.

At the same time, we were very concerned because the initial proposed design for the trail would involve pouring concrete in certain sections, that would unfortunately cross our pipes that are buried beneath the trail. We met with the OAP and expressed our concern, and I am pleased to report that the redesign now will satisfy both the need to improve accessibility and maintenance of the trail, while at the same time, will allow us to be able to excavate our pipes for repair should the need arise.

So in summary, the Oceanside Water District, as a community utility of Oceanside, we are strongly in favor of this project to improve the so-called Oceanside Tire Trail, as it will readily fit within the infrastructure that we operate to supply water to the community, as well as improving the safety and ease of access from Camelot and the other districts immediately adjacent to it, for residents and well as visitors.

Please approve the OAP request for a grant to improve the trail.

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