

Chapter 23.116. DESCHUTES RIVER CORRIDOR

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23.116.010. Deschutes River Corridor – Water Resources.

It is recognized that many of the following goals are beyond the scope of county or city jurisdiction and require action by state agencies or the Legislature. These goals are included because they have a crucial role in the preservation and revitalization of the Deschutes River Basin.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.020. Goal and Policies.

- A. Goal: Stabilize the flow regime of the upper Deschutes River Basin so as to maintain or enhance a healthy aquatic and riparian environment while providing for irrigation and recreation needs. The minimum streamflows recommended by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife should be considered as target minimum flows for the respective river reaches.
 - 1. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County shall establish a water conservation committee including, but not limited to, local representatives from the irrigation districts, Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), United States Forest Service (USFS), Deschutes County and City of Bend Planning Departments, and Deschutes County and City of Bend Planning Commissions to provide an ongoing forum regarding water management on the Deschutes River and its tributaries and to make recommendations to appropriate agencies. The committee should:
 - 1. Request assistance through Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA's) technical assistance program for technical improvements in methods of irrigation and means of conservation of both water and energy.
 - 2. Request assistance from the Water Resources Department, Bureau of Reclamation, and Soil and Conservation Districts to initiate an in- depth study of, and to set priorities for, actions that should be taken to improve the irrigation districts' delivery systems.
 - 3. Assist the County and City of Bend in the implementation of the goals and policies of DCC 23.116.010.
- B. Goal: Support the designation of instream use of water as a beneficial use.
 - 1. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County shall petition the Water Resources Department to amend the appropriate provisions in the Deschutes River Basin Plan to reflect the recommendations of the River Study Task Force and the committee established under Goal A of DCC 23.116.010.
 - b. Deschutes County shall petition the State Legislature to amend state law to designate instream use as a beneficial use to ensure that rights designated to instream use shall not be subject to

downstream appropriation by holder of equal or junior rights, and petition the Water Resource Department to adopt a uniform, easily-accomplished process for the transfer of water rights in the Deschutes River Basin to instream use.

- C. Goal: Increase streamflow in the Deschutes River below Wickiup Dam during the non-irrigation season. Establish a flow release during the irrigation season that will reduce bank erosion while providing for irrigation, fisheries, wildlife and recreation needs.

1. Policies:

- a. Deschutes County shall petition the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct a feasibility study on the Monner Reservoir site, including: (1) the non- irrigation flow required for filling, (2) to what extent gravity feed irrigation would be possible, and (3) to what extent low flows below Wickiup Dam could be augmented during the non-irrigation season.
- b. Deschutes County shall petition the Bureau of Reclamation, USFS, United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to establish a bedload sediment monitoring program and to determine an appropriate maximum discharge from Wickiup Dam, which program addresses the effects of bank erosion on rehabilitation of spawning habitat, riverfront property, recreation, and scenic values, and accomplishes the determination of flow regime through interagency cooperation with the affected irrigation districts.
3. Deschutes County shall petition the Bureau of Reclamation to determine what the consequences would be to irrigation districts, recreation use, and the stabilizing of water releases below Wickiup Dam by maintaining a lower level of water in Crane Prairie Reservoir, and diking off known high loss areas within the reservoir to minimize excess seepage.

- D. Goal: Implement and enforce incentives for water conservation.

1. Policies:

- a. Deschutes County shall encourage the Water Resources Department, irrigation districts, and municipalities utilizing diverted waters to enforce the "without waste" provision in appropriated water rights.
- b. Deschutes County shall support efforts by the irrigation districts to provide financial incentives to conserve water, such as a water use fee on the minimum amount of water required (commensurate with the plant/soil requirements determined by the soil and water conservation districts) and an excess charge for water used over the base amount.
- c. Deschutes County and the irrigation districts should explore the development of an intergovernmental agreement to provide that developers partitioning land and attendant water rights shall be responsible for the affected irrigation district's approval before final plat approval by the County. The irrigation district shall not deliver water to the subdivision greater than that which would have been due to the parcel as a whole (i.e., the district shall not replace water lost by subdivision distribution).
- d. Deschutes County shall request the irrigation districts to continue to give consideration to shortening the summer irrigation season when soil moisture conditions and cistern reserves allow.
- e. Deschutes County shall support efforts by the irrigation districts within the upper and middle Deschutes River Basin to allow expansion of irrigated land within a district's boundaries, as part of a means to share conserved water, for those districts that implement water conservation and instream flow enhancement programs.
- f. Deschutes County shall encourage irrigation districts to discontinue the policy of winter water runs.

- E. Goal: Maintain streamflows in the Little Deschutes River and its tributaries that will provide for irrigation, fisheries, wildlife and recreation needs.

Policy: Deschutes County shall encourage ODFW and Tumalo Irrigation District to negotiate a minimum release out of Crescent Lake.

- F. Goal: Increase instream flow below the North Canal Dam during periods of water diversion.
 Policy: Deschutes County shall encourage examination by irrigation districts and the Water Resources Department of options for providing additional flows below the North Canal Dam during the irrigation season. These additional flows shall not take the place of the current 30 CFS spilled by agreement with Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) and North Unit Irrigation District (NUID). Options that might be considered include shared conserved water, public participation in irrigation district improvement, public "buy down" of interest rates on improvement loans, and public or private purchase/transfer of water rights for instream use.
- G. Goal: Increase streamflow below the irrigation diversions on Tumalo Creek during periods of water diversion.
 Policies:
- a. Deschutes County shall encourage the City of Bend to continue to implement a water conservation program that emphasizes enforcement, metering, and other methods to avoid wasting water.
 - b. Deschutes County shall encourage the City of Bend to continue to replace the Tumalo water supply pipeline and, when this pipeline is complete, to install gates at the intake, which would help stabilize withdrawals from Tumalo Creek,
 - c. Policies: Deschutes County shall encourage the City of Bend and Tumalo Irrigation District to explore options to improve instream flows in Tumalo Creek, including apportionment of water draws to maximize the use of the Tumalo Feed Canal rather than the Columbia Southern Canal, in order to increase water flows through Shevlin Park and minimize the excessive water losses that now occur in the Columbia Southern Canal.
 - d. Policies: Deschutes County shall encourage the Tumalo Irrigation District to explore means to eliminate the Columbia Southern Canal and to revert a portion of the water saved to instream use to maintain a minimum flow in Tumalo Creek below the Tumalo Feed Canal diversion.
- H. Goal: Increase streamflow below the main irrigation diversion on Whychus Creek during periods of water diversion.
 Policies:
- a. Deschutes County shall encourage the Whychus Creek Irrigation District and the Water Resources Department to help explore options for providing additional flow below the irrigation diversions on Whychus Creek, including shared conserved water, public participation in irrigation district improvements, public "buy down" of interest rates on improvement loans, and public or private purchase/transfer of water rights for instream use.
 - b. Deschutes County shall request the ODFW to petition the Water Resources Department to withdraw Whychus Creek from any further appropriations.
- (Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.030. Energy Goals and Policies.

1. Goal: Encourage development of hydroelectric resources when they are consistent with 1) fish, wildlife, recreation, open space, and scenic resource values, and 2) state and regional energy plans.
2. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County shall continue to strongly support and promote the conservation of all forms of energy resources through cooperation with the Northwest Power Planning Council, BPA program, recycling, solar ordinances, energy-efficient building standards, and appropriate development of geothermal resources.
 - b. Hydroelectric projects that are not physically connected to an existing dam, diversion, or conduit are prohibited.
 - c. Deschutes County shall develop a program to assure that hydroelectric projects located within existing man-made transmission systems and using existing flow regimes, or physically

connected to an existing dam, diversion, or conduit, but not using existing flow regimes, are subject to the following provisions:

1. Are consistent with federal and state law.
 2. Hydroelectric projects shall not increase the maximum surface area of an impoundment behind an existing dam or diversion.
 3. Shall not be located in significant/sensitive fish or wildlife areas unless it can be demonstrated that the project, if constructed, would restore significant/sensitive fish or wildlife habitat in the reach affected by the project.
 4. Hydroelectric projects shall stabilize streamflows, restore degraded trout habitat, and provide public access to as great an extent as practical.
 5. Hydroelectric projects shall avoid adverse impacts if possible. Where not practicable, impacts shall be minimized, while providing for restoration on already adversely impacted areas along the river or stream. Restoration does not necessarily have to be in the immediate project vicinity.
 6. Hydroelectric projects shall have no adverse impact to water-related and water-dependent recreation unless it can be shown that existing water-related and water-dependent recreation of the same type, quality, and quantity as that which may be lost can be restored or enhanced in the project vicinity. Recreation activities include those activities which occur now and which may reasonably be expected to occur in the future.
 7. Hydroelectric projects shall include a river restoration/enhancement plan documenting both on-site and off-site restoration and enhancement strategies consistent with adopted goals and policies. The plan shall identify costs, time schedules, and coordination actions with all affected parties. The plan shall address, but not be limited to, stabilizing water flows, trout habitat restoration, and public access. No hydroelectric project shall be permitted until the plan has been approved through the public review process.
 8. Hydroelectric projects shall post a performance and restoration bond to ensure implementations of the approved restoration/ enhancement plan.
 9. Hydroelectric projects shall be consistent with the provisions of the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program and the Northwest Power Plan as adopted by the Northwest Power Planning Council.
- d. The County shall advise the Northwest Power Planning Council and Oregon Department of Energy as to the potential hydroelectric resource in Deschutes County.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.040. Fish Goals and Policies.

1. Goals:
 - a. Increase the number of wild trout through restoration of degraded habitat, enhancement of tributary spawning areas, and stabilized flows.
 - b. Increase public access along rivers and streams for fishing.
 - c. Increase public awareness of riparian habitat protection.
2. Policies:
 - a. All spawning areas for trout shall be considered significant habitat and shall be protected.
 - b. To the extent funds are available, Deschutes County shall retain in public ownership, after foreclosure, tax delinquent lands located near or adjacent to rivers and streams.
 - c. Deschutes County shall support efforts by the ODFW and local trout clubs to continue spawning habitat enhancement work.
 - d. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist DEQ in developing a program to prevent surface water pollution due to inadequate or failing septic systems along rivers and streams.

- e. Deschutes County shall encourage the ODFW to develop a program for state acquisition of fishing easements along rivers and streams.
 - f. Deschutes County shall encourage the ODFW and the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Transportation to develop a joint program for increasing fishing access at and adjacent to Cline Falls, Tumalo, and La Pine State Parks,
 - g. Deschutes County shall adopt regulations pertaining to fill-and-removal of material in waterways and adjacent wetlands.
 - h. Deschutes County shall support efforts by the ODFW, Bureau of Reclamation, Warm Springs Indian Tribe, Portland General Electric, and the USFS to begin efforts to identify ways to assure that steelhead and salmon juveniles are able to travel downstream over the dams. A pilot program for steelhead should be initiated on Whychus Creek.
 - i. Deschutes County shall support efforts by the ODFW to manage appropriate reaches of rivers and streams for wild (naturally reproducing) trout.
 - j. As part of the ODFW's effort to develop a wild trout management plan for the upper Deschutes River Basin, Deschutes County shall petition the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning and, if appropriate, financing of habitat restoration and improvement of those rivers and streams affected by water facilities designed and/or financed by their agency, through coordination with the ODFW, USFS, irrigation districts, and other public and private interests.
 - k. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist in the education of river property owners on the State Riparian Tax Incentive Program and other programs that would benefit fish and wildlife.
 - l. Deschutes County, in cooperation with the irrigation districts, USFS, ODFW, and Bureau of Reclamation, should explore means to restore and stabilize riparian and wetland habitats. Emphasis should be on stabilizing flows caused by water regulations. Consideration should also include, but not be limited to, bank erosion control, revegetation programs, and elimination of inappropriate levels of riparian livestock grazing along rivers and streams.
 - m. Deschutes County shall request the ODFW to ensure that all irrigation diversions are properly screened. The irrigation districts should be encouraged to conduct the studies to monitor screen efficiency and to make necessary improvements.
 - n. Deschutes County shall continue to use conservation easements to protect riparian habitat.
- (Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.050. Wildlife Goals and Policies.

- 1. Goal: Ensure the long-term protection and enhancement of wildlife sensitive riparian habitat, and natural plant and animal communities along the Deschutes River and its tributaries.
- 2. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County, in cooperation with the ODFW and USFS, shall modify land use practices and consider acquiring land or development rights where conflicts arise with any of the following:
 - 1. Sensitive wildlife habitats necessary for feeding, nesting, reproduction or rearing.
 - 2. Sensitive elk and deer winter range habitat.
 - 3. Sensitive elk and deer migration corridors.
 - b. Deschutes County, in cooperation with the ODFW and USFS, shall consider wetlands and riparian areas as sensitive wildlife habitat due to their scarcity and unique characteristics to serve a wide range of wildlife species and shall protect them. Modification/ alteration of these areas may only be permitted in unique situations and after consultation with the ODFW.
 - c. Deschutes County shall support periodic or seasonal closures of roads, trails or areas in sensitive wildlife areas to motorized vehicles. The County should also request the USFS to continue to support these closures in order to minimize human disturbance.

- d. Deschutes County, in cooperation with the USFS and ODFW, shall protect and enhance lands containing sensitive wildlife habitat.
- e. Deschutes County shall petition the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to close the Sheep Springs area to hunting during the bald eagle migration and feeding period.
- f. Deschutes County shall promote and support educational programs on riparian natural history, river maintenance and courtesies, impacts of habitat alteration and habitat disturbance by domestic animals and human activities.
- g. Deschutes County shall request that the USFS and ODFW adopt a winter elk management plan for the Benham Falls elk herd. Emphasis should be given to identification of their sensitive habitat in order to minimize potential conflict with development and recreation activities.
- h. Deschutes County shall support the continued consumptive and non-consumptive use of wildlife.
- i. Deschutes County shall support efforts by local conservation clubs to develop a waterfowl and wetlands habitat improvement program along the Deschutes River.
- j. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist citizens, the Department of Forestry, USFS and private landholders in adopting forest management practices along rivers and streams that consider the needs of wildlife, such as preserving snags, riparian cover, and other habitat characteristics that will maintain optimal use by wildlife. Desired changes in habitat conditions resulting from forest management practices should concurrently avoid adverse impacts to water quality and visual quality for the specific reach.
- k. Deschutes County shall continue to use conservation easements as a means to preserve wildlife habitat.
- l. Deschutes County shall adopt regulations pertaining to fill-and-removal of material in waterways and adjacent wetlands.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.060. Open Space Goals and Policies.

- 1. Goal: Existing goals sufficient.
- 2. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County shall include areas along the Deschutes River, Little Deschutes River, Crooked River, Spring River, Fall River, Tumalo Creek, Paulina Creek and Whychus Creek into the Landscape Management (LM) zone. In these areas, the LM zone may include all riparian areas, wetlands and canyons.
 - b. Deschutes County shall support a greenway project whose purpose would be to identify appropriate segments of river frontage that should be acquired for public use and benefit.
 - c. Deschutes County shall encourage the creation and assist in the operation of a non-profit, private organization to facilitate the acquisition of river property to further the goals of preserving areas for their scenic, recreational, fish and wildlife values.
 - d. Deschutes County may require public access for any land use action adjacent to the Deschutes River, Little Deschutes River, Crooked River, Spring River, Fall River, Tumalo Creek, Paulina Creek and Whychus Creek limited to foot traffic only.
 - e. Deschutes County shall include in all access easements provisions addressing safety, security, vandalism, litter and any other maintenance concerns expressed by the landowner. The cooperation of the State Police and County Marine Patrol should be sought in working with these landowners and in maintaining the easement agreement.
 - f. Deschutes County shall explore the possibility of property tax relief when public access is required by the County.

- g. Deschutes County may accept, by donation, full fee title ownership to any riparian land for which public access is required. If the County refuses to accept ownership, any required public access shall be waived.
- h. Deschutes County may grant exceptions to the public access requirement where access would be near the nest sites of protected or sensitive wildlife species. In such cases, the County shall instead require a conservation easement to protect the nest sites from harassment and disturbance, using the assistance of the USFS, ODFW, and citizens knowledgeable of the nesting requirements of these species prior to drafting the easement.
- i. Deschutes County shall request the Legislature to allow the County Assessors to recognize public access easements in their assessment policies.
- j. Deschutes County shall cooperate with the Parks and Recreation Division, USFS, and BLM during the State's Scenic Waterways Study.
- k. Deschutes County shall prohibit or restrict development on reaches of rivers that are being studied or recommended for inclusion in either the State or Federal Scenic Rivers System unless construction would not preclude inclusion of the reach in the state or federal system.
- l. Deschutes County shall request the USFS to preserve or continue to preserve appropriate areas within the vicinity for their scientific and educational value.
- m. Deschutes County, in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy, USFS, and Parks and Recreation Division, shall encourage that appropriate reaches of the Deschutes River in the vicinity of the La Pine State Recreational Area are incorporated into the Oregon Natural Heritage Plan.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.070. Recreation Goals and Policies.

- 1. Goals:
 - a. Secure designation of appropriate segments of the Deschutes River, Fall River, Little Deschutes River and Crooked River under the Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Program and the State Scenic Waterways Program.
 - b. Increase the opportunity for people to enjoy and appreciate undeveloped river and stream corridors.
 - c. Maintain, when appropriate, a semi-primitive recreation development standard along the banks of rivers and streams that are in public ownership.
- 2. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County shall support the 1) removal of fences from the river, and 2) donation of the County of portage/walking easements that increase opportunities by the public to fully enjoy water recreation on rivers and streams.
 - b. Deschutes County shall regulate recreation-related land uses and density levels to accommodate the needs of wildlife where the recreation activity interferes with sensitive wildlife habitat.
 - c. Deschutes County shall encourage the BLM and USFS to prohibit the use of motorized vehicles, including motorbikes, ATV's, and snowmobiles, adjacent to rivers and streams where they conflict with non-motorized recreation activities.
 - d. Deschutes County shall encourage and participate in the USFS planning process to eliminate specific vehicular access points to and along the Deschutes River.
 - e. Deschutes County shall encourage the USFS and Parks and Recreation Division to acquire private property in the La Pine State Recreation Area adjacent to the Deschutes River and Fall River.
 - f. Deschutes County shall encourage the BLM to consolidate ownership of public lands along the Deschutes River, Little Deschutes River, and Whychus Creek.

- g. Deschutes County shall support the USFS in controlling permitted levels of commercial whitewater boating.
- h. Deschutes County shall support wilderness designation of the Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area on the Deschutes River and lower Whychus Creek.
- i. Deschutes County shall request the BLM to designate Big Falls as an "Outstanding Natural Area" if a mutually agreeable land exchange program can be developed.
- j. Deschutes County shall advise the State Marine Board of public concerns regarding safety with respect to the use of motorboats on the Deschutes River.
- k. Deschutes County should recommend that the Transportation Commission include in the State Scenic Waterways Programs the Deschutes River from below Wickiup Dam downstream to the first COI diversion, and from Sawyer Park north to the County line.
- l. Deschutes County shall support the designation of appropriate segments of Fall River, Little Deschutes River, and Crooked River as state and/or federal scenic waterways.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.080. Archaeological Goals and Policies.

- 1. Goal: Maintain an ongoing program of archaeological inventory, investigation, interpretation, and education and preservation.
- 2. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County shall request the BLM and USFS to complete archaeological inventories along the river and stream corridors within or adjacent to federal land.
 - b. Deschutes County shall request the BLM and USFS to postpone logging, campground, trail, and road development along rivers and streams until archaeological site review and determination of site value has been made.
 - c. Deschutes County shall continue to conduct archaeological survey work and excavation on private lands based on the availability of private/ public contributions and grant funds.
 - d. Deschutes County may require archaeological site review of any development activity (including residential development), to be conducted with the assistance of archaeologists familiar with Central Oregon archaeology, and with the cooperation of landowners and developers. Plans for archaeological site review shall be submitted to the Historical Landmarks Commission for approval.
 - e. Deschutes County shall support efforts by the Deschutes County Historical Society, Oregon High Desert Museum, BLM, and USFS to educate the public on the history and significance of native American culture.
 - f. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist law enforcement agencies in the prevention of vandalism and enforcement of laws designed to protect archaeological sites on non-federal land.
 - g. Deschutes County shall encourage private landowners to have significant archaeological sites nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.
 - h. Deschutes County shall investigate potential incentives (in addition to those offered by the National Register program) for private landowners who would allow scientific and/or educational study of archaeological sites on their property.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.090. Historic and Cultural Goals and Policies.

- 1. Goal: Existing goals sufficient.
- 2. Policies:
 - a. Deschutes County shall encourage private landowners to have significant historic and cultural sites nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

- b. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist the landowner of the Tetherow Crossing site to preserve this area for its outstanding archaeological, historic, and educational value.
- c. Deschutes County shall review any excavation work proposed for the Camp Polk site and shall assist the landowners to work out a means of preserving this area for its outstanding historic and educational value.
- d. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist the landowner in preserving the Vandeverst Homestead for its outstanding historic and educational value.
- e. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist the landowner in preserving the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Mill for its outstanding historic and educational value.
- f. Deschutes County shall encourage and assist the USFS in preserving the Benham Falls site for its outstanding historic and educational value.
- g. Deschutes County shall support the creation of a private, non-profit land trust as a means of helping landowners preserve property of historic and cultural significance.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)

23.116.100. Deschutes Basin Resource Committee.

1. Purpose: The purpose of the Deschutes Basin Resource Committee is to recommend to the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners and the Bend City Commission the means to accomplish the water resource goals and policies contained within the River Study and to provide an ongoing forum for direction and policy for maintaining and enhancing the Deschutes River Basin.
 Because many of the goals and policies are beyond the scope of City of County jurisdiction and require action by state agencies or the Legislature, the committee's purpose is to review and monitor state laws and to recommend to the County Planning Commission and the Bend Urban Area Planning Commission changes in such laws necessary to carry out the goals and policies contained in the River Study.
2. Authority: The Water Conservation Committee is an advisory committee charged with making recommendations to the governing bodies of Deschutes County and the City of Bend on how to implement the water resources goals and policies of the River Study and other matters dealing with the Deschutes River and its tributaries.
3. Committee members: The Water Conservation Committee shall be made up of the following members, to be appointed by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners and the Bend City Commission:
 - a. A representative from each of four irrigation districts.
 - b. One representative from the Oregon Department of Water Resources.
 - c. One representative from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
 - d. One representative from the U.S. Forest Service.
 - e. One representative from the Deschutes County Planning Commission.
 - f. One representative from the Bend Urban Area Planning Commission.
 - g. One representative from a non-consumptive water resource user (e.g., recreator).
 - h. One representative from a local environmental organization.
 - i. Two representatives from the public at large.
 - j. The County and City shall provide adequate staff and material support for the committee.
4. Responsibilities:
 - a. Consultation: In providing advice to the governing bodies, the Water Conservation Committee should:
 1. Request assistance through Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA's) technical assistance program for technical improvements in methods of irrigation and means of conservation of both water and energy.

2. Request assistance from the Water Resources Department, Bureau of Reclamation, and the soil and conservation districts, to initiate an in-depth study and priority of actions that should be taken to improve the irrigation districts' delivery system.
 - b. Review and study of state laws.
 - c. Study and make recommendations consistent with policies of comprehensive plans related to water resources.
 - d. Reporting to County/City Planning Commissions at least semi-annually.
- (Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; Ord. 86-019, 1986)