



May 21, 2024

Ryan Beathe, PE
City of Albany
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Albany, OR 97321

Re: **2024 Master Plan – PR #2024-70**
City of Albany – WS ID #00012
Concurrence with Master Plan

Dear Ryan:

Thank you for your submittal to the Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Services (DWS) of plan review information for the water system master plan for the City of Albany. On May 8, 2024, our office received a copy of the 2024 Water Master Plan. A plan review fee of \$4,125 was also received.

The Master Plan represents a 20-year planning horizon out to the year 2044. The plan includes a system description, future demand estimates, engineering evaluation, evaluations of options to meet future demand, financing, and a list of recommended projects and cost estimates. A seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan is required and was included. Upon review of the Master Plan, it appears the elements required in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 333-061-[0060\(5\)](#) have been addressed.

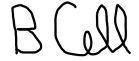
I have the following recommendation. This viewpoint is provided only for your consideration and is not a requirement.

- Consider alternatives to finance water system improvements in addition to user rate increases. Assess whether federal or state grants, or other financial assistance programs may be able to fund some of the capital improvement needs identified in the Water Master Plan.

Please note that OAR 333-061-[0060](#) contains plan submission and review requirements for all major water system additions or modifications. Construction plans and specifications must be submitted to and approved by DWS before construction begins.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (541) 393-4374.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Call". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Baxter Call, PE
Regional Engineer
OHA-Drinking Water Services

cc:

- File, DWS Portland
- Mel Damewood III, West Yost
- Amy Bleekman, DWS Springfield