

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report**

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
November 20, 2012	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

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ISSUE Consideration of Adoption and Implementation of the City of Coos Bay and Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board Watershed Management Plan

BACKGROUND

The City of Coos Bay, in cooperation with the Coos Bay – North Bend Water Board, contracted with Stuntzner Engineering & Forestry, LLC in 2008 to prepare a joint Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for our respective timber land located in the Pony Creek and Joe Ney watersheds. Within the two watersheds, the Water Board manages timber land comprised of 2,366.6 acres. Within the Pony Creek watershed, the City owns 841.1 acres of timber land. The plan focuses on Water Quality, sustainable timber production, and joint watershed administration between the City and the Water Board. This plan will serve as a living document to help the City and the Water Board jointly manage their forest lands.

The WMP also includes a five-year work plan that recommends ancillary timber management activities. These additional activities include timber inventory, road maintenance, reforestation, salvage logging, fire protection, land surveys, disease control, invasive species control, herbicide use, animal damage, seed collection, thinning, and pruning. The five-year work plan has been established to assist with the planning and implementation of these activities. It is anticipated that the City and the Water Board will meet on an annual basis to review the plan and determine implementation responsibilities.

ADVANTAGES

The plan is a comprehensive document that provides guidance and recommendations for watershed management. The adoption and implementation of the plan will continue the collaborative joint management efforts between the Water Board and the City.

DISADVANTAGES

Staff sees no disadvantages.

BUDGET

It is recommended that a portion of our timber sale revenue provides funding to complete the five-year work plan.

RECOMMENDATION

If it pleases the Council, adopt and implement the City of Coos Bay and Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board Watershed Management Plan.