



Organic Material Recovery AND Bioenergy Project

Letters of Support



1. ATTACHED LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Buoy Beer Co./Pilot House Distilling/River Barrel Distributing
- Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center
- City of Warrenton
- Columbia Pacific Economic Development District - a private non-profit organization established to assist in diversifying and strengthening the economy and livability of Northwest Oregon.
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- Fort George Brewing
- Pacific Seafoods
- State Senator Suzanne Weber



March 27, 2024

Michael S. Regan, EPA Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Clatsop County's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)
Implementation Grant Application

Administrator Regan:

The River Barrel Brewing Inc participated in the stakeholder meetings associated with Clatsop County's Organic materials Recovery and Bioenergy Feasibility Study, which addressed processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic wastes (HSOWs) generated by breweries, distilleries, and seafood processors as well as septage waste.

The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system which will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. River Barrel Brewing Inc. offers its full support for the Clatsop County's application for an EPA IRA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant so that this critical project for our community can proceed enabling the economic revitalization of the north coast of Oregon to continue. The project strongly aligns with the EPA strategic plan goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis," and will substantially reduce greenhouse gases while benefiting disadvantaged communities and creating jobs.

The team assembled has been impressive and is well suited to move this project forward for the benefit of our entire community and I'm pleased to support the project.

We urge you to approve funding for this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among many stakeholders, all of whom have expressed support of this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Kroening
President
River Barrel Brewing Inc.



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Administrator Regan:

The Oregon Military Department and Camp Rilea participated in the stakeholder meetings associated with Clatsop County's Organic materials Recovery and Bioenergy Feasibility Study, which addressed processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic wastes (HSOWs) generated by breweries, distilleries, and seafood processors as well as septage waste.

The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system which will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. Oregon Military Department and Camp Rilea offers its full support for the Clatsop County's application for an EPA IRA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant so that this critical project for our community can proceed enabling the economic revitalization of the north coast of Oregon to continue. The project strongly aligns with the EPA strategic plan goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis," and will substantially reduce greenhouse gases while benefiting disadvantaged communities and creating jobs.

The Oregon Military Department was selected from the National Guard to pilot a net-zero energy and water program spearheaded by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. Camp Rilea is the first and only Net-Zero Water military facility in the United States and Oregon is leading the way for Net-Zero water, energy and waste. We understand the need and fully endorse sustainability programs.

We urge you to approve funding for this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among many stakeholders, all of whom have expressed support of this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Idica
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Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center
Adjutant General Installations



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Dear Administrator Regan:

The City of Warrenton has participated in the stakeholder meetings associated with Clatsop County's Organic materials Recovery and Bioenergy Feasibility Study, which addressed processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic wastes (HSOWs) generated by breweries, distilleries, and seafood processors as well as septage waste.

The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system which will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. The City of Warrenton is extremely interested in having a biodigester in our County and offers its full support for the Clatsop County's application for an EPA IRA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant so that this critical project for our community can proceed enabling the economic revitalization of the north coast of Oregon to continue. The project strongly aligns with the EPA strategic plan goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis," and will substantially reduce greenhouse gases while benefiting disadvantaged communities and creating jobs.

We have seen the challenges of septage hauling for our industrial community and we had to shut down septage for our plant years ago because we could not keep up with the demand. As State and Federal requirements for treatment of waste and HWOWS continues to become more and more stringent, we need the Federal Government to recognize small rural communities need support in overcoming obstacles to stay compliant, stay in business, and take care of these issues.

We urge you to approve funding for this regionally significant project. The application represents the strong partnership among many stakeholders, all of whom have expressed support of this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Balensifer, III
Mayor



March 29, 2024

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Administrator Regan:

The Columbia Pacific Economic Development District (ColPac) participated in stakeholder meetings associated with Clatsop County's Organic Materials Recovery and Bioenergy Feasibility Study, to address processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic wastes (HSOWs) generated by breweries, distilleries, and seafood processors as well as septage waste. Each of these industry sectors represents traded sector economic activity exporting their products to other markets and returning revenue to the local economy.

The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system that will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. ColPac supports Clatsop County's application for an EPA IRA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to fund this critical project for our community, enabling continued economic revitalization of the north coast of Oregon. The project strongly aligns with the EPA strategic plan goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis," and will substantially reduce greenhouse gases while benefiting disadvantaged communities and creating jobs.

Northwest Oregon and Clatsop County are in an economic transition period, saddled with insufficient infrastructure to support emerging, sustainable industries. An anerobic digester is a solution supporting two industries that serve as major employers in the area and will provide renewable energy directly to our region.

We urge you to approve funding for this regionally significant project. The application represents a strong partnership among many stakeholders. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Colin Cooper", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Colin Cooper
Executive Director



March 27, 2024

Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of Energy Trust of Oregon, I am pleased to support Clatsop County's application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

Energy Trust is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping 2.4 million utility customers and communities across Oregon invest in and benefit from energy efficiency and clean, renewable power. We provide cash incentives and services to help utility customers and community leaders make improvements to save energy, benefit from renewable power and manage energy costs. We collaborate closely with local leaders, community-based organizations and a network of skilled contractors, installers and builders through our Trade Ally Network.

Energy Trust has provided Clatsop County with project development assistance funding for a feasibility study for a regional biopower project that would help the county manage organic materials. Specifically, the study addressed processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic waste generated by breweries, distilleries and seafood processors, as well as septage waste. The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system that will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. This type of biodigester project would also have a significant greenhouse gas reduction benefit. Energy Trust participated in stakeholder meetings associated with the feasibility study.

Based on our experience working with Clatsop County, we have found officials there to be committed to addressing the county's organic materials management challenges and working diligently with limited resources to find a regional solution.

Thank you,

Joshua Reed
Project Manager, Renewable Energy
Energy Trust of Oregon

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March 27th, 2024

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Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

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Administrator Regan,

Fort George Brewery participated in the stakeholder meetings associated with Clatsop County's Organic materials Recovery and Bioenergy Feasibility Study, which addressed processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic wastes (HSOWs) generated by breweries, distilleries, and seafood processors as well as septage waste.

The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system which will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. Fort George Brewery and its leadership offers our full support for the Clatsop County's application for an EPA IRA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant so that this critical project for our community can proceed enabling the economic revitalization of the north coast of Oregon to continue. The project strongly aligns with the EPA strategic plan goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis," and will substantially reduce greenhouse gases while benefiting disadvantaged communities and creating jobs.

Job creation in the fermentation sector is more important than ever and has brought growth, renewal, and prosperity to our community in otherwise challenging economic times. This infrastructure is absolutely vital for those efforts.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Zack O'Connor, PHR
Senior Vice President



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Pacific Bio Products – Warrenton, LLC, a subsidiary of Pacific Seafood, participated in the stakeholder meetings associated with Clatsop County's Organic materials Recovery and Bioenergy Feasibility Study, which addressed processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic wastes (HSOWs) generated by breweries, distilleries, and seafood processors as well as septage waste.

The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system which will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. Pacific Seafood offers its full support for the Clatsop County's application for an EPA IRA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant so that this critical project for our community can proceed enabling the economic revitalization of the north coast of Oregon to continue. The project strongly aligns with the EPA strategic plan goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis," and will substantially reduce greenhouse gases while benefiting disadvantaged communities and creating jobs.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Wentworth".

Amy Wentworth
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April 1, 2024

Michael S. Regan, EPA Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Clatsop County's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)
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Administrator Regan:

Clatsop County stakeholders have held many meetings concerning the Clatsop County's Organic materials Recovery Bioenergy Feasibility Study, which addressed processing capacity limitations within Clatsop County for high strength organic wastes (HSOWs) generated by breweries, distilleries, and seafood processors as well as septage waste.

The study identified a preferred option of a regional biodigester system which will address the waste bottleneck in the community while generating renewable energy. I offer my full support for Clatsop County's application for an EPA IRA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant so that this critical project for our community can proceed enabling the economic revitalization of the north coast of Oregon to continue. The project strongly aligns with the EPA strategic plan goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis," and will substantially reduce greenhouse gases while benefiting disadvantaged communities and creating jobs.

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Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Weber".

Senator Suzanne Weber
Oregon Senate District 16