ORDINANCE NO. 184441

*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to establish a station to monitor snow cover and precipitation in Bull Run Watershed (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. The U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) installs, operates, and maintains an extensive, automated system (SNOwpack TELemetry or SNOTEL) designed to collect snowpack and related climatic data in the Western United States and Alaska.
- 2. In 1935, NRCS, then the Soil Conservation Service, established a formal cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting (SS-WSF) Program to conduct snow surveys and develop accurate and reliable water supply forecasts.
- 3. The SS-WSF Program has grown into a network of more than 1,200 manually-measured snow courses and over 750 automated SNOTEL stations in 13 Western States, including Alaska. The Program provides stream flow forecasts for over 740 points in the West.
- 4. The data, as well as related reports and forecasts, are made available—in near real time for the automated SNOTEL sites—to private industry; to Federal, State, and local government entities; and to private citizens through an extensive Internet delivery system and other distribution channels.
- 5. In July 1988, the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the NRCS for the long term operation and maintenance of SNOTEL sites in the Bull Run Watershed. The Agreement expired in September 2010 and both parties desire renewal of the Agreement.
- 6. Data generated by the SNOTEL site digitally to the NRCS central computer in Portland, Oregon will be provided to the PWB through Internet Web Based Home Pages and File Transfer Protocol locations, or through the Oregon Data Collection Office. NRCS will provide PWB with site plan maps, snow sample collection notes and reference materials as requested.
- 7. Funds shall not exceed \$9,000 for FY 2010-11 and will not exceed \$9,000 per year for FY 2011-12 through FY 2014-15. Funds are available in the FY 2010-11 Budget, and will be requested in the FY 2011-12 through FY 2014-15 Budgets. Annual payments will be due upon PWB's receipt of an NFC-63 (Bill for Collection) prior to the services rendered for the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- That the Portland Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to execute and amend on a. behalf of the City the Intergovernmental Agreement attached as Exhibit A, with such changes deemed by the Administrator to be appropriate in individual circumstances as approved by the City Attorney's Office.
- That the Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver checks chargeable b. to the Water Fund, when demand is presented and approved by the proper authorities.

Section 2. The council declares that an emergency exists because the monitoring is weather related and a delay in proceeding with the agreement could unnecessarily delay continuation of the Bull Run watershed monitoring; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by the Council,

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Commissioner Leonard Doug Bloem February 4, 2011

LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Leonard	CLERK USE: DATE FILED FEB 25 2011	
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish	By: Luran Parrons	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Leonard Randylo	Deputy ACTION TAKEN:	
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Water Bureau Head: David G Shaff Prepared by: Doug Bloem Date Prepared: February 4, 2011 Financial Impact Statement	ACTION TAKEN:	
Completed Amends Budget Not Required		
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes No		
Council Meeting Date March 2, 2011		
City Attorney Approval		

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2. Fish	2. Fish		
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman		
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	~	
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