

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

CASCADES WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Cascades West Economic Development District, hereinafter referred to as the District.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION

The authorization for the establishment of this agreement is set forth in state enabling legislation (ORS 190.003 to 190.110) and by agreement between its parties.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

(A) Purpose

This agreement is entered into by Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, hereinafter “OCWCOG,” and Lane Council of Governments, hereinafter “LCOG,” for the purpose of allowing Benton, Linn, Lincoln, and Lane Counties to benefit from the services of an Economic Development District Organization recognized by the federal Economic Development Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

(B) Duties

1. To assist in the preparation and adoption of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the District and expand upon and update the Strategy document thereafter.
2. To prepare and execute such programs of research and services as may be necessary and advisable to carrying out its purposes.
3. To contract with persons or firms or other units and levels of government to carry out the purposes of the Economic Development District.
4. To prepare periodic reports as may be required by the bylaws of the Economic Development District or federal or State legislation or regulations pertaining thereto.
5. To purchase, receive, lease, take by gift or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, and use real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated within the District.
6. To incur expenses as necessary and permitted by law to carry out its functions.

7. To receive grants, gifts, contributions, and donations which may be made to it for its use and purposes.
8. To publish reports and studies in connection with its work which may be of benefit to its members or other agencies or programs within or outside the District.
9. To prepare an annual report on the economic development activities of the District since its previous report.

ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT BOARD AND STRATEGIC COMMITTEES

- (A) The District shall be governed by a Board of twenty (20) members. Six (6) members shall be the members of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Executive Board, six (6) members shall be members of the Lane Council of Governments Executive Committee, and eight (8) members shall be representatives of economic interests. These eight (8) representatives shall be representatives of each District County who are not elected officials.
- (B) Economic Committees on the Board shall be appointed to the Board by the Councils of Governments which are parties to this agreement in any manner which those Councils may provide. It is the intent that the appointee represents the economic interest of the county.
- (C) The members of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee for the District shall be appointed by the Councils of Governments which are parties to this agreement in any manner which those Councils may provide. Federal requirements and an equal membership between the two Council of Governments areas will be considered in making appointments to this Committee.

ARTICLE V. STAFF

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments provides the primary staff to the District Board, and serves as the lead administrative unit of the District.

ARTICLE VI. BYLAWS

Bylaws for the Economic Development District Governing Board shall be adopted by the Councils of Governments which are parties to this agreement. The Economic Development District shall not prescribe its own bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this agreement may be made by agreement of the parties .

ARTICLE VIII. TERMINATION

This agreement may be terminated upon mutual agreement at any time by either party provided that a 30 days written notice has been given to the other party and at least 30 days before the next District Board meeting

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in the names of the respective agencies by resolution ~~ad referendum~~ by the governing bodies, signed by the Chief Executive, as appropriate, duly attested to by the respective clerk, recorder, or secretary.

OREGON CASCADES WEST
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS





Date June 16, 2020

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