

# DRAFT PROPOSED

## OKANOGAN COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. -----

### A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE A LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO SERVE CERTAIN LIMITED AREAS AROUND LAKE OSOYOOS IN OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.61.020 allows the Board of County Commissioners by resolution to announce its intent to place before the property owners a ballot measure to form and finance a lake management district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Osoyoos Association and the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Board have obtained grants from the Department of Ecology to control milfoil and other invasive species on Lake Osoyoos but funding from the grants has been expended and further funding is not available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Noxious Weed Board and Lake Osoyoos Association recognize the long term benefits, both environmentally and economically, of engaging in the long term control of milfoil and other invasive species; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Osoyoos Association has gathered the signatures of land owners along and in the vicinity of Lake Osoyoos who favor the formation of a Lake Management District and the collection of a special assessment on property contained therein to fund further milfoil control measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Osoyoos Association and other interested parties had met and developed recommended boundaries which included adjoining properties and others in the vicinity of Lake Osoyoos that would benefit from inclusion in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that the property owners should have the opportunity to consider forming and financing a Lake Management District within the proposed boundaries.

**Whereas**, the Okanogan Board of County Commissioners conducted public hearings on July 31, 2017 and August 29, 2017 to take public testimony and consider the proposed lake management district, and

**Whereas**, after considering written comments and public testimony the Commissioners determined that additional review of the proposal was necessary to evaluate the potential impacts of the aquatic weed abatement program to

agricultural activities; to determine if land in agricultural production should be excluded from the district; to determine if parcels identified as secondary property would benefit from inclusion in the district; and if the boundaries of the district should be extended to the dam.

**Whereas**, a work group consisting of county staff, farm bureau representative, Lake Osoyoos Association representative, and City of Oroville staff met in a public meeting in Oroville on October 10, 2017 to discuss revisions to the boundaries of the lake management district proposal, and

**Whereas**, the work group decided to recommend that the boundary should be moved down lake to the dam and only parcels adjoining the lake should be included except for the common lake front lot in Veranda Beach and parcels in agriculture without residential structures, and

**Whereas**, based on the recommendations of the work group a revised lake management district map and parcel owners list were created, and

**Whereas**, THE Okanogan Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a public hearing for December 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Oroville City Council chambers to take public testimony regarding the revised proposal to form Lake Management District #1,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR OKANOGAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, that:

1. The Board hereby announces its intent to consider whether the property owners around Lake Osoyoos should form and finance a Lake Management District; and
2. The proposed Lake Management District shall be as shown on the appended maps, and attached metes and bounds descriptions of the district and said map and legal descriptions shall be available for viewing at the office of the Board of County Commissioners for Okanogan County and at the Okanogan County Planning website at [www.okanogancounty.org/planning](http://www.okanogancounty.org/planning); and
3. The Board of County Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing to consider the organization of the district and all interested persons may appear and be heard at 6:00 p.m. on December 18, 2017 in the Oroville City Council Chambers; and
4. The Clerk of the Board is directed to publish notice of the hearing and the adoption of this Resolution in the Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle and the Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tribune for at least two (2) consecutive weeks, including a notice of the date and time of the hearing; and
5. The assessments will be collected annually for a period of 5 years with a total collection of \$230,000.00; and

6. Assessments will be \$150.00 annually for those lots adjoining the lake identified in attachment A and B of this resolution; and
7. The common lot adjoining the lake located within the Veranda Beach Planned Development and agricultural parcels which do not have residential structures will be exempt from assessments; and
8. The Board of County Commissioners is not requiring a bond to cover the costs of forming the district but will reimburse the costs incurred by the county from the first year collections.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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