

**RESOLUTION NO 482**

**AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES RATING PROGRAM**

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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**By and Among the Initiating Governments and Lead Agency  
for the Douglas County Watershed Planning Association  
Spring 1999**

This INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and among the "Initiating Governments" and "Lead Agency" of Douglas County for ESHB 2514 (*The Watershed Management Act*): City of Bridgeport, Bridgeport Irrigation District #1, City of East Wenatchee, East Wenatchee Water District, Colville Confederated Tribes, and the Douglas County Commissioners (collectively, the "Initiating Governments") and the Foster Creek Conservation District (known hereafter as the "Lead Agency") for the purpose of administering the development of a local watershed plan under the authority of ESHB 2514 (Chapter 90.82 RCW) for Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA's) 44 and 50; defining the duties and responsibilities of the "Initiating Governments" and "Lead Agency" for the local watershed planning process.

WHEREAS, The 1998 Washington State legislature passed *The Watershed Management Act* (ESHB 2514) to provide a framework for local citizens, interest groups, and government organizations to collaboratively identify and solve water-related issues in each of the 62 Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA's) of the State.

WHEREAS, Douglas County encompasses two WRIA's in north Central Washington, and the Foster Creek Conservation District has received grant funding from the Washington Department of Ecology for Phase One planning in Douglas County.

WHEREAS, the Initiating Governments must provide for the participation of a wide range of water resource, water quality, and fish & wildlife interests in the composition of the planning unit for Douglas County, and it is critical to the success of the planning process that the Initiating Governments provide for broad public participation and education regarding the development and implementation of the local watershed plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements, contained herein, the Initiating Governments and Lead Agency agree to the terms outlined in this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

**DEFINITIONS**

"Initiating Governments" means those local and tribal governments generally designated by RCW 90.82.060 for the purposes of initiating watershed planning and designating a lead agency for such planning.

"Lead Agency" means the organization designated by the Initiating Governments pursuant to RCW 90.82.060 to serve as the lead agency for the planning process, including the receipt and administration of grant funds and the coordination of staff support related to watershed planning. For purposes of this Agreement the Lead Agency is the Foster Creek Conservation District.