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Planning Commission
City of Beaverton
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**RE: Public Comments on ASR 3 Facility Purple Pipe File No. CU2021-0015/ DR2021-0101/
LD2021-0013/ PD2021-0004/ TP2021-0009**

Tualatin Riverkeepers is a community-based organization that protects and restores the Tualatin River watershed. We build watershed stewardship through engagement, advocacy, restoration, access, and education. We write to provide our support for City of Beaverton's proposed ASR 3 Facility Purple Pipe. The reuse of water is an important conservation tool, which positively impacts not only water quality but water quantity in the Tualatin River watershed.

Water conservation and reuse measures are important to ensuring sufficient water supplies and for generally making the watershed more climate resilient. As the City of Beaverton recognizes, expanding purple pipe infrastructure to include storage capacity, among other things, is an important step in preparing the basin for climate change. Additionally, irrigating with reuse water will mean areas served by the system will not need as much, or any, irrigation water directly pulled from the Tualatin River, which will translate into more water available for in-stream flows. Additionally, the system contemplated here will provide water to recharge streams, which will be important for cooling streams. Many important fish species such as endangered winter steelhead and others rely on cold water tributaries to survive. Therefore, it is likely this system will not only impact water quantity in the basin positively but will likely also have positive benefits for fish and wildlife.

Given all these positive benefits, Tualatin Riverkeepers strongly supports City of Beaverton's proposed ASR 3 Facility Purple Pipe project. We encourage City of Beaverton to continue to explore even more ways to conserve and reuse water in the Tualatin River basin, including additional expansion of the purple pipe system beyond what is proposed here.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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