



City of **SHADY COVE**

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CITY OF SHADY COVE ANNOUNCES INTENT TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY AND INITIATE ACQUISITION DISCUSSIONS FOR HILAND/SUNSTONE WATER SYSTEM

Shady Cove, OR – The City of Shady Cove is moving forward with plans to establish a city-wide municipal water utility, including discussions to acquire the privately owned Hiland/Sunstone Water System. This initiative reflects the City’s commitment to delivering a reliable, safe, and sustainable water supply while strengthening community resilience.

To support this effort, the city is taking the following steps:

1. **Valuation of the Hiland/Sunstone System:** Engaging specialized consultants to conduct a detailed valuation of the system’s infrastructure and operations, ensuring a fair foundation for acquisition discussions.
2. **City-Wide Feasibility Study:** A comprehensive study is underway to assess the technical, financial, and operational requirements for municipal water service, and to evaluate integration of the Hiland/Sunstone system.
3. **Acquisition of Water Rights:** The City is actively pursuing 150 acres of water rights to secure long-term supply and safeguard against drought and environmental risks.

Establishing a municipal water utility represents a historic step toward local control and infrastructure modernization. It will improve service reliability, stabilize costs, and allow for strategic reinvestment in system upgrades.

“Bringing reliable water services to every resident of Shady Cove has been a long-standing goal,” said Mayor Jon Ball. “These efforts are crucial in securing a sustainable future. We are committed to transparency and community involvement throughout the process.”

The city will coordinate closely with state and regional partners to ensure alignment with industry best practices. Public meetings and updates will be scheduled to keep residents informed and engaged.

For more information, contact the City of Shady Cove at (541) 878-2225.

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About the City of Shady Cove: A vibrant Southern Oregon community of 3,200 residents, Shady Cove is committed to enhancing quality of life through strategic investments and responsive governance.

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