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### Overview

Public facilities and services are the basic support systems for urban and rural development; this includes water and sanitary waste systems, police and fire protection, health and social services, schools, libraries and community centers.

The County is responsible for planning public services in unincorporated Wasco County. The following policies and implementation measures provide the framework for County planning related to future and existing public facilities and services.

**Statewide Planning  
Goal 11**

**To plan and develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development.**

Urban and rural development shall be guided and supported by types and levels of urban and rural public facilities and services appropriate for, but limited to, the needs and requirements of the urban, urbanizable, and rural areas to be served.

Excerpt from  
OAR 660-015-0000(11)

**Cross Reference**

Additional policies related to this goal: Goal 2

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# Policies

**11.1.1** Ensure development is concentrated in areas with appropriate levels of fire and emergency services<sup>i</sup>.

**Implementation for Policy 11.1.1:**

- a. Adequate fire protection should be a factor in locating and planning rural subdivisions or Planned Unit Developments.
- b. All community water systems shall provide minimum fire flow capacities and have a fire hydrant system.
- c. Adequate access shall be provided to any available water sources within development areas.
- d. Road design for rural subdivisions and planned unit developments should incorporate appropriate requirements with respect to mobility and access by fire suppression equipment.
- e. Development located outside of a Rural Fire Protection District may be required to contract with a structural fire protection district for service<sup>ii</sup>.

**11.1.2** Provide an appropriate level of police protection for rural areas.

**Implementation for Policy 11.1.2:**

- a. Wasco County should continue to provide police protection, in conjunction with the Oregon State Police, commensurate with the needs of the rural community.

**11.1.3** Minimize adverse impacts resulting from power line corridor and utility development.

**Implementation for Policy 11.1.3:**

- a. The Bonneville Power Administration should compensate for damage resulting from power-line corridor development at levels based on the loss of agricultural and residential values and productivity.
- b. When economically and physically feasible, transmission lines should be laid underground.
- c. Public utility easements and transmission lines corridors should be designed to

provide for multiple land uses.

- d. Maximum utilization of existing utility right-of-way should be encouraged to minimize the need for additional rights-of-way.
- e. Public utilities shall be responsible for appropriate maintenance including noxious weed control on all existing and future rights-of-way.

**11.1.4** Encourage adequate and convenient school facilities for the citizens of Wasco County.

**Implementation for Policy 11.1.4:**

- a. Wasco County will continue to cooperate with school district(s) in the planning and placement of future educational facilities.
- b. Wasco County will coordinate with the affected school district(s) when new subdivisions or Planned Unit Developments are proposed.

**11.1.5** Future provision of public facilities and services shall be adequate to meet the needs of Wasco County citizens and be provided efficiently and economically.

**Implementation for Policy 11.1.5:**

- a. The Dalles Sanitary Landfill shall be maintained as the solid waste disposal site in Wasco County until such time as additional sites become necessary.
- b. The development of sanitary sewage disposal facilities for Wamic, Tygh Valley, Pine Grove, and Pine Hollow should be encouraged<sup>iii</sup>.
- c. Water systems developed on individual lots should provide a standpipe capable of handling the full capacity of the pumping system<sup>iv</sup>.
- d. The placement of nuclear facilities for the generation of nuclear energy shall be emphatically discouraged, especially in the more populous areas of the County where the obvious potential hazards would affect larger numbers of people.
- e. The availability of necessary utilities and public services shall be made known at the time of application for the development of subdivisions, planned unit developments and partitions.

- f. The facilities and services provided shall be appropriate for, but limited to, the needs and requirements of the areas to be served<sup>v</sup>.
- g. Facilities and services provided to areas designated Rural Residential and Rural Service Center shall be at levels appropriate to and necessary for rural uses only and shall not support urban uses<sup>vi</sup>.
- h. The County will coordinate its public facilities and services planning with the plans of affected special service districts and other governmental units.
- i. The County will develop a detailed drinking water service plan which will comply with ORS 448.165 at the next update of the plan. A water system inventory will be the initial step and other factors such as groundwater resources, population growth, system aging, water quality and quantity will be considered in the detailed plan.

**11.1.6** The larger lot sizes (5 acres in Wamic and 4 acres in Tygh Valley) will apply until approved facility plans are acknowledged and community sanitary waste systems are in place.

**Implementation for Policy 11.1.6:**

- a. Established minimum lot size in Wamic and Tygh Valley may be reduced to two (2) acre minimum property size standard when a community, municipal or public water and/or sewer public facility plan is “approved” by the county and acknowledged by the state pursuant to the post acknowledgment plan amendment (PAPA) requirements (ORS 197.610 through 197.650) and the requirements for facility plans under OAR 660-022.
- b. Upon acknowledgment of an existing or new community, municipal or public water and/or sewer system facility plan, the minimum property size standard may be amended from the current five (5) acre standard to two (2) acres in Wamic, and from the current four (4) acre standard to two (2) acres in Tygh Valley.

**11.1.7** Wasco County shall encourage public and private agencies to cooperate in planning and providing for health and related social services.

**Implementation for Policy 11.1.7:**

- a. The Planning Department will notify and coordinate with North Central Public Health on matters related to sanitary waste systems and matters related to public health.
- b. The Planning Department shall coordinate with the Oregon Water Resources Department to ensure appropriate drinking water facilities for new development.

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<sup>i</sup> During Wasco County 2020, many residents emphasized their desire to continue to see concentrations of development in urban areas where there is better access to public facilities and services, including fire, emergency, schools and infrastructure.

<sup>ii</sup> The Wasco County Land Use and Development Ordinance requires development outside of a fire protection district, in some cases, to contract with a nearby fire protection district.

<sup>iii</sup> Sewer service to rural lands is addressed in OAR 660-011-0060.

<sup>iv</sup> Water service to rural lands is addressed in OAR 660-011-0065.

<sup>v</sup> Public facilities planning and Goal 11 are informed by OAR 660-011.

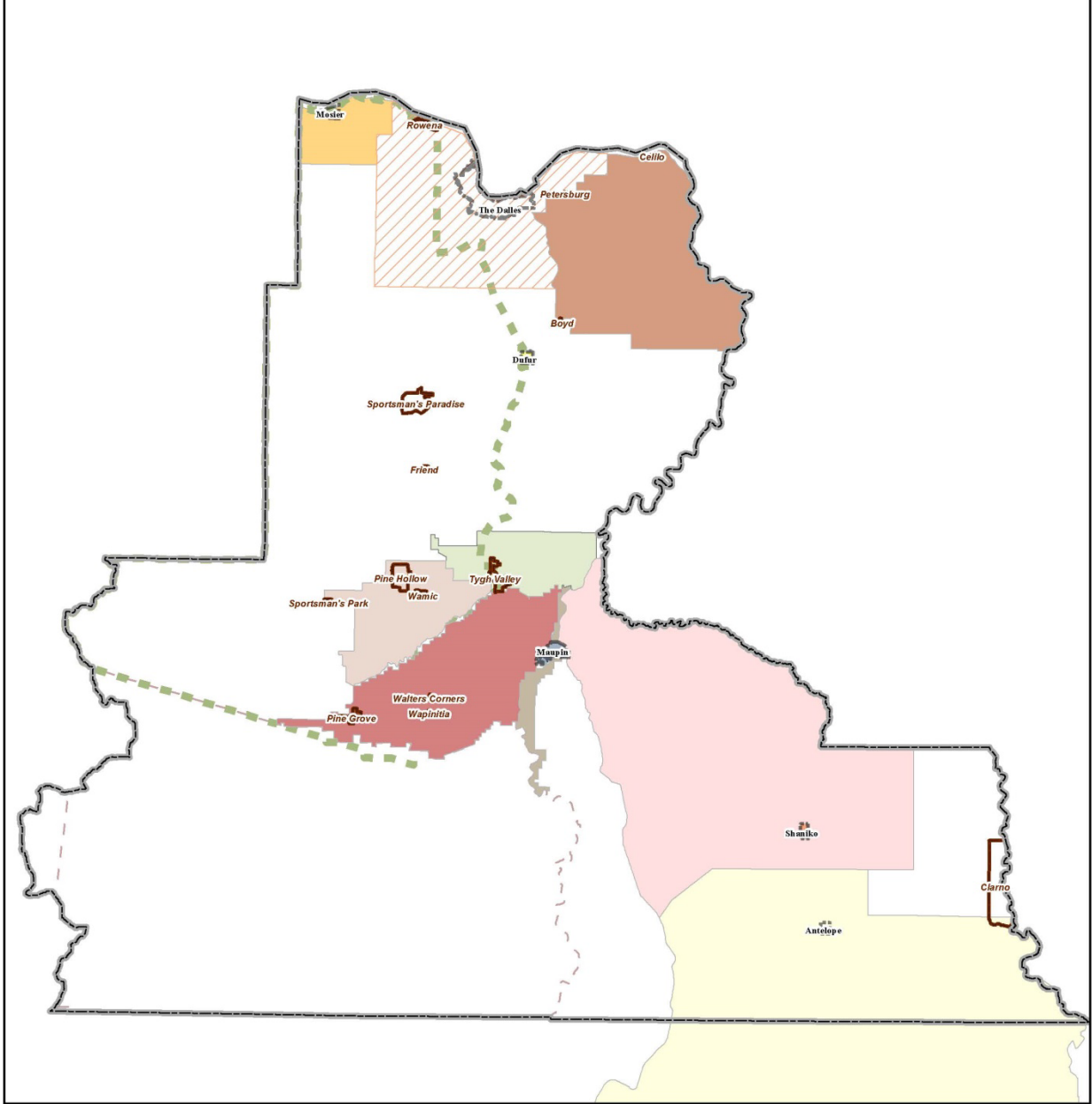
<sup>vi</sup> Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660-022 provides rules for unincorporated communities, like Wasco County's rural service areas.

## References

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# WASCO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS

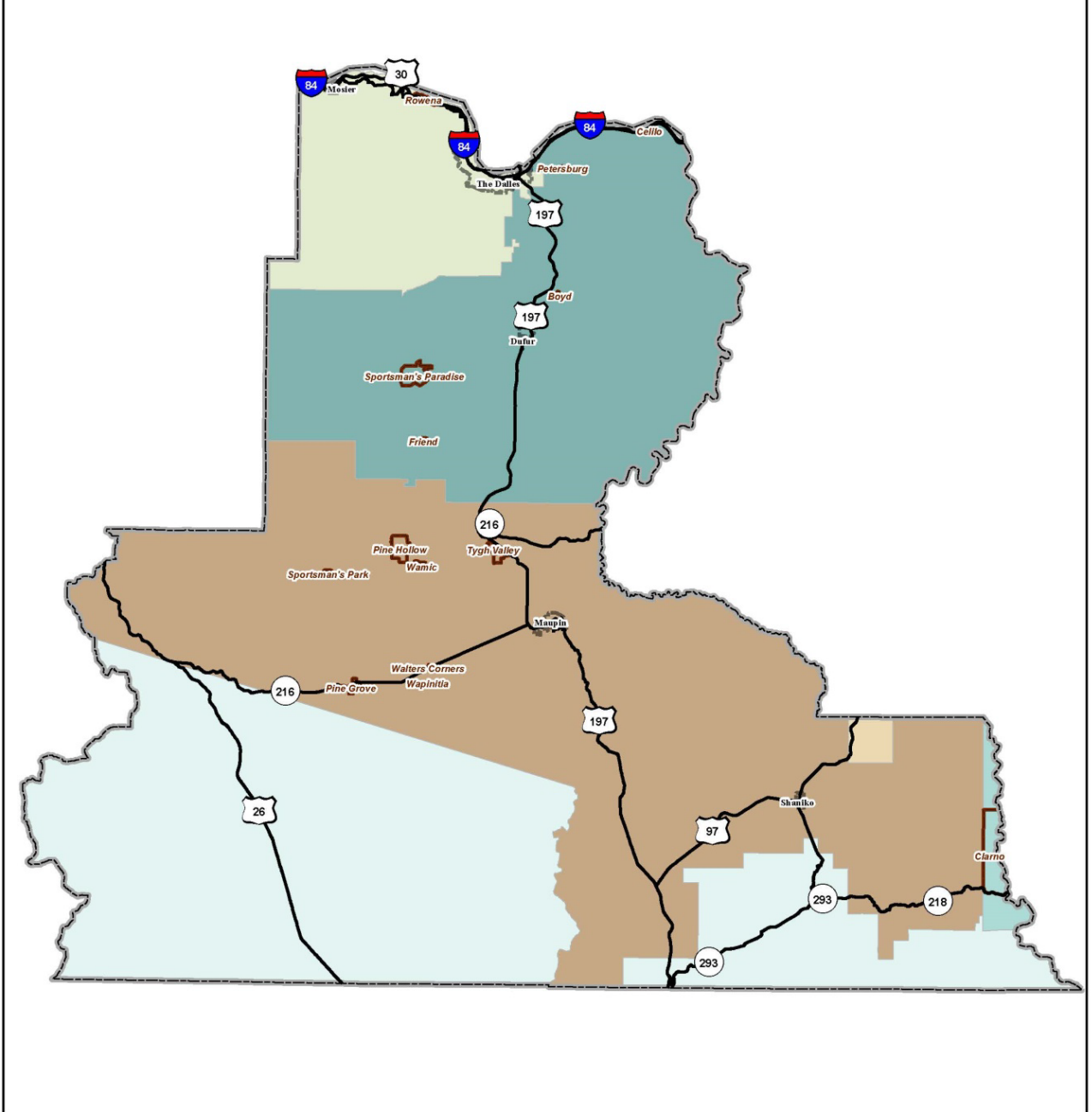


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| City Limits                   | Juniper Flat RFPD         | Columbia RFPD                | Shaniko Fire Department |
| Populated Places              | Bakeoven-Shaniko RPA      | Dufur Fire Department        | Tygh Valley RFPD        |
| <b>Fire Districts</b>         | Antelope Fire Department  | Maupin Fire Department       | Wamic RFPD              |
| Ashwood-Antelope RPA          | Bureau of Indian Affairs  | Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue |                         |
| Oregon Department of Forestry | Bureau of Land Management | Mosier Fire District         |                         |



**Appendix 11-B**

# WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS



- Highways
- City Limits
- Populated Places
- Dufur School District 29
- Fossil School District 21-J
- Jefferson County School District 509-J
- North Wasco County School District 21
- Sherman County School District
- South Wasco County School District 1

