

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4410
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO PURCHASE)	
PROPERTY IN THE WILLAMETTE NARROWS)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
AND CANEMAH BLUFF TARGET AREA)	J. Bennett, with the concurrence of Council
)	President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, at the general election held on November 7, 2006, the voters of the Metro region approved the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure, authorizing Metro to sell \$227.4 million in general obligation bonds to fund natural area acquisition and water quality protection; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluff Target Area was identified in the Bond Measure as one of 27 regional target areas for land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2007, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 07-3858 "Approving the Natural Areas Acquisition Refinement Plan for the Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluff Target Area" which resolution approved the acquisition of the properties within the target area; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluff Target Area refinement plan is to "protect the unique biological, geological and scenic values of this area and allow for a publicly accessible regional natural area to be established"; and

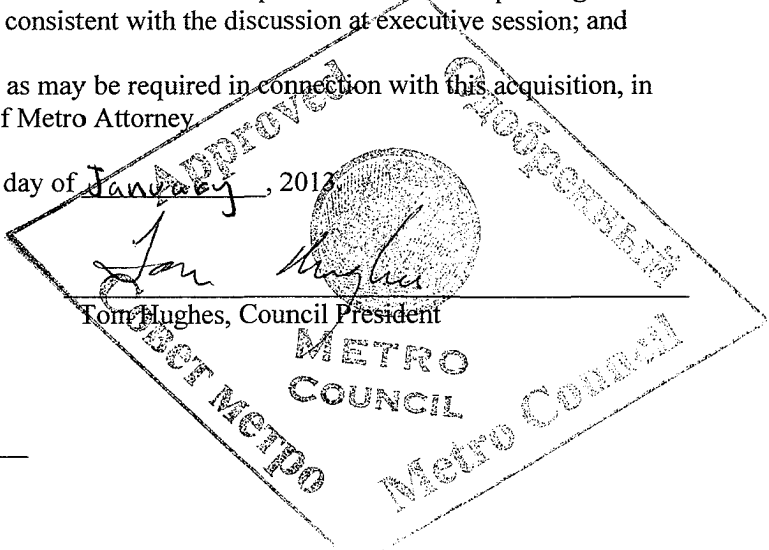
WHEREAS, certain real property identified in executive session that meets this goal (the "Property") and which is identified in the Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluff Target Area refinement plan may be available for purchase; and

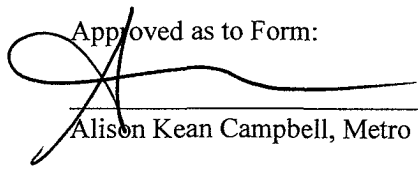
WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.04.026 requires Metro Council authorization for any contract for the purchase of real property to be owned by Metro; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council finds that, for the reasons stated and as provided herein and discussed in executive session, it is in the public interest to purchase the Property, and therefore authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to:

1. Acquire the Property on terms and under conditions acceptable to the Chief Operating Officer and the Office of Metro Attorney, consistent with the discussion at executive session; and
2. Execute such ancillary documents as may be required in connection with this acquisition, in the form approved by the Office of Metro Attorney

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 24 day of January, 2013.



Approved as to Form:

 Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-4410 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY IN THE WILLAMETTE NARROWS AND CANEMAH BLUFF TARGET AREA

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BACKGROUND

Resolution No. 13-4410 requests authorization to purchase real property located within the Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluff target area that was identified and discussed at the Metro Council executive session on January 15, 2013 (the "Property").

This acquisition fulfills the goals of the Refinement Plan for this target area because it is a strategic addition that will protect the unique biological, geological and scenic values of the area and allow for a publicly accessible regional natural area to be established. Acquisition of the Property would fulfill the Tier 1 Refinement Plan objective to acquire property adjacent to existing public holdings that are essential to the establishment and management of a publicly accessible regionally significant natural area.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition

None.

2. Legal Antecedents

The voters' approved Metro's 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure at the general election held on November 7, 2006.

The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 07-3766A, "Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Property with Accepted Acquisition Guidelines as Outlined in the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan" on March 1, 2007.

The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 07-3858, "Approving the Natural Areas Acquisition Refinement Plan for the Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluff Target Area," on September 6, 2007.

Metro Code Chapter 2.04.026 requires Metro Council authorization for any contract for the purchase of real property to be owned by Metro.

3. Anticipated Effects

The acquisition will allow Metro to plan for a publicly accessible and regionally significant natural area. Metro will be able to more effectively manage its holdings in the area. The total number of acres acquired for the target area using 2006 Bond Measure funds will be 262.8 acres.

4. Budget Impacts

Metro's acquisition of the Property shall be funded with 2006 Regional Bond proceeds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 13-4410.