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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CECW–CE, Lisa Kiefel
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Dear Ms. Lisa Kiefel,

Please find enclosed Multnomah County Drainage District #1's (MCDD) proposal for a feasibility study to be included in the in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Annual Report. As a non-federal project sponsor, MCDD proposes to re-evaluate the existing level of authorization for the four districts it manages (Peninsula Drainage District #1, Peninsula Drainage District #2, Multnomah County Drainage District #1, and Sandy Drainage Improvement Company). Levees in the four districts are not currently authorized to the same design level and flood event on the Columbia River and the value of the properties and economic development opportunities within the levee system have changed greatly over the past few decades.

The combined districts have a total operating budget of \$11.4 million and have a demonstrated ability to partner with other federal and non-federal agencies including the USACE Portland District, FEMA Region X, the State of Oregon, the City of Portland, Multnomah County, the Port of Portland, the Oregon Governor's Regional Solutions Team Oregon Governor's Regional Solutions Team, Metro, neighborhood associations, business groups, and conservation groups. The success of these partnerships is evidenced by MCDD's ability to acquire additional funding for levee safety and improvement projects including \$1.4 million from a state Infrastructure Finance Authority Loan and \$249,208 from the USACE Planning Assistance to States program.

The proposal addresses each of the eight items described in the Federal Register Vol. 79 No. 150. Should you have any questions about the proposal, please contact Sunny Simpkins, Natural Resources Program Manager, at (503) 281-5675 or via email at ssimpkins@mccdd.org.

Sincerely,

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