**Special Districts Continue to Do More with Less**

Special districts deliver a wide array of essential services in virtually every community using only eight percent of Oregon’s local property taxes.

[NAME OF DISTRICT] provides [TYPE OF SERVICE] to [SIZE/POPULATION OF PEOPLE] in [NAME OF COMMUNITY OR REGION SERVED] on a budget of [SIZE OF BUDGET].

Like all special districts, our local agency is audited by a third party and must submit an annual compensation report and financial transaction report to the State Controller’s Office to be posted online. It’s not our money, it’s the public’s money, and it’s important that every dollar is accounted for. But over time, the state has forced special districts to do more with less.

Special districts and other local agencies lost about 20 percent of their share of property taxes when the State Legislature acted in the 1990s to pay for state budget deficits by diverting local revenues to the State General Fund. This property tax shift continues to this day and has resulted in billions of dollars in funding cut from local services to our communities.

Responsible special districts that live within their means and manage taxpayer dollars prudently should not be raided to fund other governments’ shortfalls.