



**Media Release
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**PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY PLEDGES FUNDING FOR CHELAN WATER
LINE EXTENSION**

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners approved by resolution to pledge \$465,000 as match for a City of Chelan grant application to extend the city water line to the Lake Chelan Airport. The Port's decision was based upon the need for fireflow at the airport to allow the development of future hangars and related airport facilities', as well as fire protection for the airport itself.

Paul Schmidt, City of Chelan Administrator, presented a proposal of extending City of Chelan water service to the Lake Chelan Airport. After completing a Feasibility Study in 2015, funded primarily by the State of Washington Department of Commerce, extending the water line was deemed the most cost effective of several options that were considered. The total estimated cost is \$5,930,000. The City of Chelan plans to apply for a grant from the Washington State Department of Health for funding based on consolidating smaller public water systems (Lake Chelan Airport and Apple Acres Mobile Village) with the City of Chelan water system. If the City of Chelan application is approved, a 50% match is needed, estimated at \$2,965,000. At this time, Chelan County has pledged \$1,000,000. The City of Chelan is pledging \$1,500,000. The Port of Chelan County Commissioners approved by resolution to pledge \$465,000 toward the match of this grant, subject to the future adjustment of the current joint operating agreement for the airport to reflect any decreased need for continuing operating subsidies.

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