

GOOGLE TO EXPAND COMMITMENT TO CITY OF THE DALLES AND WASCO COUNTY

THE DALLES, Ore. -- Today, Google announced a new Strategic Investment Program and Infrastructure Agreement as part of its ongoing commitment to Oregon. Under the agreements, Google will have the option to potentially build up to two additional data centers in The Dalles, with the company committing to make a substantial land donation, clean and prepare a former Superfund smelter site, and develop an aquifer storage and recovery system.

“This infrastructure agreement helps prepare The Dalles for the future,” said Dave Anderson, The Dalles Director of Public Works. “Under this deal, our capacity to provide more, and high quality, water to homes and businesses will grow substantially, making our community better equipped to face the effects of climate change than we would be without it.”

Google opened its first U.S. data center in The Dalles in 2006. Since then, the company has invested \$1.8 billion in the area to develop its facilities and created hundreds of full-time jobs in a range of professions — including operations, logistics, security and food service.

As part of its continued commitment to Oregon, Google announced today it will donate 35 acres of land to Wasco County for community or business development. Additionally, should Google move forward with developing up to two additional data centers, the company will:

- Scope and design a variety of water and sewer infrastructure projects, including an aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) system. These projects aim to increase water distribution, quality and

supply for the city;

- Transfer water rights to the City of The Dalles; and
- Continue cleanup of the former Northwest Aluminum Company smelter property, the previous [Superfund site](#) that has been vacant for nearly 20 years, preparing it for future development.

The Infrastructure Agreement has now been approved by the City of the Dalles. The Strategic Investment Program Agreement has been approved by the City of The Dalles and Wasco County, and is subject to final approval from the State of Oregon.

“Google’s data centers in The Dalles in Wasco County help millions of people find directions, send emails, and search for information every day,” said Kate Franko, Google’s Regional Head of Data Center Public Affairs. “We are proud to expand our commitment to the region and continue the cleanup of the former Superfund site, contributing to the long-term health of Wasco County’s community, economy and natural resources — while making progress toward our ambitious company-wide [water stewardship](#) and [carbon-free energy](#) goals.”

Since 2017, Google has matched 100% of its annual electricity use with renewable energy. Last year, the company built on this commitment and became the first organization of its size to set