

INTRO by Mayor:

“Tonight the Oregon Water Resources Department is presenting one of its 2018 Stewardship and Water Conservation Program Awards. Under the category for **Best Conservation Program for Large Municipalities** serving more than 1000 users, the City of Ashland and the City of Bend tied for the **First Place Gold award**.

Mike Faught (former Ashland Public Works Director and current Oregon Water Resources Commissioner, and Jake Johnstone, the Southwest Region Manager for the Oregon Water Resources Department is here to present that award.”

AWARD PRESENTED TO THE CITY BY THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Mayor should receive the award thank the Oregon Water Resources Department

THEN, the Mayor should read the following:

“The City is very proud to receive this award on behalf of all of our citizens and businesses that do a masterful job in developing a strong culture of water conservation. It is their success that allows us to be one of the best conservation programs in the State.

We are very lucky to have Julie Smitherman, our Water Conservation Specialist, with assistance from the water and engineering divisions, who **Love Our Water** and help develop this culture of conservation.

Julie has developed multiple water efficiency programs and resources for City customers.

The City has a popular and successful lawn replacement program and the conservation department also preforms home sprinkler system audits and indoor water efficiency analysis of home fixtures.

Since the program’s inception in 2014, the City has saved more than 7.5 million gallons of water annually.

Thank you again to the Oregon Water Resources Department for recognizing the conservation successes of our City and talented staff.”