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### **Oregon Water Resources Department Announces Conservation Award Winners**

The Oregon Water Resources Department selected the City of Prineville as the winner of the Best Water Management and Conservation Plan award for a municipal water supplier serving more than 1,000 people. Apple, Inc. nominated the city for the honor, saying that Prineville “continues to develop innovative mechanisms for long term water conservation.” By replacing old water supply lines, conducting regular audits and installing automatic residential meters, Prineville was able to reduce its rate of water leakage from 28 percent in 2008 to 1.9 percent in 2016. Apple, Inc. opened its first datacenter in Prineville in 2012.

The Best Water Management and Conservation Plan award for a municipal water supplier serving fewer than 1,000 people went to the Arch Cape Domestic Supply District in Clatsop County. With a population of about 150 residents, the District has made significant progress in implementing water conservation measures.

The award for the Best Water Management and Conservation Plan or Project by an agricultural water supplier went to the Dillon Dam Project in Umatilla County for irrigation efficiency and removal of a significant fish passage barrier. Also in Umatilla County, the City of Hermiston and the West Extension Irrigation District are sharing the Tyler Hansell Agricultural Efficiency Award for their reclaimed water project.

“The Oregon Water Resources Department presents the Conservation Awards annually to individuals, groups, businesses and governments,” says OWRD Director Tom Byler. “This is meant to recognize their outstanding commitment to water conservation and responsible water management.” Byler plans to present the awards to some of the winners later this fall.

The Oregon Water Resources Department administers the Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) program. WMCPs provide municipal water suppliers an opportunity to develop a strategy for efficiently managing their water supplies to meet existing and future demands.

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