

190.125 Agreements to deliver water; joint board of control. (1) A unit of local government established to deliver water may enter into a written agreement with any other such unit or units of local government for the performance of specified activities by a joint board of control composed of the district managers of the parties to the agreement. A joint board of control, at the direction of the parties to the agreement, may perform any or all functions and activities under the agreement that a party to the agreement, or its officers or agencies, has authority to perform.

(2) A joint board of control created under this section may undertake cooperative activities, such as:

- (a) Sharing personnel;
- (b) Entering into joint contracts for operations;
- (c) Sharing use of equipment, facilities and fiscal resources;
- (d) Preparing basin and subbasin conservation plans and other planning functions; and
- (e) Any other cooperative activity authorized by the parties to the agreement.

(3) An agreement under this section shall specify the functions or activities to be performed by the joint board of control and by what means they shall be performed. The agreement shall provide that the elected boards of the parties to the agreement must approve the operating policy of the joint board of control. The agreement shall also provide that the joint board of control act on behalf of the parties to the agreement and under their policy guidance.

(4) As used in this section, "unit of local government established to deliver water" means an irrigation district organized under ORS chapter 545, a drainage district organized under ORS chapter 547, a diking district organized under ORS chapter 551, a water improvement district organized under ORS chapter 552, a water control district organized under ORS chapter 553 or a nonprofit corporation for irrigation, drainage, water supply or flood control organized under ORS chapter 554. [1997 c.215 §2]

190.130 Effect of ORS 190.125. The authority granted by ORS 190.125 is in addition to any other authority and powers possessed by units of local government established to deliver water and does not increase or expand the authority or the powers of such units of local government relating to water rights or water use under other state laws. [1997 c.215 §3]