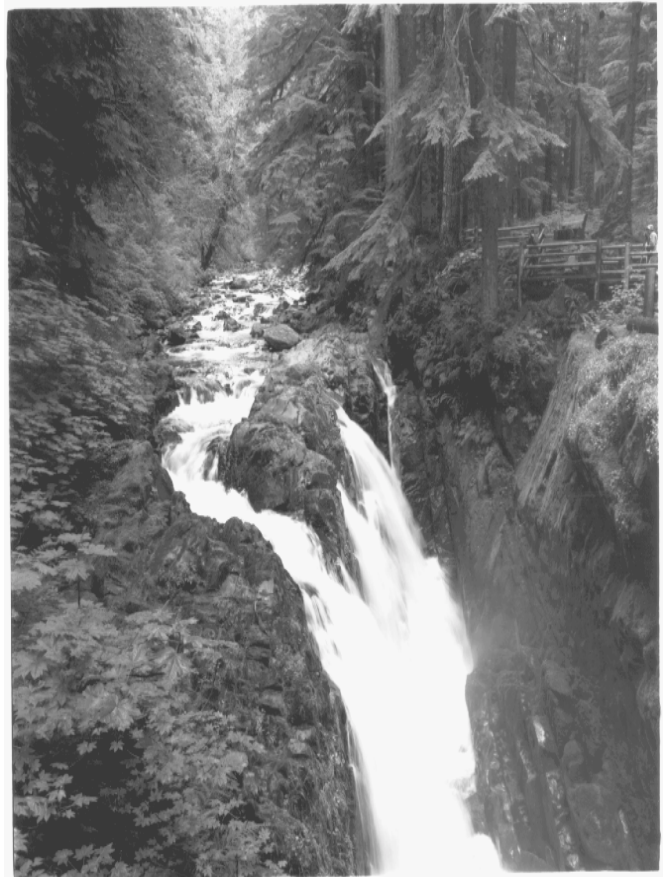
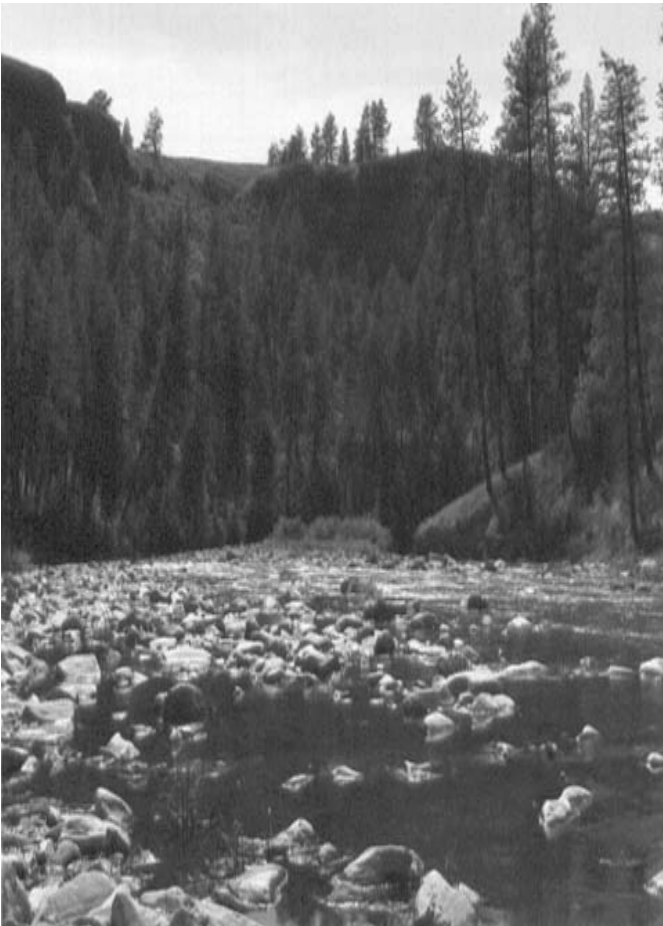




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# CELP ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2004

## COLUMBIA RIVER

CELP influenced the development of a new water management system for the Columbia River that is intended to enhance conditions for fish by setting strict limits and conditions on new water diversions. The Columbia River Initiative (CRI), a collaborative process established to create a water management rule for the Columbia River. Because of CELP's pressuring the Department of Ecology to protect the river against future withdrawals, the final draft rule, released in December 2004, is far more protective of the resource than it would have been without CELP's advocacy. This rule acknowledges that the days of giving away free water from the Columbia River are over. Due in large part to CELP's advocacy, the state's proposal includes creative options for increasing river flows, and for mitigating any new diversions. For the first time, a water management rule has proposed that water users pay the state a yearly fee for the amount of water used; and the reporting requirements necessary to implement the pay-for-use feature will allow the state to develop a much needed data base for monitoring water-use in the basin.

## INSTREAM FLOW LEGISLATION

Due in large part to CELP's advocacy, protection of instream flows was one of four legislative priorities promoted by the environmental community during the 2004 Legislative Session. CELP worked with other environmental groups and the Governor's staff to draft a respectable bill that would have required instream flows be set and achieved in all mainstem rivers and key tributaries statewide. Although this bill did not ultimately pass due to the political makeup of the Legislature, it added a proactive and environmentally protective viewpoint to the contentious debate about the best way to manage the public's water.

## WATER CONSERVATION LEGISLATION & RULE-MAKING

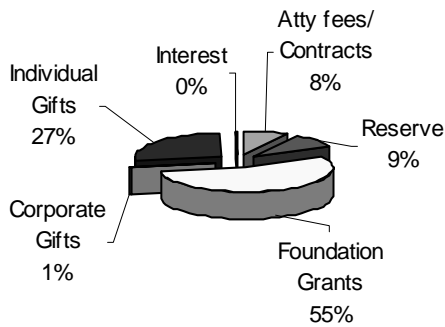
Due to CELP's report, "Washington's Wa\$ted Water: How our lax water efficiency laws waste millions of gallons and millions of dollars," the Legislature adopted a law requiring that rules be developed that require public water suppliers (2,562 across the state) to adopt and implement water conservation plans. CELP was appointed to serve on a committee as a representative of the environmental community, advising the state what these rules should include. In addition to actively participating in a series of 12 all-day meetings of the committee, as well as several additional workgroup meetings, CELP pulled the other environmentally-minded participants together and worked together to strategize how best to affect this rulemaking process. In all interactions around this rule, CELP has consistently advocated for stringent conservation requirements, and presented additional relevant information (based on CELP's internal research), in an effort to persuade the Department of Health to adopt rules that will result in meaningful conservation. CELP is most proud of infusing the notion that water suppliers have a stewardship responsibility to use our water sustainably and without wasting it in order to protect our rivers, streams and aquifers.

## MAXIMUM NET BENEFITS POLICY DEVELOPMENT

As a result of negotiation on a key provision in the settlement of an appeal CELP filed in 2003 to limit diversions from the Columbia River, CELP worked exclusively behind the scenes with state staff to develop a policy regarding the application of a maximum-net benefits analysis to water decisions. Based on our influence, the state ultimately adopted a policy that acknowledges water is a valuable asset and that the state has a duty to protect and enhance our rivers and streams.

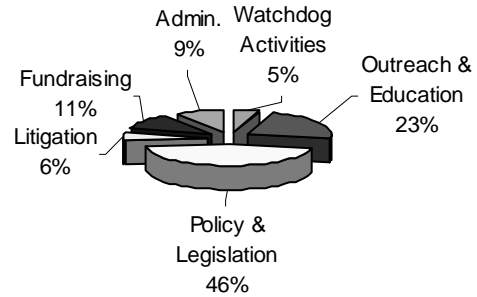
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## INCOME



Corporate Gifts	\$ 2,340
Foundation Grants	\$152,140
Individual Contributions	\$ 75,033
Interest	\$ 507
Reserve	\$ 23,662
Contracts/Attorney's Fees	\$ 23,366
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$277,048</b>

## EXPENSES



Administration	\$23,225
Policy & Legislation	\$114,972
Fundraising	\$28,931
Litigation	\$16,223
Outreach & Education	\$58,611
Watchdog Activities	\$ 13,061
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$248,438</b>

*CELP's Accomplishments (continued)*

## PROMOTING WATER CONSERVATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

CELP's efforts to establish a new nonprofit organization, the Partnership for Water Conservation, came to fruition in 2004. This new nonprofit brings together leaders in the environmental, utility, and business communities to promote water conservation in Central Puget Sound. CELP's Executive Director, Karen Allston, serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors. Among Partnership's short-term goals are to sponsor summer advertising campaigns to influence water use by residents in the Puget Sound area; develop best management practices for water suppliers in this urban, rapidly growing area; and provide technical assistance to

wisely. Once this nonprofit is fully operational, CELP expects a significant increase in conservation efforts throughout Puget Sound, which will prevent rivers and streams in this region from being further dewatered. water suppliers who need help developing and implementing conservation plans. The mere existence of such an organization will pressure water suppliers to do a better job with conservation planning, and will increase the public's awareness of the importance of using water

## WATERSHED PLANNING

Through 2004, CELP continued its ongoing project to engage in and influence watershed planning efforts. Participants in these planning efforts volunteer to determine whether and how much water will be protected in streams, and whether and how low flows will be addressed through voluntary efforts such as conservation, water reuse, and buying water rights to dedicate to instream flows. CELP has been participating in seven watersheds engaged in planning in which fish are listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, or where growth and associated water withdrawals are likely to harm rivers and streams. CELP was influential in ensuring that the elements included in these plans are in accordance with legal requirements. We have built support for setting instream flows high enough to protect fish needs, even if it means development will be limited.

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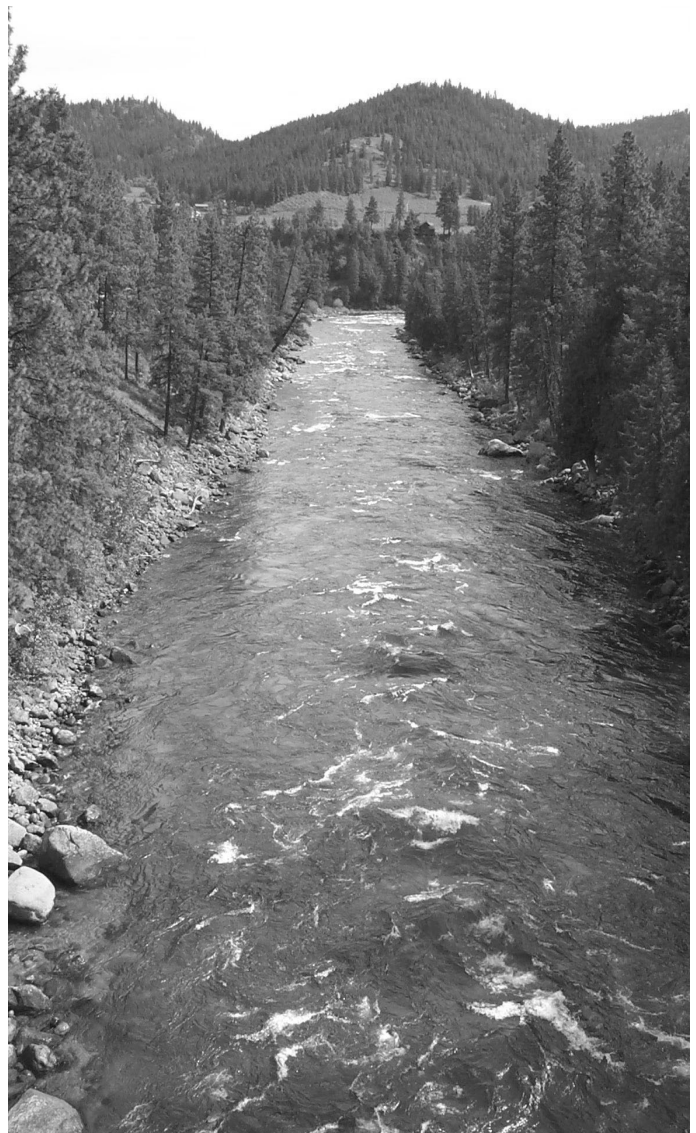
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