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To: Interested Persons

From: Lane Shetterly, Director



*Re: Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352) Claim Number M130388*

*Claimants: Michael and Tanya McWilliam*

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Enclosed, in regard to the above-referenced claim for compensation under Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352), is the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, and the Final Order.

This Final Staff Report and Recommendation and the Final Order constitute the final decision on this claim. No further action will be taken on this matter.

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES,  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM FOR ) FINAL ORDER  
COMPENSATION UNDER ORS 197.352 ) CLAIM NO. M130388  
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF )  
Michael and Tanya McWilliam, CLAIMANTS )

Claimants: Michael and Tanya McWilliam (the Claimants)

Property: Township 30S, Range 12W, Section 15: tax lots 800, 801L, 1100 and 1102,  
Section 22: tax lots 200, 300 and 800, Coos County (the Property)

Claim: The demand for compensation and any supporting information received from the  
Claimants by the State of Oregon (the Claim).

Claimants submitted the Claim to the State of Oregon under ORS 197.352. Under OAR 125-145-0010 *et seq.*, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) referred the Claim to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) as the regulating entity. This order is based on the record herein, including the Findings and Conclusions set forth in the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of DLCD (the DLCD Report) attached to and by this reference incorporated into this order.

ORDER

The Claim is approved as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report, and subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under ORS 197.352, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Michael and Tanya McWilliams' division of the 274.83-acre subject property into 10-acre parcels and to their development of a dwelling on each parcel: applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, enacted or adopted after the claimants acquired each tax lot. These laws will not apply to the claimants only to the extent necessary to allow them to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when they acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 on October 31, 1979, tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L on November 1, 1979, and tax lot 800 (section 22) on March 18, 1981.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimants to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on October 31, 1979, for tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102, on November 1, 1979, for tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L and on March 18, 1981, for tax lots 800 (section 22). At that time, the subject property was subject to applicable provisions of Goal 3 and ORS 215 then in effect.

3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the subject property may not be used without a permit, license or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimants first obtain that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a "permit" as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.

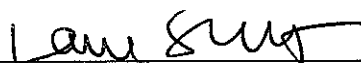
4. Any use of the subject property by the claimants under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under ORS 197.352(3).

5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimants to use the subject property, it may be necessary for them to obtain a decision under ORS 197.352 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimants from the necessity of obtaining a decision under ORS 197.352 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the subject property by the claimants.

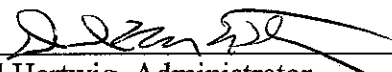
6. Nothing in this report or the state's final order for this claim constitutes any determination of ownership by the State of Oregon as to submerged or submersible lands, or as to public rights to the use of waters of the state.

This Order is entered by the Director of the DLCD as a final order of DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under ORS 197.352, OAR 660-002-0010(8), and OAR 125, division 145, and by the Administrator for the State Services Division of the DAS as a final order of DAS under ORS 197.352, OAR 125, division 145, and ORS 293.

FOR DLCD AND THE LAND  
CONSERVATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

  
Lane Shetterly, Director  
DLCD  
Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

  
David Hartwig, Administrator  
DAS, State Services Division  
Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

## **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL OR OTHER JUDICIAL RELIEF**

You are entitled, or may be entitled, to judicial remedies including the following:

1. **Judicial review under ORS 183.484:** Judicial review under ORS 183.484 may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the service of this order. A petition for judicial review under ORS 183.484 may be filed in the Circuit Court for Marion County or the Circuit Court in the county in which you reside.
2. **A cause of action under ORS 197.352 (Measure 37 (2004)):** If a land use regulation continues to apply to the subject property more than 180 days after the present owner of the property has made written demand for compensation under ORS 197.352, the present owner of the property, or any interest therein, shall have a cause of action in the circuit court in which the real property is located.

(Copies of the documents that comprise the record are available for review at the Department's office at 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540)

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Oregon Department of Justice has advised the Department of Land Conservation and Development that “[i]f the current owner of the real property conveys the property before the new use allowed by the public entity is established, then the entitlement to relief will be lost.”

**ORS 197.352 (BALLOT MEASURE 37) CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION**

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
Final Staff Report and Recommendation**

April 17, 2007

**STATE CLAIM NUMBER:** M130388

**NAMES OF CLAIMANTS:** Michael and Tanya McWilliam

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 48922 McWilliams Pit Road  
Myrtle Point, Oregon 97458

**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:** Township 30S, Range 12W  
Section 15: tax lots 800, 801L, 1100 and 1102  
Section 22: tax lots 200, 300 and 800  
Coos County

**DATE RECEIVED BY DAS:** October 24, 2006

**180-DAY DEADLINE:** April 22, 2007

**I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM**

The claimants, Michael and Tanya McWilliam, seek compensation in the amount of \$1,070,822.80 for the reduction in fair market value as a result of land use regulations that are alleged to restrict the use of certain private real property. The claimants desire compensation or the right to divide the 274.83-acre subject property into 10-acre parcels and to develop a dwelling on each parcel.<sup>1</sup> The subject property is located at 48922 McWilliams Pit Road, near Myrtle Point, in Coos County. (See claim.)

**II. SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth below, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) has determined that the claim is valid. Department staff recommends that, in lieu of compensation, the requirements of the following state laws enforced by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) or the department not apply to Michael and Tanya McWilliams' division of the 274.83-acre subject property into 10-acre parcels and to their development of a dwelling on each parcel: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands), ORS 215 and Oregon Administrative Rules

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<sup>1</sup> The subject property includes seven tax lots. Tax lot 800 (section 15) consists of 114.19 acres; tax lot 801L consists of 24.6 acres; tax lot 1100 consists of 4.37 acres; tax lot 1102 consists of 1.58 acres; tax lot 200 consists of 100.11 acres; tax lot 300 consists of 3.33 acres; and tax lot 800 (section 22) consists of 26.2 acres. The claim, as filed, also included Section 22, tax lot 900. However, on March 6, 2007, the claimants withdrew the claim as to that tax lot.

(OAR) 660, division 33, enacted or adopted after the claimants acquired each tax lot. These laws will not apply to the claimants only to the extent necessary to allow them to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when they acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 on October 31, 1979, tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L on November 1, 1979, and tax lot 800 (section 22) on March 18, 1981. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

### **III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM**

#### **Comments Received**

On March 5, 2007, pursuant to OAR 125-145-0080, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. According to DAS, two written comments were received in response to the 10-day notice.

The comments do not address whether the claim meets the criteria for relief under ORS 197.352. Comments concerning the effects a use of the property may have on surrounding areas are generally not something that the department is able to consider in determining whether to waive a state law. If funds do become available to pay compensation, then such effects may become relevant in determining which claims to pay compensation for instead of waive a state law. (See the comment letters in the department's claim file.)

### **IV. TIMELINESS OF CLAIM**

#### **Requirement**

ORS 197.352(5) requires that a written demand for compensation be made:

1. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted prior to the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of that effective date, or the date the public entity applies the land use regulation as an approval criteria to an application submitted by the owner, whichever is later; or
2. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted after the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of the enactment of the land use regulation, or the date the owner of the property submits a land use application in which the land use regulation is an approval criteria, whichever is later.

#### **Findings of Fact**

This claim was submitted to DAS on October 24, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies Goal 3; provisions of ORS 197 and 215; and OAR 660, division 33, as the basis for the claim. Only laws that were enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, are the basis for this claim.

## **Conclusions**

The claim has been submitted within two years of the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), based on land use regulations enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, and is therefore timely filed.

## **V. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM**

### **1. Ownership**

ORS 197.352 provides for payment of compensation or relief from specific laws for “owners” as that term is defined in ORS 197.352. ORS 197.352(11)(C) defines “owner” as “the present owner of the property, or any interest therein.”

### **Findings of Fact**

The claimants, Michael and Tanya McWilliams, acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 on October 31, 1979, as reflected by a bargain and sale deed included with the claim, tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L on November 1, 1979, as reflected by a memorandum of land sale included with the claim and tax lot 800 (section 22) on March 18, 1981, as reflected by a warranty deed included with the claim. Michael McWilliams’ parents, John and Mary McWilliam, acquired tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L on July 10, 1971, as evidenced by a warranty deed included with the claim. The Coos County Assessor’s Office confirms the claimants’ current ownership of the subject property.

### **Conclusions**

The claimants, Michael and Tanya McWilliam, are “owners” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), as of October 31, 1979, for tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102, as of November 1, 1979, for tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L and as of March 18, 1981, for tax lot 800 (section 22). The claimants’ parents are “family members” as defined by ORS 197.352(11)(A) as to tax lots 200 and 800 (section 15) and 801L and acquired those tax lots on July 10, 1971.

### **2. The Laws That are the Basis for This Claim**

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires, in part, that a law must restrict the claimants’ use of private real property in a manner that reduces the fair market value of the property relative to how the property could have been used at the time the claimants or a family member acquired the property.

## **Findings of Fact**

The claim indicates that the claimants desire to divide the 274.83-acre subject property into 10-acre parcels and to develop a dwelling on each parcel, and that the desired use is not allowed under current state land use regulations.<sup>2</sup>

The claim is based generally on the applicable provisions of state law that require Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zoning and restrict uses on EFU-zoned land. The claimants' property is zoned EFU by Coos County as required by Goal 3, in accordance with ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, because the claimants' property is "agricultural land" as defined by Goal 3.<sup>3</sup> Goal 3 became effective on January 25, 1975, and required that agricultural lands as defined by Goal 3 be zoned EFU pursuant to ORS 215.

Current land use regulations, particularly ORS 215.263, 215.284 and 215.780 and OAR 660, division 33, enacted or adopted pursuant to Goal 3, prohibit the division of EFU-zoned land into parcels less than 80 acres and establish standards for the development of dwellings on existing or any proposed parcel on that land.

ORS 215.780 establishes an 80-acre minimum size for the creation of new lots or parcels in EFU zones and became effective on November 4, 1993 (Chapter 792, Oregon Laws 1993). ORS 215.263 (2005 edition) establishes standards for the creation of new parcels for non-farm uses and dwellings allowed in an EFU zone.

OAR 660-033-0135 (applicable to farm dwellings) became effective on March 1, 1994, and interprets the statutory standard for a primary dwelling in an EFU zone under ORS 215.283(1)(f). OAR 660-033-0130(4) (applicable to non-farm dwellings) became effective on August 7, 1993, and was amended to comply with ORS 215.284(4) on March 1, 1994. The Commission subsequently adopted amendments to comply with House Bill 3326 (Chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2001, effective on January 1, 2002), which were effective on May 22, 2002. (See administrative rule history for OAR 660-033-0100, -0130 and -0135.)

The claimants' family first acquired tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L in 1971, prior to the adoption of the statewide planning goals and their implementing statutes and regulations. No county zoning applied to those tax lots in 1971.

The claimants acquired tax lots 300, 800 (section 22), 1100 and 1102 after the adoption of the statewide planning goals, but before the Commission acknowledged Coos County's land use regulations to be in compliance with the statewide planning goals pursuant to ORS 197.250 and

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<sup>2</sup> The claimants summarily list numerous state land use laws as applicable to this claim, but do not establish how the laws either apply to the claimants' desired use of the subject property or restrict its use with the effect of reducing its fair market value. On their face, most of the regulations either do not apply to the claimants' property or do not restrict the use of the claimants' property with the effect of reducing its fair market value. Without any explanation of how these land use regulations apply to the claimants' desired use of the property, the department cannot evaluate how or whether they apply. This report addresses only those regulations that the department finds are applicable to and restrict the claimants' desired use of the subject property, based on the claimants' description of their desired use.

<sup>3</sup> The claimants' property is "agricultural land" because it contains National Resources Conservation Service Class I-IV soils.

197.251.<sup>4</sup> Because the Commission had not acknowledged the county's plan and land use regulations when the claimants acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 on October 31, 1979, and tax lot 800 (section 22) on March 18, 1981, the statewide planning goals, and Goal 3 in particular, applied directly to those tax lots when they acquired them.<sup>5</sup>

As adopted on January 25, 1975, Goal 3 required that agricultural land be preserved and zoned for EFU pursuant to ORS 215. The Goal 3 standard for land divisions involving property where the local zoning was not acknowledged required that the resulting parcels must be of a size that is "appropriate for the continuation of the existing commercial agricultural enterprise within the area." Further, ORS 215.263 (1973 edition) only authorized the partition of land subject to EFU zoning, and required that all divisions of land subject to EFU zoning comply with the legislative intent set forth in ORS 215.243 (Agricultural Land Use Policy). Thus, the claimants' opportunity to divide tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 when they acquired those tax lots in 1979 and tax lot 800 (section 22) when they acquired that tax lot in 1981 was limited to land divisions that were consistent with Goal 3, which required that the resulting parcels be (1) appropriate for the continuation of the existing commercial agricultural enterprise in the area and (2) shown to comply with the legislative intent set forth in ORS 215.

Under the Goal 3 standards in effect on October 31, 1979, for tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 and on March 18, 1981, for tax lot 800 (section 22), farm dwellings were allowed if they were determined to be "customarily provided in conjunction with farm use" under ORS 215.213(1)(e) (1973 edition). Non-farm dwellings were subject to compliance with ORS 215.213(3) (1973 edition).

No information has been presented in the claim to establish that the claimants' desired division of tax lots 300, 800 (section 22), 1100 and 1102 into 10-acre parcels complies with the standards under Goal 3 and ORS 215.263 (1973 edition), nor is there any information to establish that the claimants' desired development of dwellings on tax lots 300, 800 (section 22), 1100 and 1102 satisfies the standards for farm or non-farm dwellings under ORS 215.213 (1973 edition).

### **Conclusions**

The current zoning requirements, minimum lot size and dwelling standards established by applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, were all enacted or adopted after the claimants' family acquired tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L in 1971 and the claimants acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 in 1979 and tax lot 800 (section 22) in 1981

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<sup>4</sup> Coos County's comprehensive plan and land use regulations were acknowledged by the Commission for compliance with Goal 3 on August 29, 1985.

<sup>5</sup> The statewide planning goals became effective on January 25, 1975, and were applicable to legislative land use decisions and some quasi-judicial land use decisions prior to the Commission's acknowledgment of each county's comprehensive plan and implementing regulations. *Perkins v. City of Rajneeshpuram*, 300 Or 1 (1985); *Alexanderson v. Polk County*, 289 Or 427, rev. den 290 Or 137 (1980); *Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn. v. Clackamas County*, 280 Or 3 (1977); *Jurgenson v. Union County*, 42 Or App 505 (1979); and *1000 Friends of Oregon v. Benton County*, 32 Or App 413 (1978). After the county's plan and land use regulations were acknowledged by the Commission, the statewide planning goals and implementing rules no longer applied directly to such local land use decisions. *Byrd v. Stringer*, 295 Or 311 (1983). However, statutory requirements continue to apply, and insofar as the state and local provisions are materially the same, the local provisions must be interpreted consistent with the substance of the goals and implementing rules. *Forster v. Polk County*, 115 Or App 475 (1992) and *Kenagy v. Benton County*, 115 Or App 131 (1992).

and do not allow the claimants' desired division or development of the subject property. However, the claim does not establish whether or the extent to which the claimants' desired use of tax lots 300, 800 (section 22), 1100 and 1102 complies with the standards for land divisions and development under the requirements of Goal 3 and ORS 215 in effect when the claimants acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 on October 31, 1979, and tax lot 800 (section 22) on March 18, 1981.

### **3. Effect of Regulations on Fair Market Value**

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires that the land use regulations (described in Section V.(2) of this report) must have "the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property, or any interest therein."

### **Findings of Fact**

The claim includes an estimate of \$1,070,822.80 as the reduction in the subject property's fair market value due to the regulations that restrict the claimants' desired use of the property. This amount is based on a comparative market analysis included with the claim.

### **Conclusions**

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimants are Michael and Tanya McWilliam whose family members acquired tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L in 1971 and who acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 in 1979 and tax lot 800 (section 22) in 1981. Under ORS 197.352, the claimants are due compensation for land use regulations that restrict the use of the property and have the effect of reducing its fair market value. Based on the findings and conclusions in Section V.(2) of this report, laws enacted or adopted since the claimants' family acquired tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L and when the claimants acquired tax lots 300, 800 (section 22), 1100 and 1102 restrict the claimants' desired use of those tax lots. The claimants estimate that the effect of the regulations on the fair market value of the subject property is a reduction of \$1,070,822.80.

Without an appraisal or other documentation, and without verification of whether or the extent to which the claimants' desired use of the subject property was under the standards in effect when the claimants' family or the claimants acquired the subject property, it is not possible to substantiate the specific dollar amount by which the land use regulations have reduced the fair market value of the subject property. Nevertheless, based on the evidence in the record for this claim, the department determines that the fair market value of the subject property has been reduced to some extent as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department since the claimants' family and claimants acquired the property.

### **4. Exemptions Under ORS 197.352(3)**

ORS 197.352 does not apply to certain land use regulations. In addition, under ORS 197.352(3), certain types of laws are exempt from ORS 197.352.

## **Findings of Fact**

The claim is based on state land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property, including applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, which Coos County has implemented through its current EFU zone. With the exception of Goal 3 and ORS 215 in effect on October 31, 1979, for tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 and on March 18, 1981, for tax lot 800 (section 22), all of these land use regulations were enacted or adopted after the claimants or their family acquired the subject property.

## **Conclusions**

Without a specific development proposal for the subject property, it is not possible for the department to determine all the laws that may apply to a particular use of the property, or whether those laws may fall under one or more of the exemptions under ORS 197.352. It appears that with the exception of provisions of Goal 3 and ORS 215 in effect when the claimants acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 in 1979 and tax lot 800 (section 22) in 1981, the general goal, statutory and rule restrictions on the division and development of the subject property were not in effect when the claimants or their family acquired the subject property and therefore, are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E). Provisions of Goal 3 and ORS 215 in effect when the claimants acquired tax lots 300, 800 (section 22), 1100 and 1102 in 1979 and 1981 are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and do not provide a basis for compensation. In addition, other land use laws enacted or adopted for a purpose set forth in ORS 197.352(3)(A) to (D) are also exempt and would not provide a basis for compensation.

## **VI. FORM OF RELIEF**

ORS 197.352(1) provides for payment of compensation to an owner of private real property if the Commission or the department has enforced one or more laws that restrict the use of the property in a manner that reduces its fair market value. In lieu of compensation, the department may choose to not apply the law in order to allow the present owner to carry out a use of the property permitted at the time the present owner acquired the property. The Commission, by rule, has directed that if the department determines a claim is valid, the Director of the department must provide only non-monetary relief unless and until funds are appropriated by the legislature to pay claims.

## **Findings of Fact**

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth in this report, laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict the claimants' desired use of the subject property. The claim asserts that existing state land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department have the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property by \$1,070,822.80. However, because the claim does not provide an appraisal or other relevant evidence demonstrating that the land use regulations described in Section V.(2) reduce the fair market value of the subject property, a specific amount of compensation cannot be determined. In order to determine a specific amount of compensation due for this claim, it would also be necessary to verify whether or the extent to which the claimants' desired use of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when the claimants' family acquired tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L and when the claimants acquired tax lots 300, 800 (section 22), 1100 and 1102. Nevertheless,

based on the record for this claim, the department has determined that the laws on which the claim is based have reduced the fair market value of the subject property to some extent.

No funds have been appropriated at this time for the payment of claims. In lieu of payment of compensation, ORS 197.352 authorizes the department to modify, remove or not apply all or parts of certain land use regulations to allow Michael and Tanya McWilliam to use the subject property for a use permitted at the time they acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 on October 31, 1979, tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L on November 1, 1979, and tax lot 800 (section 22) on March 18, 1981.

At the time the claimants acquired an interest in tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L in 1979, a portion of tax lot 800 (section 15) and a portion of tax lot 200 were zoned IAG-10 (Interim Exclusive Agriculture-10) by Coos County. Another portion of tax lot 200 was zoned IA-20 (Interim Agriculture-20). Both IAG-10 and IA-20 are EFU zones. The claimants' desired division and development of those tax lots would have been subject to provisions of Goal 3 and ORS 215 then in effect, and as described in Section V.(2) above.

At that time, a portion of tax lot 800 (section 15) and tax lot 801L were zoned IFG-10 (Interim Forest and Grazing Zone) by Coos County. The IFG-10 zone is a mixed farm forest zone. As with the EFU-zoned portions of the property, because the Commission had not acknowledged the county's plan and land use regulations when the claimants acquired a portion of tax lot 800 (section 15) and tax lot 801L on November 1, 1979, the applicable statewide planning goals, and Goals 3 and 4 in particular, would have applied directly to any development application for the claimants' property. The applicable requirements of Goal 3 in effect in 1979 are addressed above in Section V.(2)

Under Goal 4, the state standards required uses to "conserve forest lands for forest uses." Specifically, Goal 4 only allowed land divisions that would protect commercial forest lands for commercial forest uses. Dwellings in forest zones could only be allowed if found to be "necessary and accessory" to one of the enumerated forest uses listed in Goal 4.<sup>6</sup>

In addition to the requirements of Goals 3 and 4 and ORS 215 in effect when the claimants acquired tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L, and other laws in effect when the claimants acquired any of the subject property, there may be other laws that apply to the subject property and that will continue to apply to the claimants' use of the subject property. In addition, the department notes that ORS 215.730 and OAR 660, division 6, particularly OAR 660-006-0029, include standards for siting dwellings in forest zones. These provisions include fire protection standards for dwellings and for surrounding forest lands. ORS 197.352(3)(B) specifically exempts regulations "restricting or prohibiting activities for the protection of public health and

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<sup>6</sup> Goal 4 prohibited uses that were not enumerated by Goal 4 as permissible uses for forest lands as well as those that were not necessary and accessory to an enumerated forest use. *Lamb v. Lane County*, 7 Or LUBA 137 (1983). Dwellings in forest lands were required to be "necessary and accessory" to show that such dwellings complied with the Goal 4 requirement that local land use regulations must "conserve forest lands for forest uses." *1000 Friends v. LCDC (Curry County)*, 301 Or 447 (1986). A dwelling that may "enhance" forest uses is not "necessary and accessory" to a forest use to the extent required by Goal 4. *1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Lane County)*, 305 Or 384 (1988). For additional guidance, the Goal 4 provisions were interpreted under OAR 660, division 6, effective on September 1, 1982, in *1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Lane County)* and in *1000 Friends v. LCDC (Curry County)*.

safety, such as fire and building codes. . . .” To the extent they are applicable to the claimants’ property, the siting standards for dwellings in forest zones in ORS 215.730 and OAR 660, division 6, are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(B).

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the subject property based on the uses that the claimants have identified. Similarly, this report only addresses the exemptions provided for under ORS 197.352(3) that are clearly applicable given the information provided to the department in the claim. The claimants should be aware that the less information they have provided to the department in their claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to their use of the subject property.

### **Conclusions**

Based on the record, the department recommends that the claim be approved, subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under ORS 197.352, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Michael and Tanya McWilliams’ division of the 274.83-acre subject property into 10-acre parcels and to their development of a dwelling on each parcel: applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, enacted or adopted after the claimants acquired each tax lot. These laws will not apply to the claimants only to the extent necessary to allow them to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when they acquired tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102 on October 31, 1979, tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L on November 1, 1979, and tax lot 800 (section 22) on March 18, 1981.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state’s authorization to the claimants to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on October 31, 1979, for tax lots 300, 1100 and 1102, on November 1, 1979, for tax lots 200, 800 (section 15) and 801L and on March 18, 1981, for tax lots 800 (section 22). At that time, the subject property was subject to applicable provisions of Goal 3 and ORS 215 then in effect.
3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the subject property may not be used without a permit, license or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimants first obtain that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a “permit” as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.
4. Any use of the subject property by the claimants under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under ORS 197.352(3).

5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimants to use the subject property, it may be necessary for them to obtain a decision under ORS 197.352 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimants from the necessity of obtaining a decision under ORS 197.352 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the subject property by the claimants.

6. Nothing in this report or the state's final order for this claim constitutes any determination of ownership by the State of Oregon as to submerged or submersible lands, or as to public rights to the use of waters of the state.

## **VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT**

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on March 26, 2007. OAR 125-145-0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimants or the claimants' authorized agent and any third parties who submitted comments under OAR 125-145-0080 to submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the draft staff report and recommendation.