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July 19, 2007

To: Interested Persons

From: Lane Shetterly, Director



*Re: Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352) Claim Number M130836*

*Claimant: Gary G. Sullivan*

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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. M130836  
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF )  
Gary G. Sullivan, CLAIMANT )

Claimant: Gary G. Sullivan (the Claimant)

Property: Township 13S, Range 1W, Section 22, Tax lot 2701, Linn County (the Property)

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

Claimant 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 denied for the western 3.85 acres of the subject property as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report.

The Claim is approved for the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property 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 Gary Sullivan's division of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property into 5-acre or larger parcels and to his development of a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel: applicable provisions of Goals 3 and 4, ORS 215 and OAR 660, divisions 6, and 33, enacted or adopted after February 17, 1981. These land use regulations will not apply to the claimant only to the extent necessary to allow him to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when he acquired the property on February 17, 1981.

2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimant to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on February 17, 1981. On that date, the property was subject to applicable provisions of Goal 3 or 4 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 eastern 20.35-acre portion of 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 claimant first obtains 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.

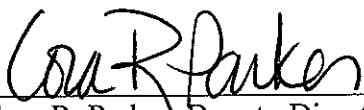
4. Any use of the property by the claimant under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 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 claimant to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property, it may be necessary for him 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 claimant 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 claimant.

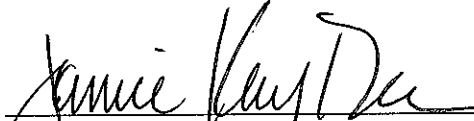
6. Nothing in this report or the state's final order for this claim constitutes any determination of ownership by the State of Oregon as to submerged or submersible lands, or as to public rights to the use of waters of the state.

This Order is entered by the Deputy 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

  
Cora R. Parker, Deputy Director  
DLCD  
Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

  
Janice K. Dean, SSD Administrator  
DAS, State Services Division  
Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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**

July 19, 2007

**STATE CLAIM NUMBER:** M130836

**NAME OF CLAIMANT:** Gary G. Sullivan

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 28680 Liberty Road  
Sweet Home, Oregon 97386-9775

**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:** Township 13S, Range 1W, Section 22  
Tax lot 2701  
Linn County

**DATE RECEIVED BY DAS:** November 17, 2006

**DEADLINE FOR FINAL ACTION:<sup>1</sup>** May 10, 2008

**I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM**

The claimant, Gary Sullivan, seeks compensation in the amount of \$515,000 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 claimant desires compensation or the right to divide the 23.2-acre subject property into four 5-acre or larger parcels, and to develop a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel.<sup>2</sup> The subject property is located southwest of Liberty Road, near Sweet Home, in Linn County. (See claim.)

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<sup>1</sup> ORS 197.352, as originally enacted, required that final action on claims made under Measure 37 be made within 180 days of the date the claim was filed. In response to the large volume of claims filed in late 2006, the Oregon legislature passed House Bill 3546, which became effective on May 10, 2007. This legislation increased the amount of time state and local governments have to take final action on Measure 37 claims filed on or after November 1, 2006, by 360 days, to a total of 540 days.

<sup>2</sup> The claim includes two "alternative" desired uses for the subject property. The claimant desires to either divide the subject property into five-acre or larger parcels and develop a dwelling on each resulting parcel; or divide the subject property into three parcels, develop a dwelling on each resulting parcel and use a portion of the subject property for agricultural and forest uses. The claim does not establish how any current land use regulations restrict the claimant's use of the property as agricultural or forest land. In addition, ORS 197.352 allows the state to compensate or not apply (waive) land use regulations in order to allow "a use" that was permitted at the time the claimant acquired the property. Given the restrictions contained in ORS 197.352, in general, multiple alternative requests cannot be evaluated within a single claim. Accordingly, this claim is evaluated for the more intensive use described by the claimant and the use that the claim establishes is more restricted by land use regulations.

## 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 in part. 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 Gary Sullivan's division of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property into 5-acre or larger parcels and to his development of a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goals 3 (Agricultural Lands) and 4 (Forest Lands), ORS 215 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660, divisions 6, and 33, enacted or adopted after February 17, 1981. These laws will not apply to the claimant only to the extent necessary to allow him to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when he acquired the property in 1981.

The department has determined further that the claim is not valid as to the western 3.85 acres of the subject property because the claimant's desired use of that portion of the subject property was prohibited under the laws in effect when the claimant acquired it in 1998. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

## III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM

### Comments Received

On May 31, 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, no written comments were received in response to the 10-day notice.

## 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 November 17, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies Farm/Forest (F/F) zoning 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 claimant, Gary Sullivan, first acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on August 1, 1975, as reflected by a land sale contract included with the claim. On January 31, 1980, the claimant conveyed the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property to his parents, Thomas D. and Violet M. Sullivan, who subsequently conveyed the property back to the claimant on February 17, 1981, as reflected by deeds provided by the Linn County Planning Department. The claimant acquired the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property on January 6, 1998, as reflected by a bargain and sale deed provided by the Linn County Planning Department. The Linn County Assessor’s Office confirms the claimant’s current ownership of the subject property.

### **Conclusions**

The claimant, Gary Sullivan, is an “owner” of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C) as of February 17, 1981, and is an owner of the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property as of January 6, 1998. The eastern 20.35 acres of the subject property has been owned by a family member of the claimant, as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(A), since August 1, 1975.

### **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 claimant’s 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 claimant or a family member acquired the property.

## **Findings of Fact**

The claim indicates that the claimant desires to divide the 23.2-acre subject property into four 5-acre or larger parcels and to develop a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel, and that the current zoning prohibits the desired use.

The claim is based generally on the applicable provisions of state law that allow mixed agriculture-forest zoning and restrict uses on land zoned mixed agriculture-forest. The claimant's property is zoned Farm/Forest (F/F) by Linn County. The county's F/F zone is a mixed agricultural and forest land zone, in accordance with Goals 3 and 4, as implemented by OAR 660-006-0050. Goals 3 and 4 became effective on January 25, 1975, and required that agricultural lands as defined by Goal 3 be zoned for farm uses and that forest lands under Goal 4 be zoned for forest uses. OAR 660-006-0050 authorizes local governing bodies to establish mixed agriculture-forest zones in accordance with both Goals 3 and 4 and OAR 660, divisions 6, and 33.

Under OAR 660-006-0050(2), effective on February 5, 1990, and subsequently amended on March 1, 1994, to comply with the provisions of House Bill 3661 (Chapter 792, Oregon Laws 1993), uses allowed in Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zones under Goal 3 and forest zones under Goal 4 are allowed in mixed agriculture-forest zones.

For land divisions, OAR 660-006-0055 requires local governing bodies to apply the standards of OAR 660-006-0026 and 660-033-0100, which implement the minimum lot size requirements in ORS 215.780. ORS 215.780(1) establishes an 80-acre minimum for the creation of new lots or parcels in EFU and forest zones and became effective on November 4, 1993 (Chapter 792, Oregon Laws 1993).

For the approval and siting of dwellings under OAR 660-006-0050(2) and (3), counties must apply either the OAR 660, division 6, or 33, standards based on the predominant use of the tract on January 1, 1993.<sup>3</sup> The provisions of OAR 660-006-0027 and 660-006-0029 apply to dwelling approval and siting where the predominant use of the tract on that date was forest, and the provisions of OAR 660-033-0030 and 660-033-0035 apply where the predominant use of the tract on that date was agriculture.

The claimant and his family acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property after the adoption of the statewide planning goals, but before the Commission acknowledged Linn County's land use regulations to be in compliance with the statewide planning goals pursuant to ORS 197.250 and 197.251.<sup>4</sup> On August 1, 1975, the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property was zoned by Linn County Agriculture, Residential and Timber (ART-5), which required five acres for the creation of a new parcel, and on February 17, 1981, it was zoned by Linn County as F/F, which required review for division and development. However, because the Commission had not acknowledged the county's plan and land use regulations when the Sullivan family and the claimant acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on August 1, 1975, and February 17, 1981, the applicable statewide planning goals would have

<sup>3</sup> The claim does not include information regarding the predominant use of the property on January 1, 1993.

<sup>4</sup> Linn County's comprehensive plan was acknowledged by the Commission for compliance with Goals 3 and 4 on July 18, 1985.

applied directly to any development application for the claimant's property.<sup>5</sup> Depending on the nature of the property in 1975 and 1981, the claimant's property would have been subject to compliance with either the Goal 3 or 4 standards applicable at that time.

As adopted in 1975, the Goal 3 standards for a division of land required that the created lots or parcels be of a size "appropriate for the continuation of the existing commercial agricultural enterprise within the area." Further, ORS 215.263 (1975 edition) required that all land divisions subject to EFU zoning under Goal 3 comply with the legislative intent in ORS 215.243 (Agricultural Land Use Policy). Thus, under Goal 3, the opportunity to divide the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property when the Sullivan family and the claimant acquired it on August 1, 1975, and February 17, 1981, was limited to new lots or parcels that were (1) appropriate for the continuation of the existing commercial agricultural enterprise in the area, and (2) shown to be consistent with the legislative intent in ORS 215. At that time, farm dwellings were allowed under Goal 3 if they were determined to be "customarily provided in conjunction with farm use" under ORS 215.213(1)(e) (1975 edition),<sup>6</sup> and non-farm dwellings were subject to ORS 215.213(3) (1975 edition).<sup>7</sup> Other uses were authorized and governed by the applicable provisions under Goal 3 and ORS 215.213.

As adopted in 1975, Goal 4 was intended to "conserve forest lands for forest uses" and required that lands suitable for forest uses "be inventoried and designated as forest lands" and that existing forest land uses "be protected unless proposed changes are in conformance with the comprehensive plan." Those forest uses were defined as: "(1) the production of trees and the processing of forest products; (2) open space, buffers from noise, and visual separation of conflicting uses; (3) watershed protection and wildlife and fisheries habitat; (4) soil protection from wind and water; (5) maintenance of clean air and water; (6) outdoor recreational activities and related support services and wilderness values compatible with these uses; and (7) grazing land for livestock." Specifically, Goal 4 only allowed land divisions that would protect commercial forest lands for commercial forest uses. Dwellings in forest zones could only be

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<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 land use 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 569 (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 directly applied 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); *Kenagy v. Benton County*, 115 Or App 131 (1992).

<sup>6</sup> Under ORS 215.213 (1975 edition), a farm dwelling could be established on agricultural land only if the farm use to which the dwelling related was in existence (*Newcomer v. Clackamas County*, 92 Or App 174, *modified* 94 Or App 33 (1988) and *Matteo v. Polk County*, 11 Or LUBA 259, 263 (1984), *affirmed without opinion* 70 Or App 179 (1984)). Guidance on the application of the statutory standards for farm and non-farm dwellings in EFU zones prior to the enactment of House Bill 3661 in 1993 can be found in the Commission rules (OAR 660, division 5, adopted on July 21, 1982, amended on June 7, 1986, and repealed on August 7, 1993).

<sup>7</sup> When determining whether land is "generally unsuitable for the production of farm crops and livestock" under ORS 215.213(3), the entire parcel or tract must be evaluated rather than a portion thereof. *Smith v. Clackamas County*, 313 Or 519 (1992).

allowed if found to be “necessary and accessory” to one of the enumerated forest uses listed in Goal 4.<sup>8</sup>

The claim does not establish whether or to what extent the claimant’s desired division and development of the subject property were allowed under the standards in effect when the Sullivan family acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on August 1, 1975, and when the claimant acquired it on February 17, 1981.

The claimant acquired the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property on January 6, 1998. At that time, that portion of the property was zoned by Linn County as F/F, which required 80 acres for the creation of a new parcel, and was subject to the current laws in effect, as described above.

### **Conclusions**

The current zoning requirements, minimum lot size and dwelling standards established under the applicable provisions of Goals 3 and 4, ORS 215 and OAR 660, divisions 6, and 33, for lands zoned for mixed agriculture-forest use were enacted or adopted after the Sullivan family and the claimant acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property in 1975 and 1981, and before the claimant acquired the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property on January 6, 1998. These laws do not allow the claimant’s desired division and development of the property. However, the claim does not establish whether or to what extent the claimant’s desired use of the eastern 20.35 acres of the subject property complies with the standards for land division and development under the goal and standards applicable and in effect when the Sullivan family acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on August 1, 1975, or when the claimant acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on February 17, 1981. Laws enacted or adopted since the claimant acquired the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property in 1998 do not restrict the claimant’s desired use of that portion of the subject property relative to when he acquired it in 1998.

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 use that the claimant has identified. There may be other laws that currently apply to the claimant’s use of eastern 2.35 acres of the subject property, and that may continue to apply to the claimant’s use of that portion of the property, that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of the subject property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When the claimant seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use.

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<sup>8</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)*.

### **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 \$515,000 as the reduction in the subject property’s fair market value due to the regulations that restrict the claimant’s desired use of the property. This amount is based on the claimant’s assessment of the value of the subject property.

#### **Conclusions**

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimant is Gary Sullivan whose family acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on August 1, 1975, and who acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on February 17, 1981, and the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property on January 6, 1998. No state laws enacted or adopted since the claimant acquired the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property restrict the use of that portion of the property relative to the uses allowed in 1998. Therefore, the fair market value of the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property has not been reduced as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department.

Under ORS 197.352, the claimant is due compensation for land use regulations that restrict the use of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject 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 claimant and his family acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property restrict the claimant’s desired use of the property. The claimant estimates that the effect of the regulations on the fair market value of the subject property is a reduction of \$515,000.

Without an appraisal or other documentation and without verification of whether or the extent to which the claimant’s use of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when he and his family acquired that portion of the 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 property. Nevertheless, based on the evidence in the record for this claim, the department determines that the fair market value of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the property has been reduced to some extent as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department.

### **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 Goals 3 and 4, ORS 215 and OAR 660, divisions 6, and 33, which Linn County has implemented through its current F/F zone. As set forth in Section V.(2) of this report, all of the state land use regulations that restrict the claimant's desired use of the subject property were in effect when the claimant acquired the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property in 1998. With the exception of provisions of Goals 3 and 4 and ORS 215 in effect on August 1, 1975, and February 17, 1981, these laws were not in effect when the claimant acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property in 1981, or when his family acquired that portion of the subject property in 1975.

## **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 the statutory, goal and rule restrictions on residential division and development of the subject property are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) to the extent they were enacted or adopted after the claimant acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property on February 17, 1981, and the claimant's family acquired that portion of the subject property on August 1, 1975. Provisions of Goals 3 and 4 and ORS 215 applicable and in effect when the claimant and his family acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the property in 1975 and 1981 are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and will continue to apply to that portion of the property.

All of the state land use regulations that restrict the claimant's desired use of the subject property were in effect when the claimant acquired the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property. Therefore, these state land use regulations are exempt for the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property under ORS 197.352(3)(E), which exempts laws in effect when the claimant acquired property.

Other laws in effect when the claimant and his family acquired the subject property are also exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and will continue to apply to the claimant's use of the property. In addition, the department notes that ORS 215.730 and OAR 660, division 6, particularly OAR 660-006-0027, -0029 and -0035, include fire protection standards for dwellings and structures in forest and mixed agriculture-forest zones. ORS 197.352 (3)(B) specifically exempts regulations "restricting or prohibiting activities for the protection of public health and safety, such as fire and building codes. . . ." Accordingly, the siting standards for dwellings and structures in forest zones in ORS 215.730 and in forest and mixed agriculture-forest zones in OAR 660, division 6, are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(B).

There may be other laws that continue to apply to the claimant's use of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of the subject property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When the claimant seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use. In some cases, some of these laws may be exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(A) to (D).

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 use that the claimant has 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 claimant should be aware that the less information he has provided to the department in the claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to his use of the 20.35-acre portion of the subject property.

## **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 do not restrict the claimant's desired use of the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property relative to what was permitted when the claimant acquired it in 1998 and do not reduce the fair market value of the property. All state laws restricting the use of the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E).

The department further finds that laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict the claimant's desired use of the eastern 20.35-acre portion 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 \$515,000. 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 claimant's desired use of the property was allowed under the standards in effect when he and his family acquired the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property. 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 Gary Sullivan to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property for a use permitted at the time he acquired it on February 17, 1981.

## Conclusions

Based on the record and the foregoing findings and conclusions, for the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property, the claimant has not established that he is entitled to relief under ORS 197.352(1) as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department because no state land use regulations restrict the claimant's desired use of the that portion of the subject property relative to uses permitted when he acquired it, with the effect of reducing that portion of the property's fair market value. Therefore, the department recommends that this claim be denied as to the western 3.85-acre portion of the subject property.

The department otherwise 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 Gary Sullivan's division of the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property into 5-acre or larger parcels and to his development of a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel: applicable provisions of Goals 3 and 4, ORS 215 and OAR 660, divisions 6, and 33, enacted or adopted after February 17, 1981. These land use regulations will not apply to the claimant only to the extent necessary to allow him to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when he acquired the property on February 17, 1981.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimant to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on February 17, 1981. On that date, the property was subject to applicable provisions of Goal 3 or 4 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 eastern 20.35-acre portion of 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 claimant first obtains 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 property by the claimant 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 claimant to use the eastern 20.35-acre portion of the subject property, it may be necessary for him 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 claimant 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 claimant.

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 June 19, 2007. OAR 125-145 0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimant or the claimant's 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.