



**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

**ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (MEASURE 49) SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW  
OF MEASURE 37 CLAIM  
Preliminary Evaluation**

December 17, 2009

**STATE ELECTION NUMBER:** E133719

**CLAIMANTS:** Ernest Bussmann  
P.O. Box 269  
Sixes, OR 97476

Peter Bussmann  
P.O. Box 228  
Sixes, OR 97476

**MEASURE 37 PROPERTY  
IDENTIFICATION:**

Township 32S, Range 15W, Section 5  
Tax lots 900, 1000, 1200, 1300 and 1301  
Curry County

**AGENT/  
PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**I. ELECTION**

The claimants, Ernest Bussmann and Peter Bussmann, filed a claim with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on December 4, 2006, for property located at Sixes River near Capo Blanco Highway, near Sixes, in Curry County. ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (Measure 49) entitles claimants who filed Measure 37 claims to elect supplemental review of their claims. The claimants have elected supplemental review of their Measure 37 claim under Section 6 of Measure 49, which allows the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) to authorize up to three home site approvals to qualified claimants.

**II. SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY EVALUATION**

Based on the department's preliminary analysis, it appears that the claimants are not eligible for any relief under Measure 49 because the claimants are not owners of the Measure 37 claim property under Measure 49.

### **III. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOME SITE APPROVALS FOR WHICH THE CLAIMANTS MAY QUALIFY**

Under Section 6 of Measure 49, the number of home site approvals authorized by the department cannot exceed the lesser of the following: three; the number stated by the claimant in the election materials; or the number described in a Measure 37 waiver issued by the state, or if no waiver was issued, the number of home sites described in the Measure 37 claim filed with the state. The claimants have requested three home site approvals in the election material. No waiver was issued for this claim. The Measure 37 claim filed with the state describes 86 home sites. Therefore, the claimants may qualify for a maximum of three home site approvals under Section 6 of Measure 49.

### **IV. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF QUALIFICATION FOR HOME SITE APPROVAL**

#### **1. Preliminary Analysis**

To qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49, a claimant must have filed a Measure 37 claim for the property with either the state or the county in which the property is located on or before June 28, 2007, and must have filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and the county before Measure 49 became effective on December 6, 2007. If the state Measure 37 claim was filed after December 4, 2006, the claim must also have been filed in compliance with the provisions of OAR 660-041-0020 then in effect.

The claimants, Ernest Bussmann and Peter Bussmann, as individuals, filed a Measure 37 claim, M133719, with the state on December 4, 2006. The claimants filed a Measure 37 claim, M37-0674, with Curry County on November 1, 2006. The state claim was filed on December 4, 2006.

It appears that the claimants timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Curry County.

In addition to filing a claim with both the state and the county in which the property is located, to qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49 the claimants must establish each of the following:

#### **(a) The Claimant is an Owner of the Property**

Measure 49 defines "Owner" as: "(a) The owner of fee title to the property as shown in the deed records of the county where the property is located; (b) The purchaser under a land sale contract, if there is a recorded land sale contract in force for the property; or (c) If the property is owned by the trustee of a revocable trust, the settlor of a revocable trust, except that when the trust becomes irrevocable only the trustee is the owner."

According to the information submitted by the claimants, Ernest Bussmann and Peter Bussmann have not established their ownership of the property for the purposes of Measure 49. Ernest Bussman and Peter Bussman, a partnership dba Bussman Brothers purchased the Measure 37

claim property on December 1, 1977 and continues to own the property today. A partnership is a distinct and separate entity from its partners and the claim does not include any documentation to establish the claimants, Ernest Bussman and Peter Bussman, have an ownership interest in the property as individuals.. Because the subject property is owned by a partnership, the claimants are not owners of the Measure 37 claim property under Measure 49.

Because this requirement has not been met, the claimants are not entitled to any relief under Measure 49, and, therefore, the remaining approval criteria will not be evaluated.

## **2. Preliminary Conclusion**

Based on the preliminary analysis, the claimants, Ernest Bussman and Peter Bussman, do not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals because the claimants are not owners of the Measure 37 claim property under Measure 49.

## **V. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

A claimant or a claimant's authorized agent, a county and any third party may submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the preliminary evaluation. The comments, evidence and information must be filed with the department no more than twenty-eight (28) calendar days after the date this evaluation is mailed to the claimants and the claimants' agent and notice of this evaluation is mailed to third parties.

The department will mail a copy of all materials timely filed by a county or a third party with the department to the claimants and the claimants' agent. A claimant or a claimant's authorized agent may then file written comments, evidence or information in response to the materials filed by the third party or county. That response must be filed no more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date the department mails the materials to the claimants and the claimants' authorized agent.

All comments, evidence and information in response to the preliminary evaluation and all responses to materials filed by a third party or a county shall be delivered to Supplemental Measure 49 Claim Review, 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540 and will be deemed timely filed either (1) if actually delivered to the department before the close of business on the final eligible calendar day, or (2) if mailed on or before the final eligible calendar day.

**Note: Please reference the claim number and claimant name and clearly mark your comments as "Preliminary Evaluation Comments." Comments must be submitted in original written form only. Comments submitted electronically or by facsimile will not be accepted.**