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TO: Land Conservation and Development Commission  
FROM: Dave Perry, South Coast Regional Representative  
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 7, March 10, 2016, LCDC Meeting**

## **SOUTH COAST-UMPQUA REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TEAM BRIEFING**

### **I. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Members of the South Coast-Umpqua Regional Solutions Team (RST) will provide an overview of the team's work in communities on the south coast. Projects to be featured include:

1. Building a new cannery building for the Port of Port Orford;
2. Working with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, to facilitate master planning for the tribes' property on Coos Head;
3. Supporting the NeighborWorks housing upgrade initiative called "Re-Home" and;
4. Coordinating permits and providing equipment for maintenance dredging that will help keep south coast ports open and operational.

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### **II. BACKGROUND**

On the south coast, Regional Solutions is all about collaboration and communication with local governments and among state agency partners. We emphasize a bottom-up approach to projects – working at the local level to identify priorities, solve problems, create opportunities and facilitate the completion of projects that build infrastructure and capacity, and create jobs.

Core members of the team represent five state agencies and the Governor's Office. Other state agencies participate as needed, providing expertise on wetlands, fish and wildlife, energy, agriculture, and building codes.

- Kate Jackson, DEQ RST Coordinator and current chair (Medford)
- Chris Claflin, Business Oregon Development Officer (Coos Bay)
- Alex Campbell, RST Coordinator for the Governor's Office (Medford)
- Kenny LaPoint, Oregon Housing and Community Development (Salem)

- Mark Usselman, ODOT Region Manager (Coquille)
- Josh Lebombard, DLCD Regional Rep. Southern Oregon (Medford)
- Dave Perry, DLCD Regional Rep. South Coast (Newport)

The team confers periodically with an advisory committee that sets priorities for the region. Committee members include:

- Crystal Shoji, Mayor of Coos Bay
- Susan Brown , Curry County Board
- Susan Morgan, Douglas County Board
- John Sweet, Coos County Board
- Dave Kronsteiner, Port of Coos Bay Commission
- Keith Tymchuk, Port of Umpqua
- Jim Seeley, Executive Director of the Wild Rivers Alliance

The South Coast-Umpqua Advisory Committee has set the following priorities for economic development in the region:

- Active timber management on O&C lands
- Regulatory streamlining
- Enhanced marine, rail and telecommunications infrastructure
- Business retention, expansion and creation
- Continuing to build on the recreational economy
- Support for natural resources economy
- Support for the development of alternative energy in the region