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DLCD to join Dept. of Agriculture in appeal to LUBA

SALEM – The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) will join the Oregon Department of Agriculture in an upcoming case before the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) regarding the siting of a cattle feedlot in Jefferson County.

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) made the decision for DLCD to intervene in the case during a meeting April 23 in Salem.

Last October, Jefferson County accepted an application for a conditional use permit to establish a feedlot and accessory structures near Highway 97 north of Redmond. The proposed use was to be located near an existing livestock sales yard that has traditionally served central and eastern Oregon, and on occasion, livestock operations located in other states.

During a public hearing on Dec. 11, 2003, the feedlot application was considered by the Jefferson County Planning Commission. At the hearing, the planning commission received testimony supporting and opposing the proposal. DLCD regional representative Jon Jinings appeared before the planning commission and advised that the proposed use was included among those types of activities described in the statutory definition of ‘farm use’ under Oregon Revised Statute 215.203(2). In addition, Jinings said the county did not have the legal authority to deny the proposal.

The planning commission found that the proposed feedlot was a permitted use and not subject to additional local review, and the commission’s decision was delivered on Dec. 13.

An objector has since appealed the decision of the planning commission to LUBA.

Lane Shetterly, Director of DLCD, recommended to LCDC that the department join with the Department of Agriculture in intervening in the appeal, to support the county’s action.

“Joining the Department of Agriculture in this appeal demonstrates the department’s support of an industry that plays a vital role in Oregon’s economy,” said Shetterly. “While the state’s economy struggled mightily in the past few years, agricultural production is actually on the increase. We want to do what we can to support that important sector, and the rural parts of

our state.”

Jim Johnson of the Department of Agriculture added: “The cattle and calves sector has a great impact on the state’s agriculture industry. Cattle and calves currently rank only behind the state’s nursery business in farm gate value.”

Additional information about the LCDC meetings can be found on the department’s Web site at: <http://www.lcd.state.or.us>

The next regular LCDC meeting will be June 10-11, 2004 in Klamath Falls.

Oregon’s seven-member Land Conservation and Development Commission, assisted by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), adopts state land-use goals, assures local plan compliance with the goals, coordinates state and local planning, and manages the coastal zone program. The Commissioners are unpaid citizen volunteers, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Commissioners are appointed to four-year terms and may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. The statute establishing the Commission, ORS 197, also directs that they be representative of the state. The Commission meets about every six weeks to direct the work of DLCD.

Current Commission members are:

1. John Van Landingham, chair (Eugene)
 2. Margaret Kirkpatrick, vice chair (Portland)
 3. Gary Harris (Madras)
 4. Dennis Derby (Portland)
 5. Marilyn Dell Worrix (McMinnville)
 6. Ron Henri (Talent)
 7. Tim Josi (Tillamook)
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