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Paul Curcio to Lead Land-use Planning Agency

The [Land Conservation and Development Commission](#) (LCDC) announced today that Paul Curcio (COOR-cho) of Thousand Oaks, California is the new Director of Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development. Mr. Curcio will start on February 1.

"I deeply respect and strongly support Oregon's planning program," Mr. Curcio said. "Oregon is recognized nationwide for its creativity, its foresightedness and its comprehensive approach in aligning state and local planning to create public and private value."

"I firmly believe that Oregon is the most advanced and effective state in the nation with respect to farm and forest land preservation, urban growth management, and coastal and natural resource protection," he added. "As Director I will promote and follow these guiding principles."

Mr. Curcio has led significant strategic and collaborative efforts for public agencies at the state, city, county, and special district level throughout California. He has more than twenty years of senior executive experience working in planning.

"Paul Curcio's intelligence, energy, and commitment echoes from everyplace he's been," said LCDC chair Randy Franke. "We're pleased to welcome Paul to the planning program at a time when it's as critical as any time in LCDC's history to balance Oregon's growth with sound stewardship. He has an outstanding reputation as a leader and consensus builder."

Mr. Curcio is currently the top executive of [Miralto Management Consulting](#) in Los Angeles, California, which provides strategic direction to government executive teams, including public planning, transportation and economic development agencies.

He is the founding director of Public Sector Executive Programs at UCLA's Anderson School of Management where he continues to serve as a teaching fellow in providing management and leadership programs to the public sector.

Mr. Curcio has a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, in Cambridge Massachusetts, and a Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois, school of Architecture in Urbana, Illinois.

Oregon's seven-member LCDC adopts state land-use goals and assures local plan compliance, coordinates state and local planning, and manages Oregon's coastal zone program.

Commissioners are citizen volunteers from all regions of the state, appointed by the Governor.

Statement of Paul Curcio, January 11, 2002

I am extraordinarily pleased to be selected as Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development. Oregon's land use program is recognized nationwide for its creativity, its foresightedness and its comprehensive approach to aligning state and local interests to create public and private value. As director, I will strive to promote and renew this unique institution and the team of professionals that drive its performance. I have sought and accepted this directorship because I strongly support the core principles that serve as the foundation of the Oregon program, and because I am prepared and eager to assure that implementation does not falter.

I firmly believe that the Oregon land use program is the most advanced and effective in the nation with respect to farm and forest land preservation, urban growth management, and coastal and natural resource protection. I also firmly believe that one of the most innovative and laudable attributes of the program is its support of quality development in Oregon's communities. Informed developers nationwide acknowledge that development inside urban growth boundaries in Oregon is faster and more certain than virtually anywhere else in the US.

Under my stewardship I will endeavor to create an environment that will support innovation and improvements to the program in response to ever-changing economic, social and political circumstances. We will assess and renew the program in a variety of areas, especially public outreach, state and local partnerships, non-regulatory approaches, inter-agency collaboration and integration and incentives for progressive development that effectively addresses emerging community development issues. We will reinvigorate our relationships with all the program's partners and develop new alliances for mutual support.

The department is fortunate to have a clear and strong set of goals. I will be working closely with the department's staff to support the Commission in identifying actions that respect the goals and respond to the forces at play in today's world. Guiding us in our decision-making will be an ongoing commitment to:

- Accommodate growth and facilitate well-planned development inside UGBs, while preserving farm and forest land outside UGBs;
- Facilitate sustainable development, as envisioned in the Governor's Executive Order, that provides a balance of economic, social and environmental factors tailored to the distinct conditions of each jurisdiction;

- Conserve and enhance the outstanding economic and resource values of the Oregon coast and our other sensitive lands;
- Work with other agencies and groups to focus efforts on revitalizing rural and distressed economies;
- Assure that development within UGBs is as hassle-free as possible, recognizing that citizen involvement is a critical element of the program and requires time for thoughtful education and meaningful participation.
- Build a high performance team of planning professionals that takes pride in serving its many partners.

I am keenly aware, not only of the honor that goes with this appointment and the hard work of those that have preceded me, but also of my responsibility to link vision to action.

It is without hesitation that I look to the depth and breadth of talent in the department, the Commission, our sister agencies, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to meet this challenge; together we will bring the future to the present.

Biography: New Director for the Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

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Mr. Curcio leads a consulting corporation that specializes in providing strategic direction to executive management teams including planning, transportation and economic development agencies.

Mr. Curcio is founder and director of the Public Sector Program at Anderson Graduate School of Management, University of California, Los Angeles, which provides educational programs in key management and leadership concepts to the public sector. Curcio has led significant strategy and operations improvement efforts for government agencies at the municipal, county, and special district level throughout Southern California. Past and current clients include the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), Los Angeles County, and the City of Los Angeles.

Prior to joining Anderson, Curcio was acting director of the School of Public Policy's Advanced Policy Institute, and president of Urban Innovations Group, at the UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

From 1990-1992, Mr. Curcio worked as a senior project manager for Walt Disney Development where he directed a team in master planning efforts for Port Disney, and managed a consultant team in developing environmental impact analysis and report for the Coastal Commission as the Assistant to the City Manager and Planning Director for the City of San Diego.

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