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## **LCDC selects Whitman as DLCD director**

SALEM – Richard Whitman, head of the Natural Resources Section of the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) since 1997, was selected today to lead the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). He will begin his duties as director on January 2, 2008.

The decision came during a special meeting of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) in Salem.

Whitman takes over the department from Lane Shetterly, who served as director from February 2003 through August 2007. Cora Parker, who served as DLCD's director during the interim, will return to her position as deputy director.

At the Department of Justice, Whitman was Attorney-in-Charge of the Natural Resources Section, which represents and advises Oregon's environmental and natural resources agencies in a variety of legal proceedings. In that capacity, he supervised a staff of 26.

While at DOJ, Whitman has worked closely with federal, state and local officials as well as other interests on a range of land use and environmental matters ranging from Ballot Measures 37 (2004) and 49 (2007) to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

Prior to his years at DOJ, Whitman worked at the law firm of Ball Janik (Portland) from 1989-97 where he was involved in land and water use matters in central and eastern Oregon as well as in the Portland metro area. Before that, Whitman managed several economic development programs for the State of California (Sacramento) from 1984-87.

Whitman received a law degree in 1989 from the University of California-Berkeley, where he won the Harmon Prize for best environmental law article. He is a 1978 graduate of Tufts University, and in 1981, graduated with honors from MIT with a Masters of City and Regional Planning.

Whitman lives in southeast Portland with his wife, Emily. The couple has two children.

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