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TO: Land Conservation and Development Commission

FROM: Jim Rue, Director
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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 4, May 19-20, 2016, LCDC Meeting**

SOUTH VALLEY-MID COAST REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TEAM BRIEFING

I. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Members of the South Valley-Mid Coast Regional Solutions Team (RST) will provide an overview of the team's work. Projects to be featured include:

Willamette Valley Intermodal Freight Facility Feasibility Study. As part of an effort to lessen impacts to small- and mid-sized shippers in Oregon impacted by changes in the international maritime and transportation industries, the legislature allocated \$100,000 to this effort, the report will be due back to the legislature in 2017. A press release from Business Oregon on the funding for this feasibility study is available [here](#).

Regional Accelerator Innovation Network (RAIN) and the State of the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in the Region. The RAIN collaborative partnership (oregonrain.org) includes local, regional, and state government agencies, higher education, the business community, the philanthropic community and entrepreneurs. The goal is to develop a healthy "entrepreneurial ecosystem" to advance the formation and growth of traded sector, scalable startup businesses regionally. RST members will discuss RAIN's strategies and progress to date of developing this economic development tool for the region.

For further information about this report, please contact Ed Moore, South Willamette Valley Regional Representative at 971-239-9453 or ed.w.moore@state.or.us.

II. BACKGROUND

Regional Solutions is all about collaboration and communication with local governments and among state agency partners. The mission emphasizes 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.

- Jackie Mikalonis, RST Coordinator for the Governor’s Office
- Mary Camarata, Department of Environmental Quality
- Ed Moore, DLCD Regional Rep. South Willamette Valley
- Dave Perry, DLCD Regional Rep. South Coast
- Jae Pudewell, Oregon Department of Transportation
- Sean Stevens, Business Oregon Development Officer
- Kim Travis, Oregon Housing and Community. Development
- Patrick Wingard, DLCD Rep. North Coast

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

- Lee Beyer, Convener, State Senator
- Casey Woodard, Philanthropy
- Nick Fowler, Private Sector
- Will Tucker, Association of Oregon Counties
- Kitty Piercy, League of Oregon Cities
- Julie Manning, League of Oregon Cities
- Biff Traber, Mayor, city of Corvallis
- Faye Stewart, Lane County
- Doug Hunt, Lincoln County
- Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County
- John Pascone, Albany Millersburg Economic Development Corporation
- Greg Hamann, Linn Benton Community College
- Mark Lieberman, Oregon State University
- Brad Shelton, University of Oregon
- Mary Spilde, Lane Community College
- Birgitte Ryslinge, Oregon Coast Community College

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

Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

- Encourage business incubation, acceleration, manufacturing and new technologies
- Encourage and support an entrepreneurial culture and ecosystem
- Leverage research corridor
- Access to capital strategy – Develop resident capital and access to capital investment
- Venture Capital and Commercialization – support mentoring related to capital access and product development, as well as networking opportunities with other innovators.
- Support both emerging entrepreneurs and established companies.
- Promote regional workforce readiness

Housing

- Housing and Manufactured Housing/Economic Development

Land use and Economic Development

- Improve the readiness of industrial land
- Address uncertainty and permit streamlining on wetlands
- Support rural industrial development opportunities
- Encourage creation of quality industrial flex-space
- Increase number of certified industrial sites
- Support time to market initiatives

Transportation

- Transportation systems
- Improve access to markets via improved transportation systems
- Energy and Transportation: Support alternative fuel and energy industry and alternative energy advancement
- Infrastructure and broadband
- All modes
 - Rapid Rail
 - Transit
 - Air
 - Ports