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SUBJECT: **Agenda C** – Discussion with South Central Oregon Regional Solutions Teams

Requested Action:

Receive an informational update about the work of the South Central Oregon Regional Solutions Team.

Background:

What: Regional Solutions Centers (RSCs) are places for state agencies to collaborate with each other, local governments and other public, private and civic interests to solve problems and seize opportunities. Regional Solutions Advisory Committees - made up of Oregonians appointed by the governor from business, civic organizations, government, foundations and higher education - identify priorities to help guide the work in each of the ten regions. The committees also help connect resources from the community to expand the state's collective capacity to solve problems and seize opportunities.

Why: Governor Brown believes that to rebuild Oregon's economy, all of us - public, private and civic partners - must work together. The state can no longer afford single objective investing. The RSCs allow regional leaders and citizens to leverage all available funding to complete the highest priority projects.

Where: The Regional Solutions Centers are located in Bend, Medford, Eugene, Portland, Tillamook and La Grande. Satellite offices are located in Salem and The Dalles.

Who: The Regional Solutions Centers are staffed by Regional Solutions Teams composed of a representative from each of five state agencies: the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Department of Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and the Business Development Department (OBDD). Other state agencies are added to the teams as needed for regional priorities. The teams are led by a Regional Coordinator who represents the governor as a catalyst for action in each region. State agency directors meet regularly with the governor to review and evaluate the RSCs' work based on the number of projects completed.

How: RSCs complete projects addressing the priorities identified by the Regional Solutions Advisory Committees (RSACs). Team members collaborate with each other, local officials, private citizens and with other organizations to effectively complete projects. RSCs are also part of the Oregon Solutions Network which links them with the State's dispute resolution program, Oregon Consensus, and the State's collaborative implementation program, Oregon Solutions. For each regional priority, the coordinator develops a work plan including objectives, expected outcomes, agency involvement, targets and milestones. Through collaboration, efficient communication and strategic action, the RSCs work to achieve Oregon's most important economic and community objectives.

The following RST representatives will provide updates:

- Annette Liebe – Oregon's Regional Solutions Director, and Central Oregon Coordinator
- Larry Holzgang – Business Oregon
- Jon Jinings – Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Kelly Hill – Department of Environmental Quality
- Jarod Johnson – Oregon Department of Transportation
- Della Mosier – Oregon Department of Transportation

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - Regional Priorities
- Attachment 2 - Completed Projects

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