

MEETING SUMMARY

CENTRAL OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: February 16th, 2017

Meeting location: Wille Hall, Central Oregon Community College, Bend

Committee members present:

Mike Hollern, Convener *
Becky Johnson, VP, OSU Cascades
Amy Tykeson, Tykeson and Associates *
Betty Roppe, Prineville Mayor *
Erin Borla, Roundhouse Foundation
Mae Huston, Jefferson County Commissioner
Dennis Scott, La Pine Mayor
Bruce Abernethy, City of Bend Councilor
Roger Lee, Economic Development for Central Oregon
Karen Friend, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
Lonny Macy, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

*Denotes Executive Committee members

Guests/presenters:

Tony DeBone, Deschutes County Commissioner
Bruce Daucsavage, Ochoco Lumber Co.
Craig Bienz, The Nature Conservancy
John Allen, Deschutes National Forest
Alan Unger, former Deschutes County Commissioner
Peter Gutowsky, Deschutes County
Katy Brooks, Bend Chamber
Steve Curley, Small Business Development Center
Jenny Green, Arts Commission
Dana Whitelaw, High Desert Museum
Kate Porsche, City of Redmond
Kevin Barclay, Arts and Culture Alliance
Brian Meece, Re/Max Key Properties
Susanna Julber, City of Bend
Nick Lelack, Deschutes County
Phil Chang, Senator Merkley's Office
Carol Macbath, Central Oregon LandWatch
Tom Headley, Century West Engineering
Alexis Chapman, Atelier 6000
Dawn Boone, Atelier 6000
Susan Tunno, Deschutes County Planning Commission

Jasmine Barnett, Arts and Culture Alliance

Regional Solutions Team:

Annette Liebe, Regional Coordinator, Governor Kate Brown's Office

Kelly Hill, Department of Environmental Quality

Della Mosier, Department of Transportation

Thomas Schnell, Business Oregon

Jon Jinings Department of Land Conservation and Development

Chad Davis, Oregon Department of Forestry (via conference call)

Theresa Yoshioka, Oregon Department of Agriculture

Scott Linfesty, Building Codes Division

- I. Convener Mike Hollern welcomed new advisory committee members. Mae Huston and Erin Borla's appointments by Governor Brown are currently pending. Once appointed they will join the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee met on February 7th to appoint the following public sector representatives: Dennis Scott, Mayor of La Pine (Dec 2018), Seth Crawford, Crook County Judge (Dec 2018), Karen Friend, Exec. Dir. COIC (Dec 2019), and Bruce Abernethy, Councilor City of Bend (Dec 2019). The Exec Committee established terms for these appointments and for the appointments previously made for Lanny Macy, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (Dec 2019) and George Endicott, Mayor of Redmond (Dec 2018). Term dates are noted in parantheses. The coordinator is working with the Executive Committee to identify additional private sector representatives.
- II. Annette Liebe provided an overview of the Regional Solutions program; the vision and the approach to implementing the vision. Annette also summarized the priorities established by the Advisory Committee in September 2015 and indicated that the committee will be re-evaluating priorities in 2017. Annette's presentation is included in the meeting materials.
- III. Annette Liebe provided a high level overview of the economic development related investments in Governor Kate Brown's recommended budget. For the details please see the materials associated with the agenda on the website.
- IV. Forestry panel
 - Annette kicked off the forestry panel on behalf of Damon Runberg who could not attend the meeting. Damon provided a handout summarizing the forest related economy. While there has been a major downturn since 1990 there has been a modest recovery since the depth of the recession with traditional forest economy (mills, logging, wood products manufacturing, etc.) with 110 more jobs than in 2011. Damon's chart also included information about Forestry recreation (over 500 jobs), outdoor products (534 jobs) and federal and state land management agencies (30 fewer federal jobs and 11 more state jobs).

- Chad Davis joined by telephone and presented information about federal, state and private harvest levels statewide and in Central Oregon. Chad also briefly discussed the Governor's requested budget to support ongoing collaborative work (\$4.4M). One significant difference is that the proposal is to roll these funds in the agency's base budget so that they do not have to request them every biennium. Chad also discussed the recently executed Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies that allows the state to conduct planning work on federal lands. Chad's presentation is available on the website.
- Bruce Daucavage talked about the need for continued active management and markets for small diameter material. Ochoco Lumber is working on a torrefied wood product as an alternative to coal at PGE power plan in Boardman. Bruce also believes that there is the need for another small diameter mill in central Oregon (Prineville).
- John Allen talked about the collaborative work in the Deschutes National Forest. Jon expects that there will be budget challenges in the upcoming year. Overall \$30M is needed to support collaboratives. 80% of the saw logs being removed from the Deschutes National Forest are currently going to the Interfor Mill in Gilchrist.
- Craig Bienz discussed the research being done to support forest health related work and increase the efficiency and effectiveness.
- Alan Unger discussed the challenges ahead for the Deschutes Forest Collaborative such as finding new leadership, impacts of drought, and concerns about smoke management associated with prescribed fire.

V. Creative Economy Action Plan Next Steps

A memo accompanied this agenda item that summarized feedback from key community leaders to the recommendations provided by consultant Paul Nicholson. There is strong consensus that the place to start is to build a strong regional arts organization and that the Arts and Culture Alliance is best positioned to serve this role. Kevin Barclay, Chair of the Arts and Culture Alliance provided an overview of their Strategic Planning process. Since all of the funds dedicated to the Creative Economy Action Plan were not expended, Philanthropic donors to the project re-directed remaining funds to support the development of a Strategic Plan for the Arts and Culture Alliance. The Strategic Plan and Business Plan should be completed in time for the Committee's April 24th meeting.

VI. Southern Oregon regional land use pilot project and resources lands work

Nick Lelack presented the history of resource lands work in Deschutes County. Nick's presentation is available on the website along with other meeting materials. Jim Rue, Director, Department of Land Conservation and Development, talked about the key lessons learned from the Southern Oregon pilot project created by Executive Order in 2012 to pilot regional planning in Jackson, Josephine and Douglas Counties. Key lessons learned were that the project did not succeed due to a lack of up front collaborative ground work. Each county had a different interpretation of the scope of the project, the expected deliverables, timeframes, outcomes and measures of success. Jim discussed some specific examples of key issues where the parties were not in agreement. There is however, work being done in

Jackson County that can serve as an example of an approach to resource lands. Jon Jinings talked about how this work is informing the agencies thinking about potential next steps. The work being done combines multiple layers of GIS mapping covering soil type, irrigation, habitat, etc...to determine which lands may be eligible to be defined as non-resource lands. DLCDC expects to present their Commission recommendations on next steps Summer/Fall 2017.

VII. Public Comment – there was no public comment

VIII. The committee confirmed the following meeting dates for 2017:

- April 24, 10:00 am – noon
- August 10, 10:00 am – noon
- October 19, 10:00 - noon