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Regional Solutions Advisory Committee (*draft*) Minutes: Mid-Valley

Representing Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties

Thursday, December 5, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Advisory Committee Members:

Representative Ron Noble, District 24
Mayor John McArdle, City of Independence
Lane Shetterly, Oregon Community Foundation
Sofia Torres McKay, Cramoisi Vineyard
Erik Andersson, Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)

Public:

Peggy Lynch, League of Women Voters of Oregon (on the phone)
Jason Schneider, Marion County Economic Development
Daniele Gonzalez, Marion County Economic Development
John Dietz, McMinnville Water and Light
Kevin Perkins, City of Lafayette
Bryn Hudson, Oregon Water Enhancement Board
Jordana Barclay, Business Oregon
Brian Plinski, Business Oregon
Doug Rux, City of Newberg

Team Members:

Jody Christensen, Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Coordinator, Governor's Office
Renata Wakeley, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments
Jae Pudewell, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Mary Camarata, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Dennie Houle (Business Oregon)
Angela Carnahan, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
Pat O'Connor, Oregon Employment Department (OED)
Ryan Sparks, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)



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Agenda Summary:

Welcome and Introductions – Representative Noble

Board Operations – Minutes/Committee Member Terms

- Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2019 Meeting - The committee reviewed and approved the minutes with no changes.

Committee Terms Discussion

The Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Advisory Committee has committee appointed members that “shall serve for 24 or 36 months from the date of their appointment” as described in the charter. For ease of procedure, the recommendation was to select the 36 month timeframe.

- A motion to adopt 36 month terms was made and approved.

With a set term of 36 months, the committee discussed reappointing Commissioner Kevin Cameron and City of Salem’s Steve Powers since their terms started in 2014. Christensen shared that both agreed to serve again.

- The following committee members were reappointed by the committee: Marion County Commissioner Cameron and City of Salem’s Steve Powers.

Priority Panel Discussions - Water Infrastructure and Outdoor Recreation (guest speakers)

The committee heard about water projects, both natural and built, that have a significant impact on the Mid-Valley’s short, mid- and long range water usage planning efforts and are integral to the Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Vision and Priorities.



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Oregon's 100-Year Water Vision (Statewide)

The State of Oregon under the leadership of the Oregon Water Enhancement Board (OWEB) has launched the 100-Year Water Vision process to determine where the opportunities and challenges are within the system. OWEB Water Vision Coordinator, Bryn Hudson, updated the committee on the goals, process, timelines, and how to engage in the work.

North Santiam Sewer Project (Marion County)

The North Santiam Sewer Project reveals the complexity and importance of regional systems planning. Danielle Gonzalez, Marion County Community Services Department Economic Development, shared how the project evolved and what lays ahead.

City of Lafayette and McMinnville Water & Light's (W&L) Project (Yamhill County)

John Dietz, W&L General Manager, and Kevin Perkins, City of Lafayette's Assistant Administrator, shared the history of their respective organizations and how they are now partnering on an intertie for a stronger, regional water system approach.

The committee adopted a new priority to "foster outdoor recreational opportunities." With the draw of the Detroit Lake, several streams, and Willamette River, the Mid-Valley region boasts several natural amenities for tourists and residents to appreciate. The second panel shared information on two projects expanding outdoor recreation prospects in the region.

Willamette River Water Trail (Statewide)

Ryan Sparks, Oregon Park and Recreation Department (OPRD) Operation Support Manager (Valleys Region) and Regional Solutions team member, revealed the current work being done and future plans for the Willamette River Water Trail within the Mid-Valley. Mr. Sparks also shared information about four Travel Oregon Willamette River Tourism Studios, being planned for early 2020, that will help to map our regional opportunities.

City of Newberg's Riverfront Water Master Plan (Yamhill County)

The City of Newberg recently accepted a Riverfront Master Plan that creates a unique and picturesque riverfront. Doug Rux, City of Newberg Community Development Director, shared how he engaged with Regional Solutions to explore the possibilities and how the plan is unfolding.



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Business Oregon Opportunity Grants

Two Business Oregon specialists presented information about programs that focus on innovation and high impact projects which aligns with the Mid-Valley vision to be a thriving center of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Manufacturing innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurship. Brian Plinski, Business Oregon's Entrepreneurship Strategist, gave an overview of the Rural Opportunity Initiative (ROI), the two Mid-Valley pilots, and what we can expect in the next round of funding. And Jordana Barclay, Business Oregon's Innovation Strategist, shared information about the High Impact Opportunity Program (HIOP), the program criteria, and upcoming application process.

Committee Member Updates

Sofia Torres-McKay shared information about AHIVOY, a vineyard worker career training program in partnership with Chemeketa Community College. The organization has received a foundation grant to cover 12 students. Erik Andersson shared news about Polk County's AG Tech Challenge in early 2020. He also gave an update on the Chemeketa Community College/Marion County agriculture innovation survey. Lane Shetterly shared news about the Oregon Community Foundation's grant deadline in January.

Public Comment

Representative Noble asked for public comment. Peggy Lynch (by phone) commented on the interesting presentations and asked for connections about the 100-Year Water Vision solutions comment.

Adjournment

Representative Noble adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.