



Regional Solutions Advisory Committee: Mid-Valley  
*Representing Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties*

Regional Solutions Advisory Committee (**draft**) **Minutes**: Mid-Valley  
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Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:00 – 9:30 am

Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services  
Conference Room F  
350 Winter Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Advisory Committee Members:**

Mayor John McArdle, City of Independence  
Commissioner Craig Pope, Polk County  
Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Marion County  
Sofia Torres McKay, Cramoisi Vineyard  
Lane Shetterly, Oregon Community Foundation  
Steve Powers, City of Salem  
Erik Andersson, Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)

**Public:**

Tyler Folska-Fung, Office of the Secretary of State  
Stephen Winn, Office of the Secretary of State  
Jim Eustrom, Chemeketa Community College

**Team Members:**

Jody Christensen, Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Coordinator, Governor's Office  
Renata Wakeley, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments  
Dennie Houle, Business Oregon  
Michelle Bilberry, Business Oregon  
Jae Pudewell, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)  
Mary Camarata, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Angela Carnahan, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) - by phone  
Brian Wolfer, Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)



**Agenda Summary:**

**Welcome and Introductions – Mayor McArdle**

**Board Operations – Minutes/Appointments**

- Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2018 Meeting - The committee reviewed and approved the minutes with no changes.
- Committee welcomed Governor Brown’s appointment Sofia Torres McKay, owner of Cramoisi Vineyard.
- Committee Member Appointments - The committee approved the appointment of Yamhill County Commissioner Rick Olson and SEDCOR CEO Erik Andersson to the Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Advisory Committee.

Chemeketa Community College’s Jim Eustrom gave an update on committee member President Julie Huckestein’s June 30<sup>th</sup> retirement and shared that Jessica Howard is the incoming President starting on July 1. Commissioner Pope asked Christensen to meet with the Ms. Howard to introduce the Regional Solutions program and seek her interest in serving on the advisory committee.

In addition, the committee discussed workforce representation in regional solutions efforts at the committee, team, and project levels. For the next advisory meeting, the committee asked the coordinator to provide options and concepts about how to include workforce in the Mid-Valley efforts.

*Action:* Christensen to meet with incoming Chemeketa Community College President Jessica Howard regarding Regional Solutions and possible committee representation. Christensen to provide workforce development engagement options and concepts for the next advisory committee meeting.

**Regional Infrastructure Fund Overview**

Christensen reviewed the purpose of the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) and the history of the Mid-Valley RIF projects. She provided an update on the 2017-2019 Mid-Valley RIF projects - Bernau Estate Biodynamic Wine & Agriculture Experience and the Diesel Technician Training Program & 2 Year Associate of Applied Science Degree at Chemeketa Community College. The committee asked for updates on the other RIF project applicants.

Commissioners Cameron and Pope wanted more detail related on the legislative process for the Regional Solutions budget and Regional Infrastructure Fund.



*Action:* Christensen will provide 2017/19 RIF applicant project updates at the next advisory committee meeting. She also offered to send out the legislative information requested by the Commissioners.

**Mid-Valley Regional Priorities Discussion**

Christensen gave an overview of the regional solutions program and the Mid-Valley priorities. The committee discussed the importance for a review of the Mid-Valley regional priorities. Commissioner Pope reiterated the importance of workforce development issues in the region.

*Action:* Christensen to develop a review process for the priorities and, as mentioned above, will prepare workforce engagement options and concepts.

**Roundtable Updates**

Erik Andersson announced the upcoming SEDCOR AG Breakfast on April 18.

**Adjournment** Mayor McArdle adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

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