



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE**  
**GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

AGENDA

South Central Oregon Regional Economic Response/Recovery Team  
May 19th, 2020  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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I. Governor's Office Update – Annette Liebe, Regional Solutions Coordinator

a. EO 20-25 overview and Q &A

[https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive\\_orders/eo\\_20-25.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_20-25.pdf)

b. Face covering policy:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2288K.pdf>

II. Questions/Discussion from partners (it's OK if you don't have any) ROUNDTABLE:

a. Klamath Tribes

b. Lake County Chamber

c. Klamath County Chamber

d. SBDC – Kat Rutledge

e. SCOEDD- Betty Riley

f. Klamath County

g. Lake County

h. KCEDA – Randy Cox

- i. Discover Klamath – Jim Chadderdon
- j. East Cascades Works
- k. KCC
- l. OIT

III. Next steps/wrap up



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Annette went through the governor's latest executive order and talked about new mask and face coverings policies.

George Lopez with Klamath Tribes said the tribe has made an administrative decision to avoid further reopening until June 1. Leaders will continue to assess conditions and may allow more businesses to open at that time. The tribe is being cautious with moving ahead and leaders are concerned about protecting employees. George also asked whether CARES Act reimbursements could be made when current funding expires at the end of the year, and Annette would follow up on this request. Joseph Quiroli added that the tribe is moving forward cautiously with reopening the casino and training employees on new safety procedures.

Heather Ficht with WorkSouce and she will be holding a webinar May 21 with the Oregon Employment Department to share worksource information and resources with small businesses. The panel will talk about the Workshare program, among other relief.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodempqDojGtyThMSEGi7UAO4wqWWIT7T9>

Annette asked for a chamber update. Jessica Bogardus said the Lakeview Chamber received positive feedback on their recent small business Zoom meeting. The chamber printed and laminated more than 400 signs for small business owners to post, available in both English and Spanish. The chamber will reopen May 20 to the public.

Darin Rutledge with the Klamath Downtown Association said some businesses have started to reopen. Kat Rutledge said the virtual reopening summit went very well. She mentioned there is still \$100 billion in PPP funding available nationwide, and sole proprietors can access this program. The EIDL funding that remains is for agricultural-related operations. She also mentioned that the region is covered by recent emergency declarations for drought in Northern California, which opens up additional EIDL funds for operations impacted by drought.

Betty Riley with SCOEDD submitted an application to Business Oregon for matching grant funds (\$175k) for the region in order to access forgivable loans. At least half of the funding would have to go to sole proprietors who have not received other forms of COVID-19 relief. SCOEDD expects to know by the end of the week if that funding is successful.

Jim Chadderton with Klamath County Tourism is started to get more calls from people about travelling, even though the region has had to cancel a number of recent tourism-related events recently.

Commissioner Minty Morris said she is answering a lot of questions from business owners. Annette said the Business Navigator should help answer some of those questions, as businesses can be referred there for answers.

Lake County commissioner Brad Winters said many businesses have reopened. He is working with commissioners to get bipartisan state support for additional recovery dollars. He is concerned that some CARES Act funding is not getting to businesses as quickly as he would like. Commissioner Williams said some Lake County businesses are adapting to the guidelines and to a new business environment. He said there have been no cases in the county, and that makes it hard to continue to urge caution for businesses that have seen dramatic impacts from the shutdown. He said his time has been spent almost entirely on COVID related work over the past two months.

Sandra Cox with Oregon Institute of Technology is planning on serving students in person in the fall. Meanwhile, classes are continuing online.

Amy Amrhein with Senator Merkley's office is getting information out about the WorkShare program and meeting with forest officials about reopening public lands. Annette added that the state is organizing a multi-agency workgroup on wildfire response, and will include federal staff.

Larry Holzgang with Business Oregon said the Business Navigator site is up and running, and it has an updated list of PPE providers.

Jessica Bogardus asked a question if there was guidance for welcome centers. Annette said there is not, except to use the general business guidance. Jessica said she was concerned about paper brochures, which are picked up often and handled by the public. One idea was to remove the brochures for three days before restocking them.

Ginger Casto is working to secure masks for the few businesses where they are required and employers still need them. Annette referred Ginger to the email she sent sharing information on the process for purchasing masks from Department of Corrections; this might be a resource.

Annette said she is taking agenda items for next week's meeting. She thanked the group for their time and hard work and ended the meeting.