

South Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
February 17th, 2017
Lake County Commissioners Room, Lakeview, Oregon

Committee members attending:

Jane O' Keeffe, Governor's Convener
Chip Massie, KCC, Ford Fellow and OCF Regional Leader (via conference call)
Betty Riley, SCOEDD
Brad Winters, Lake County Commissioner
Roberta Vanderwall, Town of Lakeview
Peter West, Energy Trust
Jim Walls, Lake County Resources Initiative

Guests:

Ginger Casto, SCOEDD
Joe Wall, City of Klamath Falls
Jeremy Austin, Oregon Natural Desert Association (via conference call)

Team members:

Larry Holzgang, Business Oregon
Mary Baker, Infrastructure Finance Division, Business Oregon
Jarod Johnson, Department of Transportation
Kelly Hill, Department of Environmental Quality
Annette Liebe, Regional Solutions Coordinator

- I. Jane O'Keeffe, Governor Brown's convener welcomed new members to the committee. The Executive Committee met via conference call on February 9th to appoint Klamath County Commissioner Derrick DeGroot and Town of Lakeview Manager Roberta Vanderwall to the committee. The Executive Committee also discussed seeking a new philanthropic representative given Chip Massie's new position with Klamath Community College. Annette has also been in contact with Tribal Chair Don Gentry regarding a tribal representative. The Executive Committee discussed ideas for additional private sector representatives. There will be more appointments to increase public/private balance and increase participation.
- 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 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. The committee next heard an update on the status of Red Rock biofuels. Natural gas service to Lakeview is predicated on Red Rock biofuels building the first three miles of the pipeline. Due to changes in the project status of Red Rock, the Lakeview natural gas project is not ready to proceed. As a result the Committee discussed reallocating funds from the natural gas project to the rural infrastructure technical assistance and planning priority project. There were two projects listed on the 2015-17 Regional Solutions priority project list: 1) rural infrastructure technical assistance and planning and 2) natural gas service to Lakeview).
- V. Mary Baker with Business Oregon’s Infrastructure Finance Division provided a summary of each of the pre-applications. Pre-applications are posted on the Regional solutions website along with the agenda and materials for this meeting. The committee requested that all five project applicants for the rural infrastructure project be invited to submit applications for the full amount requested in the preliminary application. Betty Riley mentioned that we need to make sure that applicant are aware of prevailing wage requirements. There was some discussion about the threshold for applicability of prevailing wage requirements. Mary Baker agreed to follow up. The five projects and requested amounts are:
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| 1) Lake County Railroad bridge upgrades: | \$205,000 | (\$43,200 match) |
| 2) Chiloquin Waste Water: | \$50,000 | (\$25,000 match) |
| 3) Bonanza Waste Water | \$120,000 | (\$12,000 match) |
| 4) Malin Water System | \$110,000 | (\$20,000 match) |
| 5) KCC Energy Eff upgrades | \$61,655 | (\$47,712 match) |

Total: \$546,655

As a result, the South Central region has \$478,345 in unallocated 2015-17 funds. The coordinator indicated that there were ongoing discussions about how to handle projects not ready to proceed but did not have information on the ability, timing and process for re-allocating these funds. The preference of the committee would be to solicit rural infrastructure technical assistance and planning projects that are ready to proceed to apply for the remaining funds if the timing permits it.

If not, the committee agreed that funding additional phases of the projects approved by the legislature in 2014 would support job retention and creation. Under this option the committee would allocate the remaining funds to 1) \$228,000 to the Innovation and learning Center in Lakeview for construction of 2 additional classrooms, a student lounge and renovation of restrooms. This investment could leverage \$500k grant application pending with the Ford Family Foundation and 2) \$250,000 for additional woodstove change outs to be split evenly between Klamath Falls and Lakeview. This would leverage Avista and Energy Trust partnerships.

VI. Public Comment – there was no public comment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm