

South Central Oregon Regional Solutions Team

PROJECT TRACKING MATRIX

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SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TEAM



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Governor Kate Brown's Regional Solutions Centers (RSCs) are places for state agencies to collaborate with each other, local governments, and with other public, private, and civic interests to solve problems and seize opportunities. Regional Solutions Advisory Committees, made up of Oregonians appointed by the Governor from business, civic organizations, government, foundations, and higher education, identify priorities to guide the work.

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Mission:

The South Central Regional Solutions Team provides regulatory technical assistance, aligns funding and shares information to support job retention and attraction. The South Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee has identified the following priorities to guide the team's work.

South Central Priorities

Updated April 2019

1. Infrastructure
2. Shovel Ready employment land
3. Support entrepreneurship and small businesses
4. Workforce Housing
5. Downtown Revitalization
6. Water quality and quantity
7. Workforce development especially trades and internships
8. Improve forest Health/restoration economy
9. Agriculture

PRIORITIES

Infrastructure		
• Region has infrastructure needed to support economic development		
Projects	Partners	Milestones
Natural Gas Service to Lakeview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake County• Red Rock Biofuels• Avista• ODOE• PUC• DEQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County issued Right of Way permit• DEQ/DSL provided technical assistance on permitting for Red Rock's pipeline• Work with Red Rock and Lake County on regulatory issues related to tying in to Red Rock's pipeline.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSL 	
Broadband Service to rural Lake County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Central Oregon economic Development District • Lake County Education Service District • Lake County • Business Oregon • ODOT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake County ESD received a federal grant to take fiber from Lakeview to Plush and Adel schools. ESD granted an extension. • Lake County received permission from Surprise Valley Electric to use their poles; issues have been discovered with these poles. •
Improve rail infrastructure to serve new and existing businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeview • Klamath Falls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goose Lake Rail • Cornerstone minerals • Collins Pine • Lake County • ODOT • Business Oregon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake County received \$167,000 in 2017-19 Regional Infrastructure funds to re-build bridges to meet safety standards. • Lake County received \$5.6M federal grant; seeking \$3.15M match...Red Rock has contributed approx \$1.3M in match. \$10M project to bring rail up to class I standards. • State agencies acted quickly to complete work needed to support the Categorical Exclusion submitted to the Federal Rail Admin Dec.4, 2019. • Exploring opportunities to support a rail transfer facility in Klamath Falls.

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<p>Water systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lakeview• Chiloquin• Malin• Bly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Oregon• OWRD• OHA• USDA RD• Lake County• Klamath County• Town of Lakeview• Town of Chiloquin• City of Malin• Town of Bly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One stop meetings have been completed for: Lakeview, Chiloquin, OTHERS?? <p>CHILOQUIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Oregon funded through the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (forgivable loan and loan) \$2.8M; Seeking additional loan and grants from USDA RD; Project has gone to bid. Bids came in over budget.• OWRD awarded \$661,000 to Chiloquin under the Water Projects Grants and Loan program for a new well and meter replacement. <p>MALIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The City of Malin installed a new cloud telemetry system to electronically monitor operations of the pumps, well levels, and storage tank levels to provide more secure and reliable water delivery for city businesses, residents and a new potato processor that was able to locate in the city (12 – 15 new jobs); This project was funded with 2015-17 RIF funds.<p>BLY</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bly has received an USDA EQUIB Grant plus loan funding from Business Oregon to drill a new well.• Bly, through Klamath County, was awarded \$276,210 in CDBG funds to complete an engineering design to replace the distribution system with adequately sized pressure cycle and flows.
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<p>Wastewater Treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crescent• Chiloquin• Bonanza• Klamath Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crescent Sanitary District• Town of Chiloquin• Town of Bonanza• City of Klamath Falls• DEQ• Business Oregon• Department of Forestry• DLCDC• USDA RD• US EPA• FEMA	<p>CRESCENT: Business Oregon funded feasibility study; showed only feasible site was Gilchrist State Forest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team helped Sanitary District gain approval to purchase 200 acres from ODF (Gilchrist Forest)• DEQ permitted facility construction• Business Oregon convened a one stop• Business Oregon and DEQ administering funds (CSRLF) and providing technical assistance• Groundbreaking November 9, 2018 <p>CHILOQUIN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Oregon convened a one stop to assess funding options.• City received CDBG funding for design and engineering• City of Chiloquin received Regional Infrastructure Funds 2015-17 (\$63,000) to construct an east side lift station. <p>BONANZA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received a forgivable loan and loan award from Business Oregon to upgrade waste water system and expand treatment lagoons. <p>KLAMATH FALLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with DLCDC, FEMA and EPA to resolve flood plain mapping for the existing facility• SRF and flood plain docs expected to go out for public comment January 2020.• DSL expedited the wetland assessment for the proposed expansion area to clear to site of wetland permitting needs.
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<p>Solar Project technical Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obsidian projects in Lake County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of State Lands • Fish and Wildlife • Lake County • DLCDC • ODOE • ODEQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSL expedited wetland permitting for two solar projects in Lake County to meet aggressive timeline for project construction.
<p>Swan Lake Pumped Storage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resources Department • Fish and Wildlife • DEQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacted project principles to offer permitting technical and coordination assistance.
<p>Ensure adequate infrastructure to be resilient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Klamath Falls as secondary relief hub for Cascadia • Four lanes on Highway 97 • Airports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Oregon • Office of Emergency Management • ODOT • Klamath County • Lake County • Kingsley Field • City of Klamath Falls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<p>Increase Shovel ready employment land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region has sites to market to economic development projects • At least one or two 100 acres or larger industrial sites in the UGB for Klamath Falls 		
Projects	Partners	Milestones
<p>Brett Way Extension</p> <p>RST has been working to identify and secure state permits/approvals needed for construction of a new road to increase safety and serve future industrial uses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODOT • City of Klamath Falls • DLCDC • DEQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City has agreed to extend water and sewer • DLCDC and DEQ provided technical assistance related to land use and air quality requirements. • Engineering and design in process • Bid scheduled in 2020

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Economic Opportunity Analyses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeview • Paisley • Klamath Falls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLCD • Business Oregon • Town of Lakeview • Lake County • SCOEDD • Lake Co Chamber • City of Klamath Falls • KCEDA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeview and Paisley received funding through DLCD to develop an EOA for each city. These were completed in June 2019 by the cities with the assistance of ECONorthwest. • Review analyses with team and committee to ID opportunities • Integrate results into CEDS and RS/partner priorities
Establish Regionally Significant Industrial Site in Klamath County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCEDA • City of Klamath Falls • ODOT • DEQ • DSL • Business Oregon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify site and contact land owner re: interest • Work with city and KCEDA on application packet • RST reviewed RSIS application for WESGO
Support Re-development of industrial sites in SCOEDD/EPA Brownfield redevelopment project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA • Lake County • SCOEDD • Business Oregon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Support entrepreneurship and small businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are resources to support entrepreneurs and small businesses. Keep talent from leaving the region. 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Klamath IDEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Oregon• Klamath Community College• SCOEDD• KCEDA• OIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received initial Rural Opportunities Initiative (ROI) grant from Business Oregon.• Received additional ROI award to implement SourceLink• Received financial support from Klamath County and City of Klamath Falls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop an Angel Fund (KCEDA led?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KCEDA• Business Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formative stage.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create Makers Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create Food hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SCOEDD• Business Oregon	

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<p>Support Outdoor Rec Ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails • Lake County Fairgrounds Facility Improvement Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake County • SCOEDD • Business Oregon • Klamath County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake County Fairgrounds received a LEOF grant to develop an improvement plan. • Commissioner Minty-Morris appointed to OR Outdoor Rec Committee. • Met with guides and outfitters re: access to Klamath River post dam removal.
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Workforce Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is enough housing across income levels to house regions growing employment base 		
Projects	Partners	Milestones
<p>Housing Needs Analyses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Klamath Falls • Lakeview • Paisley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLCD • OHCS • Lake County • Town of Lakeview • City of Klamath Falls • KCEDA • Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Paisley received funding through DLCD to develop HNAs. These were completed in June 2019 with the assistance of ECONorthwest. • Shared results with RS Committee, RST and local partners. • Support the implementation of strategies recommended in the reports;
<p>Partner with Employers to Build more housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingsley Field • KCEDA • Hospitals • Red Rock • City of Klamath Falls • Town of Lakeview • USFS • OHCS • DLCD • Business Oregon • SCOEDD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key employers partners (KCEDA has done this in Klamath Falls) and understand the needs of their employees • Develop a public/private partnership to increase housing supply; meet with builders and potential funders. • Find a person to serve as “housing accelerator” in Lakeview/Lake Co.

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Rehabilitate existing housing stock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weatherization Wood stove removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCOEDD USDA RD ODOE DEQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID funding opportunities Klamath-Lake regional housing center awarded \$400,000 to fund a housing rehabilitation program in the incorporated cities of Klamath Falls, Malin, and Merrill.
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Downtown Revitalization

- There are vital downtown cores to attract activity

Projects	Partners	Milestones
Downtown Planning and Historic Preservation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Klamath Falls Lakeview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oregon Main Street DLCD City of Klamath Falls Klamath Falls Downtown Association Town of Lakeview Town of Chiloquin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Klamath Falls received a grant to implement public outreach and create a development plan for downtown. Final draft of the plan due by consultants in mid-January. Lakeview Community Partners received a grant for strategic planning however they are still in info gathering stage, planning, and getting expert advice, including expertise on building renovation, HVAC updates, streetscape planning.

Water quality and quantity

- There is sufficient water to support community and employer needs
- Water quality in Upper Klamath Lake is improving; water quality trading “credit” are available for economic development

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<p>Modoc Point Irrigation System Modernization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCA • OIT • Irrigation District • ODFW • OWRD • DEQ • ODA • Business Oregon • Trout Unlimited • Klamath Tribes • Upper Klamath Watershed Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS convened two multi stakeholder meetings that discussed funding opportunities and toured the district. • Awaiting FCA system improvements plan.
<p>WRD Funded – Klamath Basin Storage Feasibility Study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OWRD • ODA • Klamath Lake Land Trust • Klamath County • National Fish and Wildlife Fund • Trout Unlimited • Upper Klamath Watershed Partnership • Klamath Tribes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft study released in October. • Final released November 15, 2019
<p>Reduce ag run-off to Upper Klamath Lake</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODA • Trout Unlimited • DEQ • ODFW • OWRD • OWEB • Upper Klamath Watershed Partnership • Klamath Tribes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODA working with landowners and non-profits to identify and implement innovative practices to reduce run off and monitor water quality. Main implementation partners include landowners, SWCD, KWP, Trout Unlimited, USFWS. • OWEB funded four technical assistance grants around Upper Klamath Lake in their Spring 2019 funding cycle. The grants will fund engineering and planning. These technical assistance grants are for Lakeside Farms, West Canal Water

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		<p>Quality Treatment Design, Walker Farms Water Quality Improvements and Upper Klamath Lake Lower Algoma Design. They are all active as of December 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS CIS (Conservation Implementation Strategy) application submitted and approved. The funding will assist with implementation of high priority phosphorous reduction projects on agricultural properties around UKL. • ODA will continue water quality monitoring through 2020 and 2021 at the pump sites related locations. • ODA and partners continue to seek funding assistance for the water quality improvement projects. Implementation funding for the projects to improve water quality for the sucker species has not been as easy to come by or in amounts anticipated.
<p>Water quality trading program for Klamath Basin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ • KCEDA • SCOEDD • OWRD • ODA • Business Oregon • Klamath County • City of Klamath Falls • Trout Unlimited • Klamath Tribes • Upper Klamath Watershed Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ working on chartering a sub-group to begin the identification and development of projects.

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Workforce Development especially trades and internships (ECWIB led)

- Region has enough trades people to support housing and economic development projects
- Students have the opportunity for gaining job experience

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Klamath Community College Internship and Apprenticeship Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC • HECC • OIT • philathropy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project was funded \$250,000 from 2017-19 RIF funds.

Improve Forest Health/restoration economy

- Fuels are reduced
- Material is put to use in economic development projects

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Red Rock Biofuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Oregon • Environmental Quality • DLCDD • DSL • ODOT • Town of Lakeview • Lake County • Goose Lake Railway • SCOEDD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ issued 401 certification July 2019 • DEQ provided technical assistance on cooling water proposal using Lakeview effluent • DEQ working on ACDP renewal December 2019 and ACDP modification request (application expected January 2020) • DEQ providing technical assistance on solid waste and biochar permitting
Cross Laminated Timber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Oregon • KCEDA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working potential recruitment

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Biochar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Agriculture • Department of Forestry • Klamath Tribes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODA is studying bio-char is a potential filtration medium to reduce phosphate
Juniper Utilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Oregon • Department of Forestry • Klamath Tribes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring start up business to fabricate lawn and garden products

Agriculture		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector is supported as an economic driver in the region 		
Projects	Partners	Milestones
Food hub (see entrepreneurship above) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCOEDD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food hub report completed for SCOEDD September 2019; RS participated in SCOEDD Board discussion about next steps.
Water Quality (see above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ issued temperature TMDL (September 2019) for Klamath and Lost Subbasins
Water Quantity (see above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •