



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

South Coast Umpqua Regional Solutions Advisory Committee

Representing Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties

AGENDA

Monday, February 4, 2019 <> 1:00 PM to 3PM

Room 121, 250 N. Baxter St., Coquille, OR

Call-in option: 877 848-7030 Password: 5495754#

1:00 PM Welcome/Self-Introductions

1:05 PM Approve Minutes for October 22, 2018 Meeting

1:10 PM Regional Solutions Program Updates

Alex Campbell

1:15 PM RSAC Representation on SW Area Committee on Transportation

Mark Usselman

1:20 PM Jordan Cove Project Update

Chuck Deister

1:40 PM Project Reports

RST: Port of Port Orford Redevelopment; Back Nine; Yoncalla Wetlands;
Coos Bay Village; So Douglas County Career & Technical Ed-Oregon
Solutions Project; Opportunity Zones; IP Site visit; CLT

2:15 PM Wildfire: Governor's Office Exec Order

Alex Campbell

2:25 PM Advisory Committee Roundtable

2:55 PM Public Comment

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MEETING SUMMARY- SOUTH COAST UMPQUA REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: October 22, 2018; 1:30 PM

Meeting location: Community Meeting Room, Coos Bay Fire Hall, 450 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, OR

Advisory Committee (AC) members present:

Keith Tymchuk *

James Seeley*

Coos County Commissioner John Sweet*

David Kronsteiner*

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Boice

Councilor James Auburn (by phone)

Fauna Larkin (*ex officio*)

*Executive Committee members

Regional Solutions Team/Agency Representatives:

Alex Campbell, Coordinator, Governor's Office

Kate Jackson, DEQ (by phone)

Sean Stevens, Business Oregon

Dave Perry, DLCD (by phone)

Guests:

Lee Russell & Jennifer Bragg (N. Douglas Betterment)

Dana Gurney

Penny Seus

1. Minutes for July 2018 were approved
2. RIF Process - Lessons Learned, Process Improvements
 - Keith gave kudos for shortening the time-line, bringing funding awards closer to the decision.
 - Keith and others agreed that projects that are ready to be completed should be prioritized, and that it should be very clear what piece of the project RIF is funding.
 - There was discussion of the Port of Port Orford project. Sean and Alex said that the state contract would specify that match will need to be secured in some form to allow funding to be released.
 - Commissioner Boice recommended pre-screening out ineligible projects.
 - Keith said that he didn't think regular "CIP" projects should be eligible, suggested more guidelines from the state.
3. Recently Completed Business Expansion Projects. Sean Stevens shared the following updates:
 - North River Boats. North River Boats of Roseburg was awarded an SRF Forgivable Loan by Governor Kate Brown on July 18, 2018. This award will assist in the construction of a new 33,750 sf building to expand large boat fabrication area and house a dedicated 5,000 sq ft training bay. Along with the training bay, NRB is reestablishing an internal

90-day training program to train new hires. In previous installments of the training program, the trained staff have created high-quality, functioning boats that would increase the production and finished inventory for NRB. The entire project will cost \$2.5M and expects to create 20 living wage jobs. The project is scheduled to be completed by January 2019. Commissioner Boice reported the building is framed and up—and that Douglas County Industrial Development Board contributed \$100K to project.

- Con-Vey. Con-Vey was awarded a \$40K SRF Forgivable loan in July 2016 to purchase adjacent property to their Roseburg facility and expand their manufacturing capacity. City wrote down land price by ½ to contribute to project. Construction completed this summer. The project would retain 65 jobs and create 10 new jobs.
- GMA Garnet. Project Gem was a relocation project by GMA Garnet to establish a garnet sand processing plant at the former ORC site in Coos Bay. The \$20M project is planning to create 25 jobs when fully-operational. GMA Garnet has purchased the ORC site and has begun import raw materials from South Africa. NPDES permit approved. They have currently hired 4 employees. They have been approved for Enterprise Zone tax incentives, including an extension in a 4th and 5th year. To qualify for this benefit, GMA Garnet must provide wage of 150% of county wage (approximately \$51,000). Installation of new equipment, including the wash system, water treatment, and automated packaging lines, is underway. Primary market is abrasives for sand blasting and water cutting. Company is interested in status of Coos Bay RailLink repairs. David Kronsteiner gave an update.

4. Active Project Updates

- Alex reported on the So Douglas County Career & Technical Ed-Oregon Solutions Project. South Douglas County school districts are pursuing career and technical education (CTE) opportunities that may grow into a stand-alone regional CTE center. The collaborative has asked OS to help them establish a governance agreement, cross-sector partnerships, and leveraged resources to launch an initial program of study. The project is very close to transferring a deed to the project of a county-owned eleven-acre parcel of land (valued at \$580K) between Myrtle Creek and Riddle. The parcel has some basic infrastructure (water and power) already in place. Commissioner Boice reported that the final details regarding how any future change of use of the facility would be handled are nearly complete.
- Yoncalla Ponds Wetlands Bank. Lee reported that they do have a response (and set of questions) from DEQ review of their request for a No Further Action letter. He is hopeful that an NFA will ultimately be forthcoming within a month, which would trigger release of the first payment from DSL and keep the project on schedule for construction summer of 2019.
- Port of Port Orford. Alex shared a "discussion draft" of the site plan. Tweaks have been requested by the Commission, and further refinements may be added to the concept, responsive to community input at Open House October 24.
- Wild Rivers Coast Forest Collaborative. Alex reported that the group is reviewing a new work plan and that NEPA review for the Shasta-Agness project is moving forward. Merv George, the new Forest Supervisor, brought several members of the project leadership team to the last collaborative meeting.

- Coos Bay Village. It looks like the project should have permits to begin fill placement soon. The RST assisted with mitigation planning.
 - Pacific Gales. Final land use hurdles have been cleared and project leaders are currently focused on seeking investors. The recent Opportunity Zone designation could be helpful.
 - Coast Trail Planning Effort. Commissioner Cribbins will convene a South Coast Segment Team Kick Off Meeting on November 26, 2018. Purpose for an Oregon Coast Trail (OCT) segment team includes: Convening Stakeholders who have an interest in or own property that would be a part of the Oregon Coast Trail on the South Coast; Conducting mutual education about interests, challenges and opportunities to complete the South Coast section of the trail; Developing recommendations for alternatives that close gaps on the South Coast; and Engaging stakeholders in identifying and deploying financial resources and technical support that can contribute to completing and maintaining the South Coast segment.
 - Elliott Forest/State Land Board. Alex reported that Oregon Consensus has shared its report with the Land Board last week. The Land Board will take up their recommendations regarding establishing an advisory committee on “de-coupling” at their December meeting. A Habitat Conservation Plan is under development. Keith suggested Alex send a link to the Oregon Consensus report out to the RSACmembers.
5. Klondike Fire/Fire Recovery. The initial BAER assessment of soil burn severity looks pretty good (only 2% of the area with high burn severity). Alex is not planning to convene a recovery council this year, but would be very interested to hear from/meet with parties who have particular concerns about recovery.
 6. Advisory Committee Roundtable
 - Jim Seeley shared that Oregon Department of Forestry has done a demonstration project with using a mobile “air curtain” burner to convert juniper to bio-char. Bandon Dunes is exploring the possibility of doing a similar project with gorse. Similar technology could be used to dispose cut Sudden Oak Death-infected trees. The product has high capacity for carbon sequestration.
 - David Kronsteiner reported that the Department of State Lands and International Port of Coos Bay prevailed at the Oregon Supreme Court in defending the Port’s permit to dredge a deep-water channel. He also reported the Port, through its subsidiary Coos Bay Rail Line, Inc., is preparing to take over direct operation of the freight rail line as of November 1.
 - Commissioner Sweet echoed David’s earlier comment that the GMA project is important and glad to see the RST engaged on that project. He also noted that using wood, rather than steel or concrete, in building construction could significantly reduce carbon emissions.
 7. Public Comment
 - Lee Russel noted that the Yoncalla Ponds Wetlands project could be a pilot for how to turn abandoned log ponds into an economic asset and that they would be happy to share their experience with others.
 8. Meeting Adjourned at 3 PM.