

MEETING SUMMARY

SOUTHERN OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: November 9, 2015

Meeting Location: Medford Fabrication Conference Room, Medford, OR

Committee members present:

Convener: Bill Thorndike, Medford Fabrication

AOC Rep: Commissioner Rick Dyer, Jackson County

LOC Rep: Councilor Jonathan Bilden, City of Eagle Point

Business Rep: Steve Roe, Roe Motors

Josephine County Commissioner Simon Hare, Committee Appointment

John Roberts, Oregon Water Resources Commission, Committee Appointment

Peter Angstadt, Rogue Community College, Committee Appointment

Regional Solutions Team members present:

Larry Holzgang, Business Oregon

Art Anderson, Department of Transportation

Josh LeBombard, Department of Land Conservation and Development

Jeff Griffin, Governor's Office

Russ Stauff, ODFW

Ian Horlacher, ODOT

Kate Jackson, DEQ

Mary Baker, OBDD IFA

Guy Tauer, Oregon Employment Dept

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Guests:

Angela Boudro, SWCD

Annette Liebe, Governor's Office

Peggy Lynch, League of Oregon Women Voters (on phone)

Regional Solutions Update: Annette Liebe introduced herself and provided an overview of the process that the regional solutions priority implementation projects funding request went through during the previous legislative session. The Southern Oregon Region received a portion (\$1,139,600) of the \$2 million request for projects because the legislature primarily funded only infrastructure projects with lottery bond revenue. Ms. Liebe discussed creating a more programmatic process going forward that would remove much of the uncertainty regarding funding criteria and availability.

Priority Implementation Projects Update: Jeff Griffin provided an update on the four projects that were funded, the Fry Family Farm Food Hub, the Josephine County East Side Parallel Taxiway Project, the Flood Irrigation Conversion in Little Butte Creek Watershed, and the Gold Hill White Water Kayak Course Design. Because the overall funding provided was less than the original request, the committee was asked to confirm the release of an evenly proportionate share to each project, or to confirm if they wished to reallocate funds disproportionately. After discussion of each project's ability to proceed the committee indicated they supported an evenly proportionate share to each project. This resulted in the

following funding allocation: Food Hub: \$397,000; Taxiway: \$370,600; Butte Creek: \$282,000; Kayak Park: \$90,000.

Team Project Reports: Team members provided updates on the following:

Griffin: Food Hub, Gold Hill Kayak Park, Project Thermal, Workforce One-Stop, Dimmick.

Jackson/Baker: North Valley, WISE, Little Butte Creek.

Holzgang: Project MKN, Medford Airport One, Project Stagecoach, Spalding.

Anderson: Shady Cove, Siskiyou Rail, Blackwell Road, Grants Pass Airport.

Stauff/LeBombard: Novalis Institute.

Public Comment: Peggy Lynch with the League of Oregon Women Voters commented on LWV involvement.

Roundtable: Advisory Committee members provided brief updates on current activities.

Economic Update: Guy Tauer provided an economic update which may be viewed at: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/rogue-valley>

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.