

MEETING SUMMARY- SOUTHERN OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 15, 2017

Josephine County Courthouse, Commissioner's Office Board Room, Grants Pass

Committee members present:

Bill Thorndike, convener*

Councilor Jonathan Bilden, City of Eagle Point*

Jackson County Commissioner Rick Dyer*

Steve Roe*

Josephine County Commissioner Dan DeYoung

President Linda Schott

*Executive Committee

Regional Solutions Team:

Art Anderson, Department of Transportation

Marta Tarantsey, Business Oregon

Kate Jackson, Department of Environmental Quality

Josh LeBombard, Department of Land Conservation and Development

Alex Campbell, Coordinator, Governor's Office

Amy Gilroy, Department of Agriculture (via phone)

Guests:

Greg Holmes, 1000 Friends of Oregon

Sam Engel, AllCare

Robert Brandes, Josephine County

Brad Niva, Travel Southern Oregon

Jessica Gomez, Oregon Business Commission

Advisory Committee (AC) New Member

The Executive Committee of the AC unanimously invited President Linda Schott of Southern Oregon University to join the AC (Julia McFadden will no longer be representing SOU).

****ACTION: Alex will arrange for appointment letter to be sent.***

The agenda was slightly rearranged to allow time for Power Point presentations to be loaded and prepared for display.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Bill Thorndike shared that Governor Brown is seeking to diversify the representation on all state boards and commissions. Suggestions of individuals who might be willing to serve that would support that end are very welcome.

Alex Campbell suggested that diversifying the Advisory Committee itself would be a very welcome move. He has begun outreach and will continue outreach. He would welcome participation from any interested AC members. His goal would be to present several possible additions to the AC at the next meeting. Bill suggested looking, particularly, at Native American Hispanic candidates. The AC agreed that this was a good approach.

****ACTION: Alex will search for additional AC member candidates, with input from the AC, to present at the next AC meeting.***

Governor Brown's Visit

Alex provided a brief summary of Governor Brown's recent visit to the area which included several school visits (Eagle Point High, McLoughlin Middle, and Orchard Hill Elementary), business visits (MaskIT and Timber Products), and meetings with community/business leaders (lunch with members of the SOREDI board and a breakfast with the Business Education Partnership).

North Valley Industrial Park

Robert Brandes, Josephine County Public Works Director, shared an update on the recently completed Preliminary Engineering Report on possible ways to improve wastewater treatment capacity to serve future growth at the North Valley Industrial Park (NVIP) and Merlin Airport. The recommendation was to consider a Packed Bed Media Filter. (See attached slides.) The Regional Solutions Team will be setting up a "One-Stop" meeting to discuss possible funding options.

AC members were pleased that innovative treatment alternatives are being considered and that growth at the airport would be accommodated.

****ACTION: RST will work with Josephine County staff to arrange a One-Stop.***

Rogue Valley Food Systems Network – Cannabis Task Force

Greg Holmes, 1000 Friends of Oregon, provided an overview of the network's work as a whole, and their recent work on cannabis. (See attached slides.)

Greg emphasized that the work around the cannabis industry, led by Vincent Smith of SOU, is focused on "facilitating coexistence" between the new industry and other agricultural interests.

The top issues they have identified include:

- Labor scarcity due to high wages/demands in cannabis industry
- Water use and run-off/effluent from cannabis growers
- Land availability and/or degradation due to cannabis industry practices (some land purchased and simply left fallow; common growing practices do not utilize native soils, and often compact/degrade quality soils)
- “Boom mentality”; community concerns, particularly in areas such as Williams and Illinois Valley
- Federal laws prevent Extension agents from providing education to cannabis industry regarding better practices

The Task Force will be tackling these issues by trying promote discussion/interaction, particularly between traditional ag and cannabis industry members. On June 20, they will hold a convener facilitator training. On July 19, a public information forum will be held. A series of smaller community-based discussions will be held August to September. The Task Force is hoping to identify the resources (~\$10K) to hold a conference on the fall.

Commissioner DeYoung shared the labor impacts are hitting many employers. He also noted that essentially no revenues are flowing to the counties to support local law enforcement. Would like to explore a production tax. He and the Sheriff recently visited the community of Takilma and noted real community fear of lawlessness.

Steve Roe suggested that Ford Family Foundation’s network of trained community leaders might be a great resource for the effort. He offered to connect Greg with the right folks at FFF.

Greg would like assistance from the AC in identifying resources to support the effort and/or support of communications of the community forums.

Greg said that they expect to make some policy recommendations as one of the results of the work and would welcome additional opportunities to dialogue with the Governor’s Office.

Outdoor Recreation/Tourism Efforts

Brad Niva, Travel Southern Oregon Director, introduced himself. He is a long-time operator in the industry and began as the new Director of Travel So Oregon six weeks ago.

Brad is pleased that the increase in the statewide lodging tax from 1 to 1.8% will increase resources both for core functions and grants. He recently hired the Oregon Shakespeare Festival marketing director to work for TSO.

He recently completed a survey of their stakeholders. Top issues/interests were:

- Improving alignment of regional marketing with state efforts
- Focusing on extending travel season

- Develop/share stories, more work on earned media
- Downtown/Main Street improvements

Brad shared a summary of the recent Travel Oregon economic impact study. Tourism in Southern Oregon is now a \$1 Billion industry with 11,000 jobs. He noted, however, that TSO is significantly under-funded in comparison to other RDMOs in the state, such as Travel Central Oregon. He would like to explore some county-level TLT taxes and/or use of Tourism Investment Districts.

Commissioner DeYoung shared that there has been some dialogue among Southern Oregon commissioners that a 2% sales tax, if consistently applied across the region, could be viable.

The AC encouraged Brad to bring in the RST if/when state rules or regulations are posing barriers to industry growth.

Project Status Updates (SO Regional Solutions Team)

See work plan for updates on all team projects.

The team highlighted support for Rogue River Valley Irrigation District's effort to secure funding for the WISE demonstration project, Bradshaw Drop. The RST will be supporting a new round of public outreach.

Jackson County is developing a proposal to manage the development (and operation) of the planned Gold Hill White Water Park. Any arrangement would have to make financial sense to the County.

The Grants Pass Taxiway project design has been completed and construction should begin this summer.

Kate Jackson shared progress in permitting the emergency repairs to the Grants Pass Irrigation District canal at Sand Creek. RST will engage on longer term planning with GPID and others. Marta Tarantsey introduced herself as the new Business Oregon Regional Development Officer and let the AC know that work continues on Project GoGo and Project Spirit.

HB 5025 and SB 5530

Bill Thorndike shared his invited testimony in favor of the legislature providing additional funding to Regional Infrastructure Finance pool.

Additional Comments/Public Comments

Art Anderson shared the outlines of the new transportation funding package under consideration in Salem.

Councilor Bilden let the group know that progress on the Butte Creek Mill is being made. The Timber Framers of America may participate in construction.

President Schott was glad to hear that Vincent Smith's work with the Food Systems Network was discussed. She also noted that SOU just received approval for establishing their new Master's program in outdoor adventure education leadership, which will be only the 2nd such program west of the Mississippi.

Commissioner DeYoung shared his appreciation of Airport Manager Larry Graves and noted the tremendous economic development success at the Madras Airport. The county's airport is seeing a lot of overflow traffic from the very busy Medford airport and will be adding 2,000 feet to the runway soon.

Jessica Gomez shared that she was attending in her role as a member of the Oregon Business Commission. She also shared that design continues on their planned new facility to allow expansion of Rogue Micro-Devices. She also reported that progress continues at Rogue Workforce Partnership in developing better understanding of career pathways and collaboration between industry and the educational system.

Meeting Adjourned

Bill Thorndike suggested a next AC meeting in early fall and adjourned the meeting.

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North Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

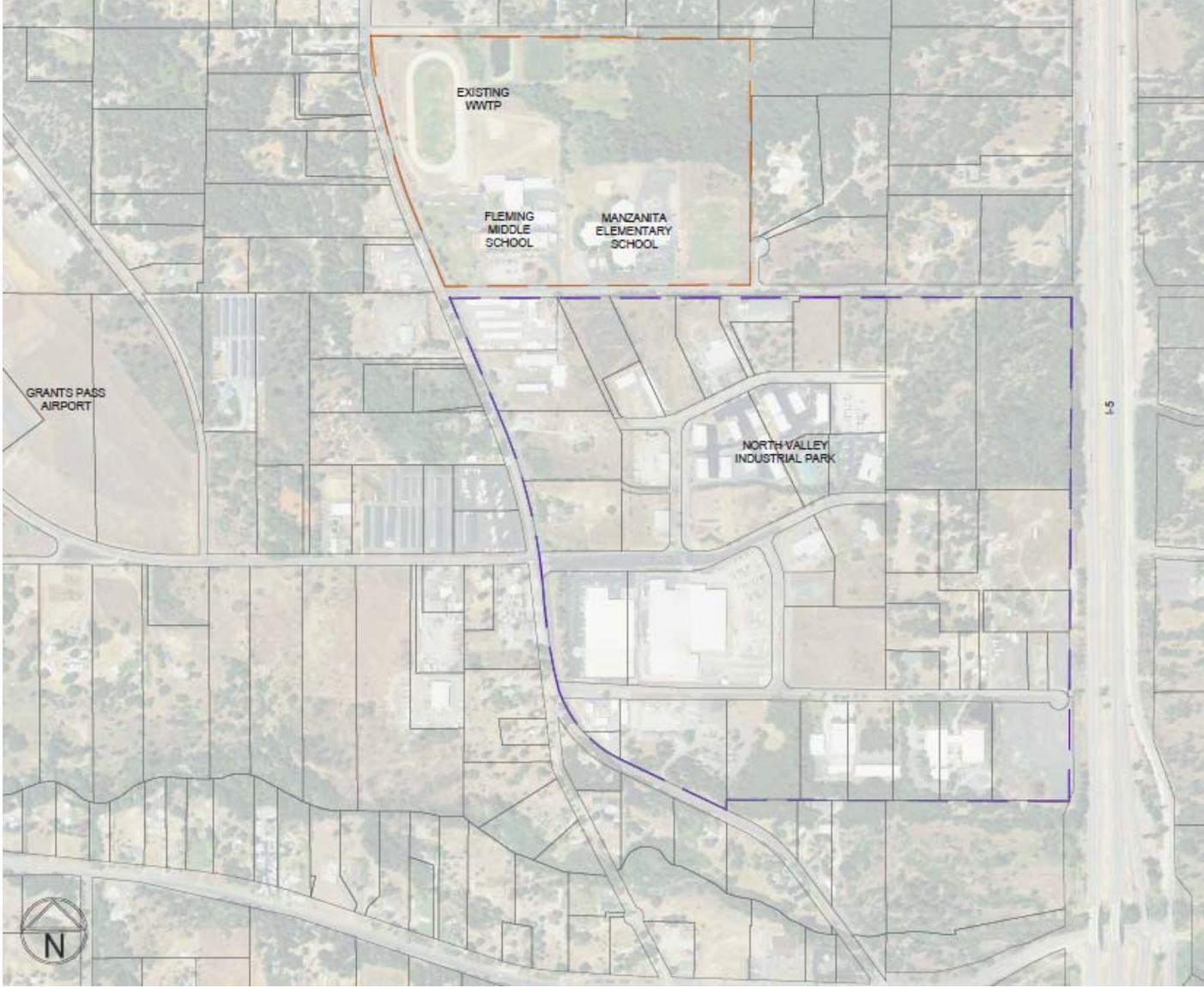
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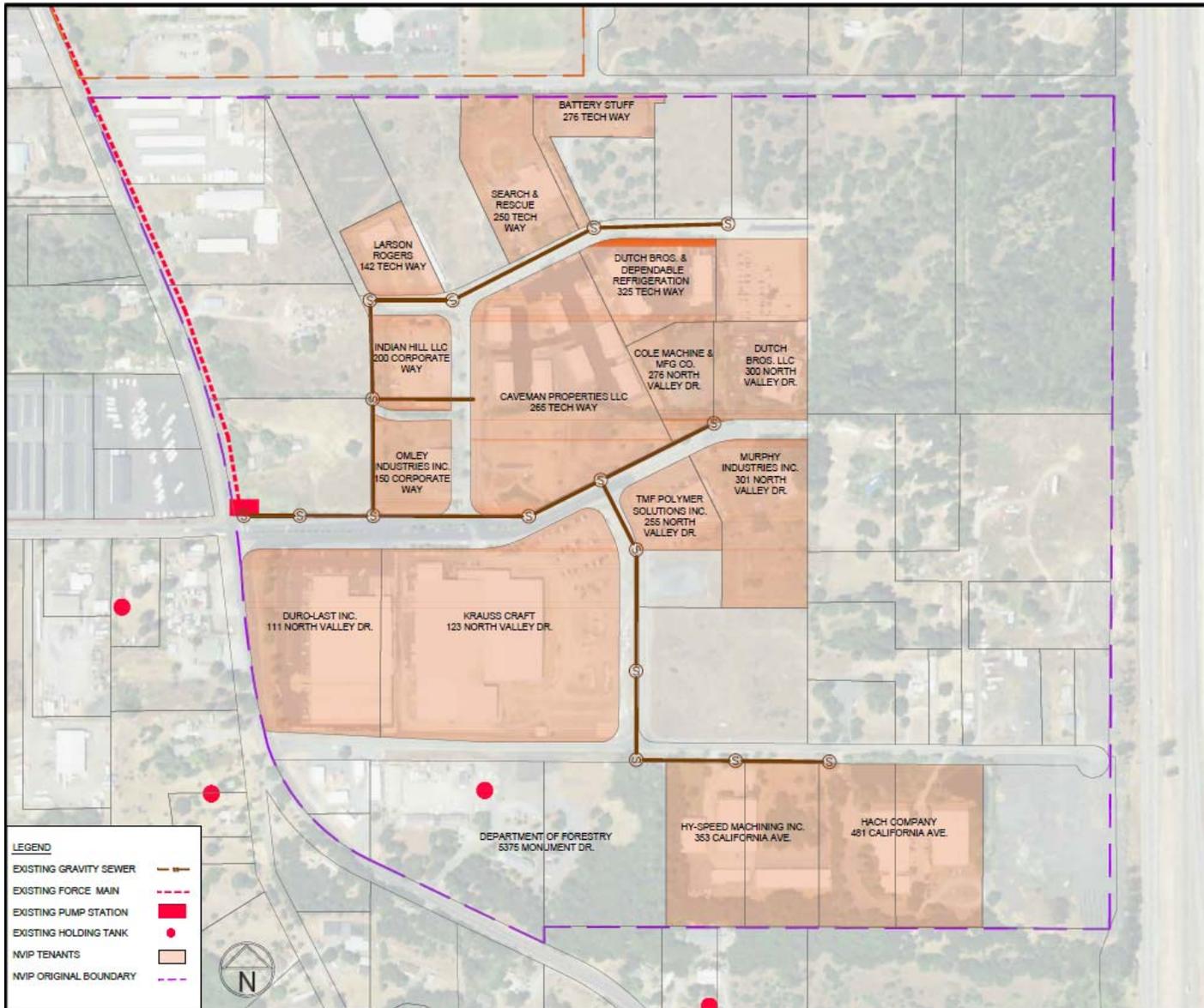
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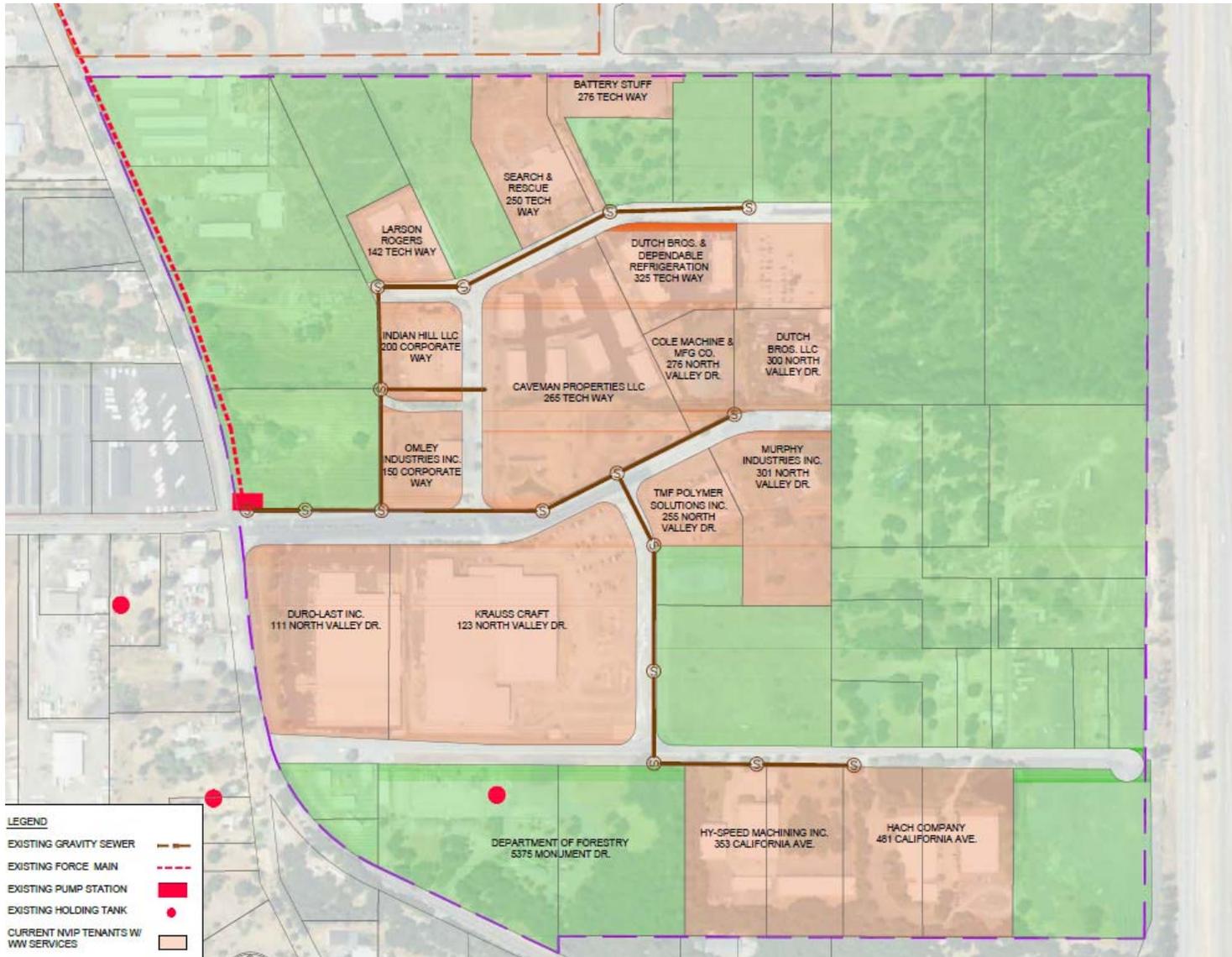


NORTH VALLEY GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT









The NVIP has the capacity to develop and occupy a conservative total of 140 acres. Based on the employee-per-acre ration of 11 employees per acre, the total number of persons working at the NVIP at the complete development and sanitary sewer service of the NVIP is of 1474 employees. See figure 1.3B for a map depicting the potential development and sanitary service of the NVIP.

Table 1.3D NVIP Population Projections

Population Projections - NVIP		
Criteria	2015	2035 or full build out
Developed Acres	54	140
Number of Employees	564	1474

Table 1.3C: Three Rivers School District Population Projections

Population Projections - Three Rivers School District Facilities		
Facility & Body	2015 Population	2035 Population
Fleming Middle School Students	433	537
Manzanita Elementary School Students	430	533
Faculty	70	87
Total:	933	1157

4.3.5 Treatment Alternative E – Packed Bed Media Filter

Figure 4.3.2– Orenco AdvanTex modular packed bed filters



Design Life of System

The design life of the system is 20 years.

Table 5.2A – Life Cost Analysis

Treatment Alternative	Initial Capital Cost Estimates	NPV of Total Annual Cost	Salvage Value	NPV Total	
Activated Sludge	A1	\$ 2,167,049	\$ 1,704,081	\$ 68,700	\$ 3,802,431
	A2	\$ 1,608,123	\$ 1,357,796	\$ 38,700	\$ 2,965,919
	A3	\$ 2,280,581	\$ 1,721,808	\$ 68,700	\$ 3,933,650
	A4	\$ 1,678,565	\$ 1,364,851	\$ 38,700	\$ 2,997,660
SBR	B1	\$ 2,354,041	\$ 1,738,917	\$ -	\$ 4,092,958
	B2	\$ 1,761,707	\$ 1,282,589	\$ -	\$ 3,044,296
	B3	\$ 2,556,653	\$ 1,883,190	\$ -	\$ 4,439,844
	B4	\$ 1,995,738	\$ 1,443,600	\$ -	\$ 3,439,338
MBBR	C1	\$ 2,453,588	\$ 1,764,089	\$ -	\$ 4,217,677
	C2	\$ 1,657,326	\$ 1,360,327	\$ -	\$ 3,017,653
	C3	\$ 2,530,933	\$ 1,774,892	\$ -	\$ 4,305,825
	C4	\$ 1,832,977	\$ 1,375,620	\$ -	\$ 3,208,597
MBR	D1	\$ 2,462,762	\$ 1,670,856	\$ -	\$ 4,133,618
	D2	\$ 1,537,943	\$ 1,304,248	\$ -	\$ 2,842,191
	D3	\$ 2,466,877	\$ 1,684,948	\$ -	\$ 4,151,826
	D4	\$ 1,872,517	\$ 1,305,250	\$ -	\$ 3,177,766
Packed Bed Filter	E1	\$ 2,048,089	\$ 1,110,678	\$ -	\$ 3,158,767
	E2	\$ 1,015,654	\$ 967,904	\$ -	\$ 1,983,558
	E3	\$ 2,055,600	\$ 1,116,193	\$ -	\$ 3,171,793
	E4	\$ 1,662,012	\$ 990,188	\$ -	\$ 2,652,200

Food Production and the Cannabis Industry:

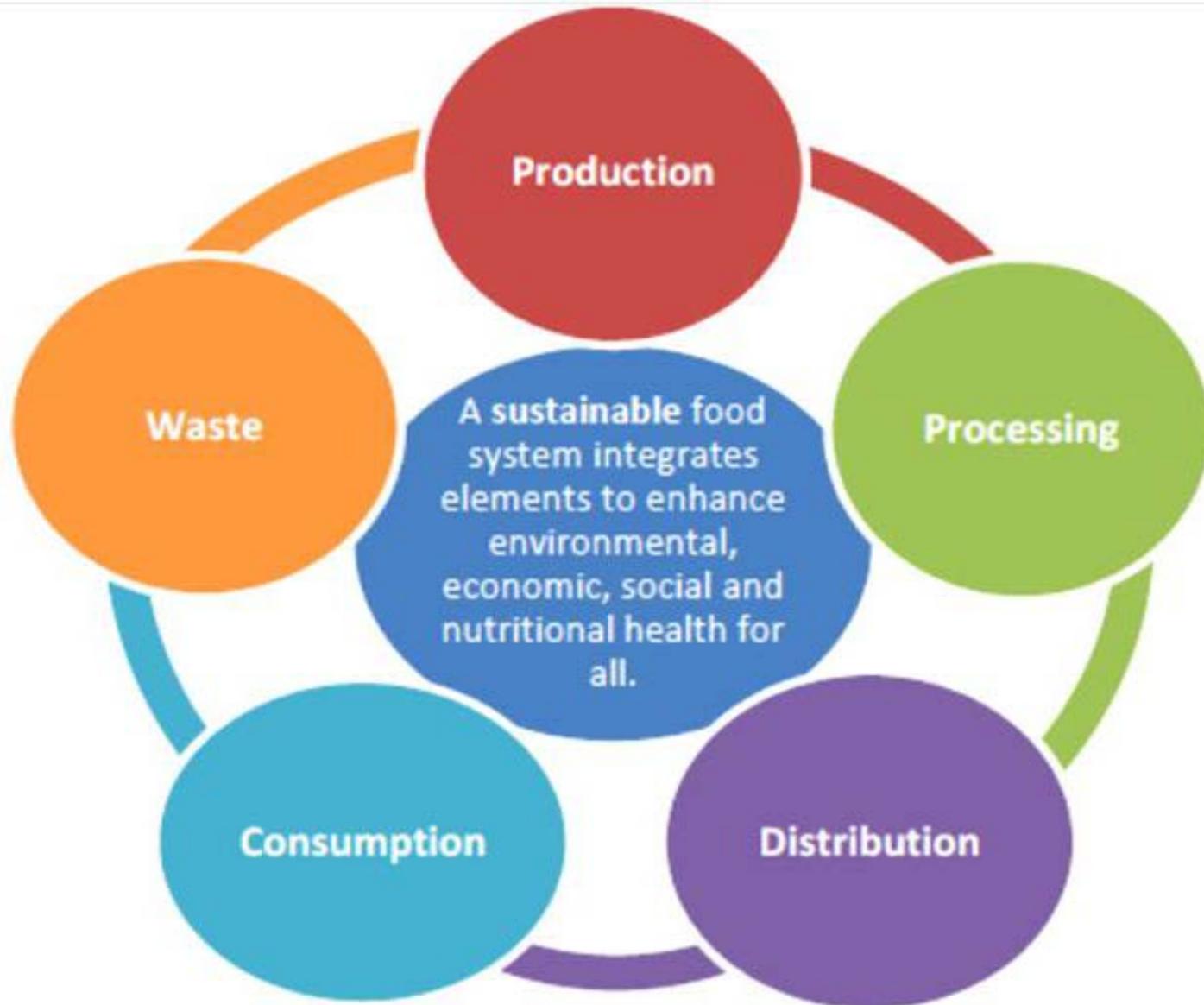
Facilitating Co-Existence in Southern Oregon



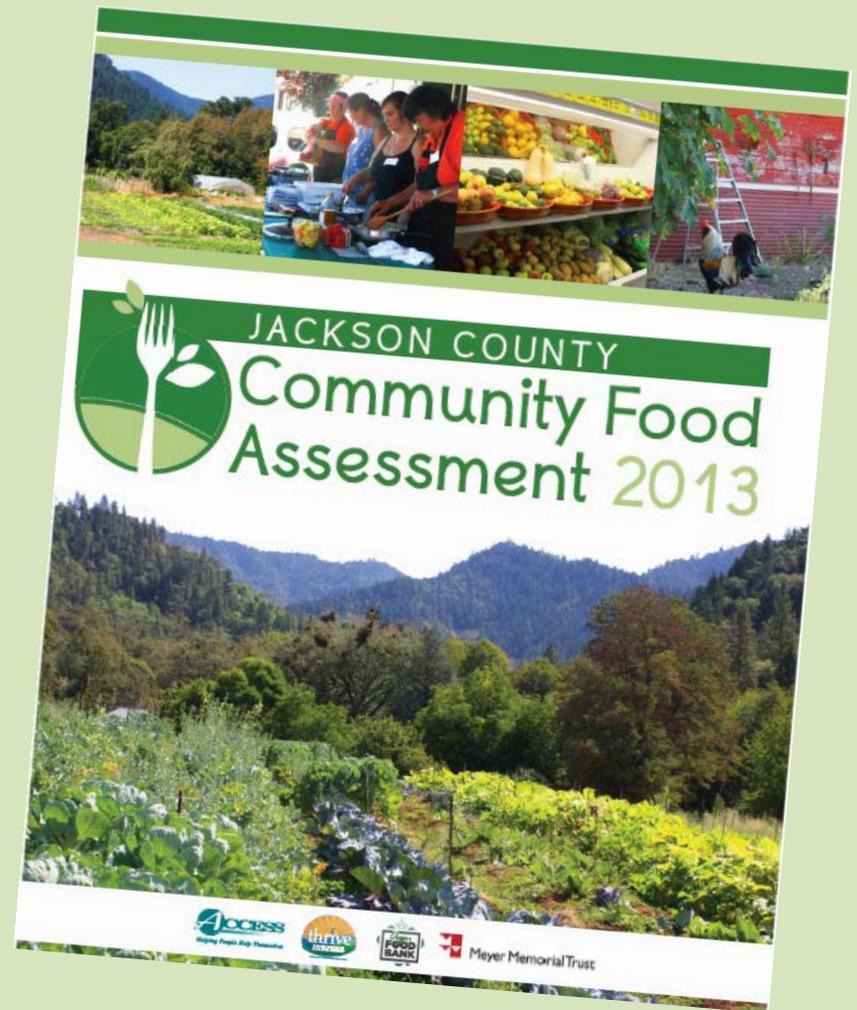
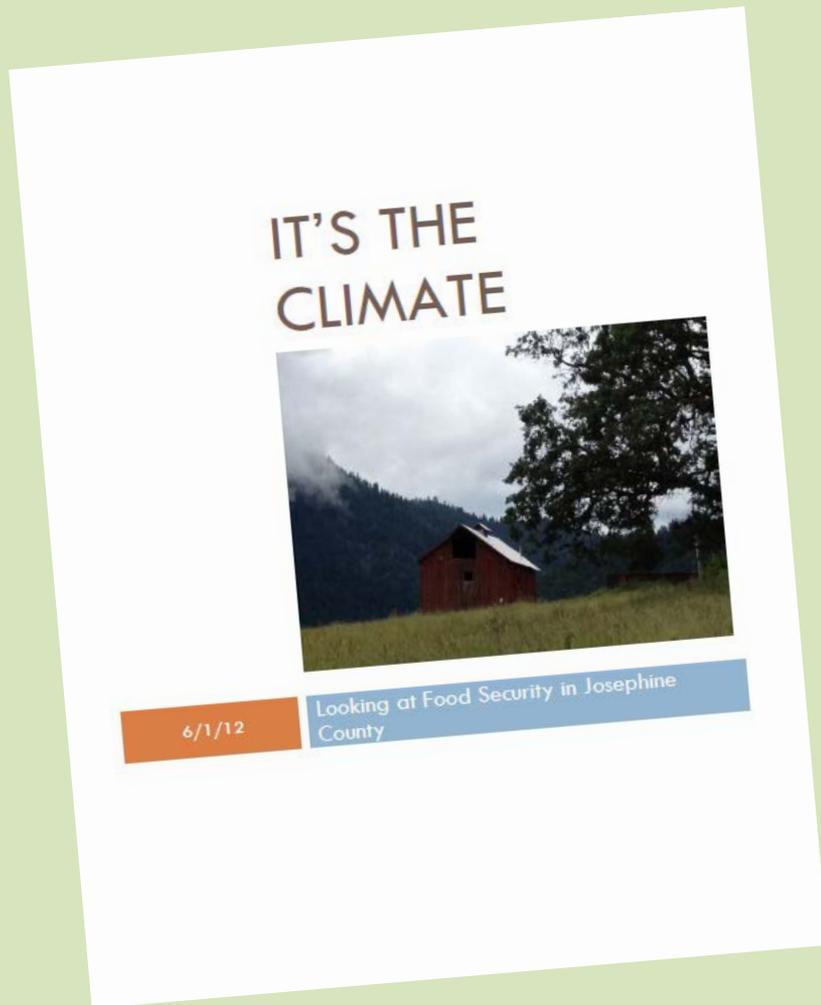
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The Food System



Food System Assessments



Available at www.rvfoodsystems.org/resources

We Have Many of the Parts

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A Vision for Our Food System



Mission

The Rogue Valley Food System Network establishes a collaborative community of leadership to develop and advocate for a healthy and sustainable food system in Josephine and Jackson Counties.



Food System Council Members

Vern Caldwell, **Pholia Farm**

Anne Carter, General Manager, **Medford Coop**

Sam Engel, **Friends of the Josephine County Food Bank**

Tyson Ferhman, **By George Farm**

Ben Guyton, Director of Food and Nutrition, **Three Rivers School District**

Tracy Harding, Executive Director, **Rogue Valley Farm to School**

Diane Hoover, Director, **Josephine County Public Health**

Greg Holmes, Food Systems Program Director, **1000 Friends of Oregon**

Chad McComas, Pastor, **God's Food Pantry**

Stuart O'Neill, Executive Director, **Rogue Farm Corps**

Maud Powell, Coordinator, **OSU Extension Small Farms**

Wendy Siporen, Executive Director, **Thrive**

Vincent Smith, Asst. Professor of Sociology & Environmental Studies, **SOU**

Kari Swoboda, Community Liaison, **AllCare**

Philip Yates, Nutrition Programs Director, **ACCESS**

Food System Network Partners



Josephine County

Jackson County

City of Medford

City of Talent

City of Gold Hill

City of Rogue River

City of Grants Pass

Economic Development



Economic Development



ROGUE VALLEY GROWER SURVEY 2015

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Addressing A New Set of Challenges

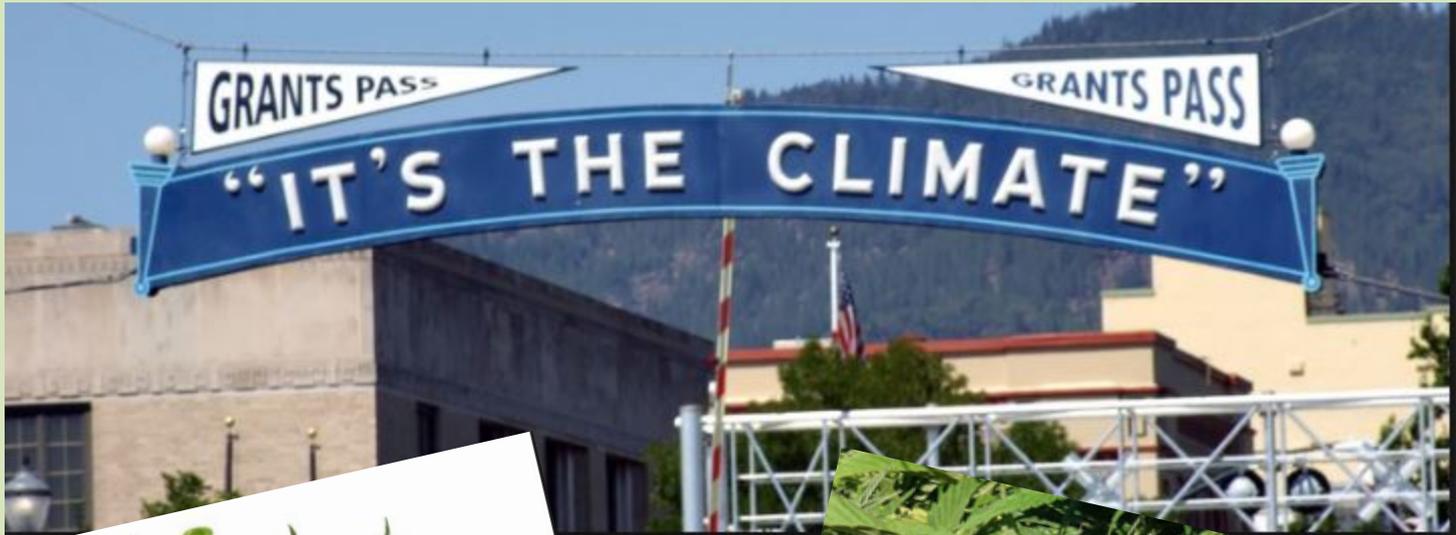
- Cannabis is not a new industry in southern Oregon, but legalization has brought it to a new scale.
- RVFSN was asked by local food producers and community members to facilitate discussions.
- We are approaching this as “facilitating co-existence” rather than “resolving conflict.”

Issues Identified at March Stakeholders Meeting

- Access to and cost of labor.
- Impact on water supplies and water quality.
- Amount of land available for lease or sale to farmers has declined.
- Degradation of high-quality farmland due to cannabis production practices.
- Boom mentality impact on communities.
- Regulations prohibit sharing of expertise.







Next Steps and Timeline

- Community Conversation Facilitator Training (June 20)
- Public Forum, Medford Library (July 19)
- Up to 8 Community-Based Discussions (August and September)
- Possible OR/N. CA Symposium Hosted by SOU (Fall)
- Recommendations for Community, County and State Follow-up (End of Year)

What Would Help Us Pull This Off?

- Community Conversations: Funding to pay intern/student researcher, food, possibly facilitators a small stipend. (\$1,000 to \$2,500)
- SOU Symposium: Funding to hire Coordinator to create SOU symposium. (Estimated \$10,000+)
- Support and Participation: Help spread the word, participate, help get recommendations to the right audience.

For more information and to get involved contact:



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Southern Oregon Regional Solutions Team

PROJECT TRACKING MATRIX

May 2017



SOUTHERN OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TEAM MEMBERS

Alex Campbell, Regional Coordinator – Governor Kate Brown’s Office
Art Anderson, Regional Solutions Liaison – Oregon Department of Transportation
Marta Tarantsey, Regional Development Officer – Business Oregon
Kate Jackson, Regional Solutions Coordinator – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Josh LeBombard, Field Representative – Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
Mary Baker, Regional Coordinator – Business Oregon’s Infrastructure Finance Authority
Russell Stauff, Watershed Manager – Department of Fish & Wildlife
Guy Tauer, Regional Economist – Oregon Employment Department
Kim Travis – Oregon Housing & Community Services
Amy Gilroy – Oregon Department of Agriculture

Southern Oregon Regional Priorities

Regional Priorities:

- Maintain and Enhance Forest Industry Infrastructure, Active Forestry Management on O & C Timber Lands
- Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment
- Regulatory Streamlining
- Water Conservation and Stream Restoration
- Workforce Training
- Downtown Revitalization
- Agricultural Economy
- Recreational Economy
- Community Infrastructure

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<p><u>Water for Irrigation Streams and Economy (WISE)</u> The project will increase irrigation water delivery system efficiency with water conservation and quality benefits. The project core is to pipe the irrigation system. Other possible project elements include integration with stormwater drainage, re-use of gray-water/effluent, and hydro-power generation.</p> <p><i>http://www.wiseproject.org/</i></p>	<p>Water Conservation and Stream Restoration</p> <p>Agricultural Economy</p>	<p>Irrigation districts (MID, TID, RVID), City of Medford, Medford Water Commission, Jackson County, Bur. of Reclamation (BOR), OR Solutions stakeholders, ODFW, ODA, Water Resources Department</p> <p>Leverage: Federal earmark for demonstration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2012: Oregon Solutions outcome: identify EIS funding, create a multi-year plan and recommend a governance structure to implement the plan. ✓ State legislature provided \$1.4M for preliminary design and NEPA. ✓ 2015: Oregon Solutions stake-holders reconvened. ✓ 2016: Bureau of Reclamation re-scoping contract with HDR for preliminary design, cost estimating and NEPA scope. ✓ April 2016: Grant received for water rights study. ✓ December 2016: Water rights research contractor selected by Medford Water Commission. 	<p>HDR Task Order revisions have been approved by Bureau of Reclamation contracts department. (Re-) negotiation process of bid price continues.</p> <p>Seeking SOU intern to provide GIS support.</p> <p>Project is re-starting communications committee.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: IFA (State contribution)/DEQ. Team Lead: Mary Baker (IFA) & Kate Jackson (DEQ)</p> <p>RST Role: Continuation of Oregon Solutions project; assist with community engagement & funding</p> <p>Team: IFA, DEQ, Steve Mason (coordinating engineer)</p>
<p><u>Bradshaw Drop (aka Little Butte Creek Irrigation Efficiency)</u> The project will convert flood-irrigated pastures to sprinkler systems. Improvements are a more efficient water delivery, less quantity of polluted water runoff into Little Butte Creek, and improved water quality. Identified project is in the area where RRVID is planning the WISE Bradshaw Drop demonstration project. RIF dollars will be made available to the irrigation ditch piping portion of the project, a better match with the capital construction requirements</p>	<p>Water Conservation and Stream Restoration</p> <p>Agricultural Economy</p>	<p>County SWCD, ODA, OWEB, and participating landowners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ \$282,000 from Regional Solutions/RIF allocated to project. ✓ May 2016, project partners received award \$73,820 from OWEB that will contribute to the project. ✓ It was agreed in October 2016, that only \$65,546 would be used for capital improvements (not pods) for the irrigation pod project and the remaining would go towards the RRVID Bradshaw Drop project. ✓ April 2017: Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to allow all construction to be done in 2018, allowing RRVID to continue to seek additional funding to expand the project an additional 1.5 miles. 	<p>Rogue River Valley Irrigation District is seeking funding to expand “Bradshaw Drop” pilot project.</p> <p>RRVID learned this week that a key piece of their funding plan may not be possible due to a lapsed planning document.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: DEQ. Team Lead: Kate Jackson</p> <p>RST Role: Former Oregon Solutions project; assist community outreach. Funder (RIF\$).</p> <p>Team: DEQ</p>

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<p><u>North Valley Industrial Park Expansion:</u> Park is practically the only available acreage for business expansion in unincorporated Josephine County. Expansion requires upgrade and/or replacement of sewer treatment facility (owned by the school district).</p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>Josephine County, North Valley School District</p> <p>Leverage: US EDA funded concept evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ IFA funded project with SPWF funds project # A15005 (\$60,000), County provided \$40,000 match for a total project cost of \$100,000. ✓ Fall 2015: CivilWest under contract to complete preliminary engineering report (PER) of new wastewater treatment approach. ✓ Fall 2016: CivilWest’s scope was amended to include analysis of serving airport and related properties. (County Airport Department contributed \$19,696 towards the project to pay for the additional engineering to expand the scope to include the airport and related properties, bringing total project cost to \$119,696.) ✓ March 2017: CivilWest Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is complete. 	<p>Civil West has presented the PER outlining several alternatives to serve the existing development and Grants Pass airport to the Josephine County Board of County Commissioners.</p> <p>Commissioners were interested in moving forward with the project and are considering hiring a dedicated project manager to move forward into design and consider district formation.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: IFA (State contribution). Team Lead: Mary Baker</p> <p>RST Role: Support technical evaluation; identify resources.</p> <p>Team: IFA, BO, DEQ, Josephine Co.</p>
<p><u>Grants Pass Airport Taxiway</u> A new parallel taxiway at is needed to address safety concerns (maintenance and other personnel currently cross runway frequently) and expand future development opportunities.</p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p> <p>Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Josephine County, FAA</p> <p>Leverage: FAA has committed \$1.7M to construction of new taxiway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ IFA has agreed to make RIF funding (\$282,000 awarded) available in advance to allow project to proceed. ✓ FAA has committed to project in Capital Improvement Plan. ✓ Josephine County has submitted PNIF (project intake form for IFA). ✓ IFA staff acted to issue funding authorization, based on IGA completed October 27, 2016. ✓ Consultant contracted, scope of work authorized November 2016. 	<p>Design is now 100% complete, and the bid package is being prepared, to be released later in May. Ground breaking for construction, which will be funded by the Federal Aviation Administration, is expected in June or July.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: IFA. Team Lead: Mary Baker</p> <p>RST Role: Agency Coordination. Funder (RIF\$).</p> <p>Team: ODOT, IFA</p>
<p><u>Gold Hill Kayak Whitewater Park</u> Ti’lomikh Falls has the makings of one of the best natural whitewater parks in the world.. The project proposed in-stream modifications to improve safety and function of the course and related park improvements,</p>	<p>Recreational Economy</p> <p>Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>City of Gold Hill, Gold Hill Whitewater Center, SOREDI, RVCOG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ RS/RIF funds made available to support project design (~\$80,000). ✓ GHWWC contracted with River Design and McLaughlin Whitewater design. ✓ Preliminary concept drawings complete. ✓ 2017: Additional data collection completed. 	<p>Regional Solutions staff attended City of Gold Hill City Council meeting this week to update them on the project. City Council expressed an interest in exploring how Jackson County Parks Department could be involved</p>	<p>Agency Lead: GH Whitewater Center. Team Lead: Alex Campbell</p> <p>RST Role: Supporting and coordinating permitting</p>

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<p>including a monument to First Nations activities in the area such as the Takelma salmon ceremony.</p> <p><i>www.goldhillwhitewater.org</i></p>				<p>in the project. Jackson County staff attended the meeting and agreed to develop a proposal to present to the city.</p>	<p>and funding for this project. Funder (RIF\$). Team: DSL, State Parks, ODFW, DEQ</p>
<p>Medical Campus Redevelopment (Grants Pass) Brownfield and TGM funding are assisting Josephine County with the demolition of the Dimmick Hospital in Grants Pass, cleanup of the adjacent site and building, and with site redevelopment.</p>	<p>Downtown Revitalization</p>	<p>Josephine County, City of Grants Pass, EPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Study of site redevelopment potential recommended senior housing with large spectrum of care from independent living to nursing home (\$56,100 TGM Quick Response grant). ✓ Primary hospital building has been demolished. Support from EPA/IFA has totaled approximately \$1.5M. ✓ County has secured assistance of a consultant with extensive industry experience to lead effort to identify development partner(s). ✓ Summer 2016: Josephine County received a grant to evaluate remediation needs of all remaining buildings. 	<p>Business Oregon has awarded Josephine County funds to address the environmental concerns associated with the remaining buildings on the property as well as the USTs that still remain in place. The County has executed a contract with Maul Foster Alongi (MFA) for MFA to provide environmental consulting services.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: Jo. County. Team Lead: Josh LeBombard</p> <p>RST Role: Agency Coordination</p> <p>Team: Business Oregon, IFA, DLCD, DEQ</p>
<p>Medford Airport One Airport One is a “certified” industrial site, and one of the largest vacant industrial sites in Jackson County. Project Allred was a warehouse distribution center recruitment project for a West Coast expansion. The company selected the Airport One property.</p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>City of Medford, SOREDI, DEQ Clean-up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2016: Project Allred is a “go,” construction underway. ✓ 2016: American Tire (Project Allred) completed and opened. ✓ Property owner has entered voluntary cleanup program. ✓ March 2017 a revised No Further Action (NFA) was issued allowing excavated soil from the site to be used off-site. 	<p>Team is working to support cooperation around a master plan for the rest of the site that would address circulation and storm water issues and support development in a way that is complementary to the adjacent Medford airport. Also providing information on an RSIS designation that could allow owners to recoup investment in site preparation.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: Business Oregon. Team Lead: Marta Tartantsey</p> <p>RST Role: Agency Coordination</p> <p>Team: ODOT, Business Oregon, DEQ</p>

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<p><u>Project GoGo</u> Recruitment project. Target is relocation of Northern California firm in the garden supply industry. Project involves relocation of production and headquarters, 100+ new jobs.</p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>SORED I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Company completed purchase of large, state-certified site in White City in 2016. 	<p>Business Oregon is working on possible financing package to assist with significant water transmission improvement necessary to serve site.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: Business Oregon. Team Lead: Marta Tarantsey</p> <p>RST Role: Agency Coordination</p> <p>Team: ODOT, Business Oregon, SORED I</p>
<p><u>Blackwell Road Interchange</u> Blackwell interchange area (I-5 Exit 35) was identified as a potential industrial development location after adoption of the long range land use plan and the Highway 140 Corridor Plan. Key infrastructure barrier is lack of domestic water service.</p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>City of Central Point, SORED I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A \$5M 2018 STIP project to enhance Blackwell Road coming off the interchange design was begun. ✓ Improvements, including addition of center turn lane, scheduled for construction in 2017. 	<p>Possible water line extension (from Central Point), would still be beneficial. New potential user in the agriculture/distribution industry is exploring possibility of location/co-location at site.</p>	<p>Lead Agency: BO. Team Lead: Marta Tarantsey</p> <p>RST Role: Assist with land use, transportation issues and utility finance (IFA SPWF).</p> <p>Team: BO, IFA, DLCD, ODOT</p>
<p><u>Spalding RSIA</u> Spalding Industrial Park is one of the very few locations in Josephine County/Grants Pass, with vacant industrial land, including a 65 acre parcel.</p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>City of Grants Pass, SORED I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ March 2014: RST worked with the city to designate the industrial park as a regionally significant area. ✓ Summer 2016: Potential user has purchased portion of former mill site in park for future planned expansion. ✓ July 2016: City adopts urban renewal plan which includes partial funding of needed water / waste-water improvements. ✓ January 2017: City of Grants Pass received a \$200,000 grant from EPA to fund brownfield assessment and planning for the site. 	<p>Infrastructure costs have escalated dramatically since last estimated (~\$4 million to ~\$20 million). City staff are exploring alternative service approaches.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: Business Oregon. Team Lead: Marta Tarantsey</p> <p>RST Role: Funding and Agency Coordination</p> <p>Team: IFA, ODOT, BO, DLCD, City of Grants Pass</p>
<p><u>Project Thermal</u> A business expansion project seeking to utilize an alternative</p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>Local company, SORED I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2016: Have identified waste heat opportunity and commenced early stage project scoping. ✓ 2016: Oregon Department of Energy assisting with thermal transfer technology design. 	<p>Company is seeking a small equity investment to complete engineering work necessary to</p>	<p>Lead Agency: Governor's Office. Team Lead: Alex Campbell</p>

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<p>thermal energy source to offset operating costs.</p>	<p>Agricultural Economy</p>		<p>✓ Fall 2016: Company completed SBIR phase 1 application for project.</p>	<p>apply for USDA REAP and other grant opportunities.</p>	<p>RST Role: RST agencies assisting with financing tools and feasibility analysis. Team: DLCD, Business Oregon, Department of Energy, SOREDI</p>
<p><u>Aquatic Center at Emigrant Lake (New project):</u> The Ashland Rowing Club has been training on Emigrant Lake for several years and begun hosting training camps (including this past spring for the US Junior National Rowing Team). The Club leadership is exploring establishing a new Aquatic Center at Emigrant Lake, not just for rowing but for all kinds of human powered watercraft.</p>	<p>Recreational Economy</p>	<p>Jackson County Recreation Dept., Ashland Rowing Club</p>	<p>✓ Feb. 2017. ARC leadership announced the effort to establish a new Aquatic Center at Emigrant Lake, not just for rowing but for all kinds of human powered watercraft.. The proposed project will include facilities for an adaptive rowing program.</p>	<p>Jackson County Board of Commissioners approved \$100,000 to seed the effort and support preliminary design efforts</p>	<p>Agency Lead: Governor's Office. Team Lead: Alex Campbell RST Role: Technical assistance. Team: DEQ, ODFW, IFA.</p>