



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE**  
**GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

**Southern Oregon Regional Solutions Advisory Committee**

*Representing Jackson and Josephine Counties*

**AGENDA**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 <> 3 PM – 5 PM

Medford Fabrication Conference Center

1109 Court St, Medford, OR

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

**3:00 PM**      **Welcome/Self-Introductions**

**3:05**            **Regional Infrastructure Finance Funding Process**

Alex Campbell, Regional Solutions

**3:20**            **Housing: Local Efforts & Regional Solutions Pilot/Request for Interest**

Alex Campbell and Josh LeBombard, DCLCD

**3:40**            **Industrial Electrician Pipeline & Business Education Partnership**

John Underwood, Timber Products

**4:00**            **Project Updates**

Regional Solutions Team

**4:55**            **Public Comment**

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# Southern Oregon Regional Solutions Team

## PROJECT TRACKING MATRIX

May 2017



### SOUTHERN OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TEAM MEMBERS

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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

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## 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><b><u>Water for Irrigation Streams and Economy (WISE)</u></b>  <b>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.</b></p> <p><i><a href="http://www.wiseproject.org/">http://www.wiseproject.org/</a></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><b>Leverage:</b> Federal earmark for demonstration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 2012: Oregon Solutions outcome: identify EIS funding, create a multi-year plan and recommend a governance structure to implement the plan.</li> <li>✓ State legislature provided \$1.4M for preliminary design and NEPA.</li> <li>✓ 2015: Oregon Solutions stake-holders reconvened.</li> <li>✓ 2016: Bureau of Reclamation re-scoping contract with HDR for preliminary design, cost estimating and NEPA scope.</li> <li>✓ April 2016: Grant received for water rights study. December 2016: Water rights research contractor selected by Medford Water Commission.</li> </ul>	<p>HDR preliminary engineering project kick-off took place in August.</p> <p>RST secured an SOU intern to provide GIS support to stormwater work.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: IFA (State contribution)/DEQ. Team Lead: Marta Tarantsey (IFA) &amp; Kate Jackson (DEQ).</p> <p>RST Role: Continuation of Oregon Solutions project; assist with community engagement &amp; funding</p> <p>Team: IFA, DEQ, Steve Mason (coordinating engineer)</p>
<p><b><u>Bradshaw Drop (aka Little Butte Creek Irrigation Efficiency)</u></b>  <b>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</b></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"> <li>✓ \$282,000 from Regional Solutions/RIF allocated to project.</li> <li>✓ May 2016, project partners received award \$73,820 from OWEB that will contribute to the project.</li> <li>✓ 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.</li> <li>✓ April 2017: Bureau of Reclamation 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Rogue River Valley Irrigation District is seeking funding to expand “Bradshaw Drop” pilot project.</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><b><u>North Valley Industrial Park Expansion:</u></b> 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><b>Leverage:</b> US EDA funded concept evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IFA funded project with SPWF funds project # A15005 (\$60,000), County provided \$40,000 match for a total project cost of \$100,000.</li> <li>✓ Fall 2015: CivilWest under contract to complete preliminary engineering report (PER) of new wastewater treatment approach.</li> <li>✓ 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.)</li> <li>✓ March 2017: CivilWest Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is complete.</li> </ul>	<p>CivilWest began soils testing in June to identify appropriate location for drain field.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: IFA (State contribution). Team Lead: Marta Tarantsey/Mary Baker</p> <p>RST Role: Support technical evaluation; identify resources.</p> <p>Team: IFA, BO, DEQ, Josephine Co.</p>
<p><b><u>Grants Pass Airport Taxiway</u></b> 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><b>Leverage:</b> FAA has committed \$1.7M to construction of new taxiway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IFA has agreed to make RIF funding (\$282,000 awarded) available in advance to allow project to proceed.</li> <li>✓ FAA has committed to project in Capital Improvement Plan.</li> <li>✓ Josephine County has submitted PNIF (project intake form for IFA).</li> <li>✓ IFA staff acted to issue funding authorization, based on IGA completed October 27, 2016.</li> <li>✓ Consultant contracted, scope of work authorized November 2016.</li> </ul>	<p>Construction underway.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: IFA. Team Lead: Mary Baker</p> <p>RST Role: Agency Coordination. Funder (RIF\$).</p> <p>Team: ODOT, IFA</p>
<p><b><u>Gold Hill Kayak Whitewater Park</u></b> 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"> <li>✓ RS/RIF funds made available to support project design (~\$80,000).</li> <li>✓ GHWWC contracted with River Design and McLaughlin Whitewater design.</li> <li>✓ Preliminary concept drawings complete.</li> <li>✓ 2017: Additional data collection completed.</li> <li>✓ Jan. 2017: Jackson County Parks Department will prepare proposal for County involvement.</li> </ul>	<p>Park design is complete. Project will be contracting for environmental consulting services to prepare a biological analysis.</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>and funding for this project. Funder (RIF\$). Team: DSL, State Parks, ODFW, DEQ</p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p>Downtown Revitalization</p>	<p>Josephine County, City of Grants Pass, EPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 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).</li> <li>✓ Primary hospital building has been demolished. Support from EPA/IFA has totaled approximately \$1.5M.</li> <li>✓ County has secured assistance of a consultant with extensive industry experience to lead effort to identify development partner(s).</li> <li>✓ Summer 2016: Josephine County received a grant to evaluate remediation needs of all remaining buildings.</li> </ul>	<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><b>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.</b></p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>City of Medford, SOREDI, DEQ Clean-up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 2016: Project Allred is a “go,” construction underway.</li> <li>✓ 2016: American Tire (Project Allred) completed and opened.</li> <li>✓ Property owner has entered voluntary cleanup program.</li> <li>✓ March 2017 a revised No Further Action (NFA) was issued allowing excavated soil from the site to be used off-site.</li> </ul>	<p>Team is seeking site re-certification as means to drive identification of any remaining stormwater development barriers.</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><b>Project GoGo</b>  <b>Recruitment project. Target is relocation of Northern California firm in the garden supply industry. Project involves relocation of production and headquarters, 100+ new jobs.</b></p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>SOREDI</p>	<p>✓ Company completed purchase of large, state-certified site in White City in 2016.</p>	<p>Announcement expected summer 2017.</p>	<p>Agency Lead: Business Oregon. Team Lead: Marta Tarantsey</p> <p>RST Role: Agency Coordination</p> <p>Team: ODOT, Business Oregon, SOREDI</p>
<p><b>Spalding RSIA</b>  <b>Spalding Industrial Park is one of the very few locations in Josephine County/Grants Pass, with vacant industrial land, including a 65 acre parcel.</b></p>	<p>Business Retention, Expansion, Creation, and Recruitment</p>	<p>City of Grants Pass, SOREDI</p>	<p>✓ March 2014: RST worked with the city to designate the industrial park as a regionally significant area.</p> <p>✓ Summer 2016: Potential user has purchased portion of former mill site in park for future planned expansion.</p> <p>✓ July 2016: City adopts urban renewal plan which includes partial funding of needed water / waste-water improvements.</p> <p>✓ January 2017: City of Grants Pass received a \$200,000 grant from EPA to fund brownfield assessment and planning for the site.</p>	<p>Infrastructure costs have escalated dramatically since last estimated (~\$4 million to ~\$20 million). City staff are exploring alternative service approaches. Rep. Walden visited site in July. Rogue Valley Door has begun occupying new parcel.</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>