



# RS EXCHANGE

## REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

### Weekly Report

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Below are some highlights from the Governor's [Regional Solutions \(RS\) Coordinators](#), on behalf of the eleven interagency teams across Oregon.

#### North Coast Region – Jennifer Purcell

- **Salmonberry Trail: *Background*** – Envisioned along the former rail alignment from Banks to Tillamook, the Salmonberry Trail will provide a complete coastal trail system, connecting diverse users from the Portland Metro area to the north Oregon coast. A governance structure has been established with the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency (STIA). Coastal and Valley segment master plans are complete and Canyon and River segment planning will begin in 2020. RS maintains ongoing involvement through STIA Board membership and facilitating partnerships for Coastal Segment catalyst project planning and implementation.
  - Last month RS participated in a workgroup that was formed to address the short-term and long-term staffing needs for STIA and the Salmonberry Trail Foundation (STF). A draft staffing and funding plan was developed for the current biennium prioritizing implementation of STIA's recently adopted strategic plan, completion of the Canyon and River segments planning, facilitating catalyst projects, and supporting the STF as it seeks capacity funding as a newly established 501c3.
  - *Update* – The draft staffing and funding plan was presented to the STIA Board last week. By way of a number of STIA partner contributions, all staffing and short-term project funding needs have been met. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is considering providing in-kind administrative support. A contribution from Tillamook County of \$60,000 will provide the gap-funding for a 0.5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Project Manager at Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). And, matching contributions of \$175,000 each from the Washington County Visitors Association and Tillamook County will fund the Canyon and River segment planning. Finally, the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust reported they will be transferring \$123,000 in assets to the newly formed Salmonberry Trail Foundation as the Trust transitions out of its role as fiscal agent.
  - *Next Steps* – RS will be convening stakeholders to support and facilitate the implementation of catalyst projects in the Coastal Segment.
- **Clatsop County Exploring CLT:** RS attended a meeting with Clatsop County Commissioner Lianne Thompson, Clatsop County Administrator and Deputy Administrator, Clatsop Economic Development Director, Col-Pac Regional Economic Development Director, and Mark Morgans, Area Manager with Greenwood Resources to discuss the potential opportunities relating to cross-laminated timber (CLT) in Clatsop County. We discussed

implications related to housing, workforce development, and value-added manufacturing. Next steps include gathering information about the economic opportunity and an assessment of the conditions that could make CLT viable in Clatsop County.

## Mid-Valley Region – Jody Christensen

- **Q4 Regional Solutions Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting:** The RSAC met for its final meeting on the year on December 5<sup>th</sup> in McMinnville at the Mac Market. The committee received several updates on statewide, regional, and local projects including the [Oregon 100-Year Water Vision](#), the [North Santiam Sewer Project](#), the City of Lafayette’s intertie plan with McMinnville Water & Light, the [Willamette Water Trail Project](#) and the 2020 Travel Oregon River Tourism Studios, and the [City of Newberg’s Riverfront Master Plan](#). The [Mac Market](#) owners also shared how they redeveloped the former manufacturing facility into a collaborative food, beverage, and event hot spot.
  - In addition, Business Oregon Entrepreneur Strategist Brian Plinski and Innovation Strategist Jordana Barclay shared two grant opportunities. The recently opened [Rural Opportunity Initiative \(ROI\) grant](#). “ROI connects entrepreneurs and small businesses with financial support, innovative partnerships, network creation, and business development resources.” *The deadline for questions is Dec. 13. Applications are due January 31, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. PST.* And the [High Impact Opportunity Projects \(HIOP\) program](#) were shared, which will open early 2020. “The HIOPs are projects that support the growth of target industry sectors in Oregon by removing barriers to research and development, product development and testing, technology commercialization, and other aspects of industry innovation.”
  - Kudos to our engaging presenters: RS Team member and OPRD’s Ryan Sparks, McMinnville Water & Light’s General Manager, John Dietz, City of Lafayette’s Assistant Administrator Kevin Perkins, Business Oregon’s Brian Plinski and Jordana Barclay, Bryn Hudson with the Oregon Water Enhancement Board (OWEB), Marion County’s Daniele Gonzalez, and City of Newberg’s Doug Rux.
  - Thank you to RS Team members who joined the meeting: Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments’ Renate Wakeley, Business Oregon’s Dennie Houle, Oregon Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) Jae Pudewell, Oregon Employment Department’s (OED) Pat O’Connor, Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Mary Camarata, and Department of Land and Conservation Development’s (DLCD) Angela Carnahan.
- **Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) Completes Pathway Structure:** RS recently participated in a tour of the [Salem/Keizer School District’s CTEC](#), which received Mid-Valley Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) in the 2015/17 biennium to support careers in the agriculture sector. The center is a public/private partnership between the school district, Mountain West Investments, and industry.

- This year, CTEC completed building out the final two of ten pathways with the addition of its Agri-science and Culinary programs. The tour featured the innovative aeroponics lab where students are discovering new ways to grow produce.



## South Valley/Mid Coast Region – Sarah Means

- **Lebanon/Sodaville Water Intertie:** RS representatives have been working closely with US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD) and the communities of Lebanon and Sodaville to discuss water supply challenges. As background, the community of Sodaville has been working with Lebanon for some time to truck in water as the current water supply (wells) are not sufficient to address community need. Currently, Sodaville has a grant from USDA-RD to pay for this activity. RS, USDA-RD, and the communities of Lebanon and Sodaville have developed a plan moving forward that would eliminate the need to truck water to Sodaville. This requires construction of an intertie. The intertie would provide regional consolidation of water infrastructure to provide a more sustainable and resilient water source for Sodaville. Funding would come from both USDA-RD and the Safe Drinking Water fund. There is still a gap in funding for construction. The RS Team is continuing to work with the communities and local/regional partners to identify potential funding for this important regional water infrastructure.
- **Lane Community College (LCC) Mechatronics Program:** RS has been asked to serve on the newly formed LCC Mechatronics Advisory Committee. LCC doesn't currently have a mechatronics program, but understands the value such a program can bring to its students and local employers. The Advisory Committee is made up of industry, community education and economic development partners in addition to LCC staff. Within the next two to three months, the committee aims to develop a skeleton program with defined outcomes. Stay tuned for updates as this project advances. Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) also provides a Mechatronics Program within the region. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Upcoming Scheduled Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Meeting

- **SVMC RSAC:** Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM; Location – Ford Alumni Center, University of Oregon

## Southern & South Coast Regions – Alex Campbell

- **Bandon Dunes-New Course:** Bandon Dunes submitted an enterprise zone for resort-related features of their fifth 18-hole golf course in Coos County, "The Sheep Ranch". The course is expected to open in June. Bandon Dunes is bringing on 60 additional staff and is

constructing employee housing, ranging from tiny homes to three-bedroom homes, to accommodate many of the new hires.

- **Gorse & “The Donut Hole”:** An Oregon Solutions (OS) project on the highly-flammable, highly-invasive shrub gorse was completed December 2017. Since then the Gorse Action Group (GAG) has completed multiple demonstration projects and public information efforts. A high priority is reclaiming the “donut hole” – a large unincorporated area almost entirely within the City of Bandon that is overrun with gorse. Recently, the City signed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the County that will now allow them to enforce city gorse management practices in the “donut hole”.
- **South Coast Offshore Wind:** As part of the effort to position the south coast for offshore wind energy development, Coos County has approved a Rural Renewable Energy Development zone to provide property tax abatement for large-scale renewable projects.

### Upcoming Scheduled Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Meeting

- **South Coast-Umpqua RSAC:** Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019; *Time/Location – TBD*

## Metro Region – Raihana Ansary

- **House Bill (HB) 2001 & 2003:** The DLCD’s Senior Planning of Housing Programs, Ethan Stuckmayer, presented an overview to the Regional Solutions team on HB 2001 and HB 2003 that were recently passed in the 2019 legislative session.
  - **HB 2001** – encourages the development of “missing middle” housing by requiring Oregon’s medium-sized cities (10-25,000) to allow the development of duplexes in all areas zoned for single-family dwellings by June 30, 2021. Additionally, by June 30, 2022, Oregon’s large cities (with population over 25,000) and cities in the Portland metro region (within the Metro urban growth boundary (UGB)), must allow people to build duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, cottage clusters, and townhouses in residential areas.
  - **HB 2003** – requires all cities greater than 10,000 to regularly (every six to eight years) update their housing needs analyses (HNA). Cities within Metro are required to update their HNA every six years; cities outside Metro must update their HNA every eight years. The bill then requires each city to adopt a housing production strategy within a year of completing the housing needs analysis. The strategy must list specific actions a city will take – such as revising regulations or providing financial incentives – to promote the development of all identified housing needs. HB 2003 also directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to conduct a pilot project to calculate housing needs for the next 20 years in each *region* of the state, for all income levels. RS Teams across the state will participate in this work.
  - Meantime, DLCD is conducting informational sessions about HB 2001 and 2003 throughout the state and is offering technical assistance (TA) to help cities understand and come into compliance with the new requirements. Metro RS will help provide information and connect cities in our region to DLCD and OHCS for TA. Special thanks to DLCD liaisons to Metro RS, Anne Debbaut and Jennifer Donnelly, for their help with this work.

## Central Region – Annette Liebe

- **Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs:** RS facilitated a planning meeting with tribal staff leadership to create a work plan for the next 12 – 24 months. Excellent progress was made helping various department heads understand each other’s needs. Partnered with the US

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Tribal Lead and US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to convene and plan the meeting. We've drafted the list of work that needs to be done in 2020 and are awaiting tribal review before sharing the document more broadly with potential funders. Key capacity needs include a project manager and skilled trades (i.e. a plumber and electrician on contract with the tribe). The group will meet again in January to move forward on next steps.

- **Department of State Lands (DSL) Stevens Road property in Bend:** Along with community leaders, RS attended the Land Board meeting to support the agency's recommendation to begin the marketing and sale process for this property in Bend. This parcel is the largest single owner parcel that came into Bend's UGB in late 2016 and the community is eager to develop a mix of housing types, commercial and industrial uses, parks and schools on the property. The RS Team will work with the City and ultimate developer on entitlements, incentives and permitting.

### Upcoming Scheduled Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Central RSAC:** March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020; Time/Location – TBD

### Greater Eastern & Northeast Regions – Courtney Warner Crowell

- **Wallowa Lake Dam Project:** RS and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) facilitated the second stakeholder conversation around the Wallowa Lake Dam project and the MOA that is slated to be signed by all stakeholders in February. We had another good meeting and are close to finalizing agreements to get the memorandum of agreement (MOA) signed and the next step of the process moving.
- **Link One Potato Solutions:** RS got word this week that the Link One Potato Solutions plant in Stanfield that employs 35 full-time employees is going to close at the end of the year. This is something that our RS Team has been working hard to avoid for the past four months. This closure is due mostly to national market pressures, but also the long term costs related to industrial wastewater make it difficult to move forward. The company has been in conversations with OED, and they are working to address the unemployment situation with the employees affected.
- **Green Energy Corridor Project:** Members of our RS Team participated in the DLCD rulemaking process around the green energy corridor in Morrow and Umatilla Counties. This project is related to siting transmission lines for renewable energy projects in a designated corridor to minimize the impact on high value agriculture land. We were able to provide insight into the draft rules that the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) will be considering this winter.