



# RS EXCHANGE

## REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

### Weekly Report

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

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

- **Clatsop Plains Elk Collaborative: Background** – The Governor designated the Clatsop Plains Elk Collaborative an Oregon Solutions (OS) project on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to address increasing public safety risks and occurrences of property damage from encounters with elk in several cities and unincorporated areas in northwest Clatsop County. The project team includes representatives from Clatsop County, cities of Warrenton and Gearhart, RS, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Oregon State Parks (OSP), Oregon Military Department (OMA), Oregon Hunters Association, National Park Service, private residents, landowners, and local business owners. Co-conveners Mayor Henry Balensifer (Warrenton) and Mayor Jay Barber (Seaside) facilitated consensus around the following problem statement:

*“The community in and around the greater Clatsop Plains study area seeks to reduce elk-human related conflicts. We have expressed a sense of urgency and willingness to work collaboratively to identify management solutions and implementation strategies. The purpose of this collaborative is to find viable ways to improve public safety, and reduce property damage, through outreach and education, and a community-wide approach to reducing urban elk interactions while maintaining healthy and viable herds as a valuable cultural and natural resource.”*

- Update – The project team has established four subcommittees, including Wildlife Management, Human/Elk Interactions, Land Use, and Data Management. Subcommittees have been collecting data, refining definitions, and developing matrices for evaluating interventions. The project team met recently to discuss subcommittee progress and refine next steps towards a Declaration of Cooperation (DOC). Subcommittees will continue their work in the coming months and the full project team is expected to reconvene in March, moving towards a draft DOC in May.

#### Mid-Valley – Jody Christensen

##### Upcoming Scheduled Regional Solutions Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting

- **Mid-Valley RSAC:** Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 9 AM – 12 PM; Location – TBA

## [Southern](#) & [South Coast Regions](#) – **Alex Campbell**

### Upcoming Scheduled Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Meeting

- **South Coast-Umpqua RSAC:** Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM; Location Coquille County Offices, Room 121, 250 N. Baxter St., Coquille, OR

## [Central Region](#) & [South Central Regions](#) – **Annette Liebe**

### Upcoming Scheduled Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Meeting

- **South Central RSAC:** March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020; 1 PM – 3 PM; Location – Lakeview – TBD
- **Central:** March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020; 9 AM – 12 PM, Time/Location – TBD