IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 14-10-21-08

ORDER/ Authorizing the County Administrator to begin the process of establishing a Task Force to develop recommendations for Lane County's Roadside Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program.

WHEREAS, The Board adopted the Last Resort Policy, Ordinance 12-03 in 2005 setting the framework for how roadside vegetation could be managed along County roadways; and

WHEREAS, Lane County staff in 2006 created and the Board adopted a comprehensive integrated vegetation Management plan to manage roadside vegetation along County roadways.

WHEREAS, the Lane County Road Maintenance Division has been managing roadside vegetation under a Board imposed moratorium on the use of herbicides since 2008; and

WHEREAS, in response to public concerns surrounding the County's integrated vegetation management plan and the use of herbicides as a component of that plan, the Board is interested in the formation of a task force focused on making recommendations and identifying common interests related to roadside vegetation management in Lane County.

WHEREAS, The Board has stated a continuing commitment to engage in collaborative leadership and fair and inclusive decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes a Task Force be created under the provisions of Lane Code 3.507 by the County Administrator who will develop the charge, membership, and duration of the Task Force in consultation with the Board as proposed in Exhibit A; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the County Administrator shall create a Task Force consistent with the charge, membership and duration as presented in Exhibit A of this Order.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2014.

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

Approved as to Form
Date 10/21/2014
Lane County
Office of Legal Counsel
EXHIBIT A
Lane County
Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Task Force
Proposed Format

CHARGE:
The Lane County IVM Task Force will develop alternative options to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the County’s Integrated Vegetation Management Program for Roadways.

MEMBERSHIP:
The County Administrator shall create the Task Force and designate members who will fulfill a spectrum of interests as follows for a total membership of nine individuals:

- 1 – Lane County Roads Advisory Committee
- 1 – Lane County Health Advisory Committee
- 1 – Representative of a local Watershed Council
- 1 – State or County Road Official
- 1 – Farm Bureau / Community Representative
- 1 – University Researcher / Extension Specialist
- 1 – Invasive Species Specialist / Manager
- 1 – Representative from Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
- 1 – Representative from Beyond Toxics

The membership list when finalized may not fully match the representative groups listed above. The desire is to provide a wide spectrum of interests and representation on the Task Force, remaining inclusive and open to all involved. Groups listed above will be contacted to seek individuals to fill the nine desired positions on the Task Force, if those groups cannot provide a representative others will be sought to fill the position(s).

TIMELINE:
The Lane County IVM Task Force shall be established from December 2014 through October 2015. An approximate timeline has been prepared for the task force:

- The County Administrator will appoint Task Force members and staff support in November 2014
- The Task Force will hold its first meeting in December 2014
- Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of every month
- In six months the Task Force will report back to the Board of County Commissioners with initial recommendations.
- After the initial recommendations from the Task Force, the Board of County Commissioners may ask for additional work or further recommendations from the Task Force.
- In October 2015 the Task Force will provide the Board of County Commissioners with their final report and recommendations.