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AGENDA COVER MEMO

DATE: January 3, 2005
TO: LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEPT.: Public Works Department/Land Management Division
PRESENTED BY: Stephanie Schulz/Land Management Division
AGENDA TITLE: Order No. IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
MEMBERS TO A REGION 2050 FARM AND FOREST COMMITTEE
TO CONSIDER AND ANALYZE FORESTLAND AND
AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNDER ORS 197.656 (6);
(Stephanie Schulz, Planner)

I. MOTION

I move approval of the order to appoint the committee as described in Order No. .

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Should the Board appoint a committee of members with expertise in appropriate fields of resource management to consider and analyze the resource lands of the Region 2050 area of Lane County and provide a report to the Region 2050 Policy Advisory Board that identifies lands that are not part of the commercial farm and forest lands that could be considered for uses not authorized by the statewide goals to resolve regional land use problems?

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The Region 2050 Collaborative planning process includes a provision for development of a committee of people with expertise and knowledge of forestry and agriculture to review and analyze resource lands to determine the extent of commercial resource lands under ORS 197.656(6). The committee would provide the Policy Advisory Board with a report to consider in their decision making that identifies the land that is not commercial forest and farm land in the region.

The committee members were identified through contact by DLCD Regional staff and the Regional Technical Advisory Team (RTAC) of the Region 2050 project, and they provide representation of the resources under consideration by this committee.

B. Analysis

The resulting report will identify the lands that are not commercial forest and farmlands of the region and analyze impacts to those lands under each of the three draft development scenarios; Compact Urban Growth, Satellite Communities Growth, and Rural Growth. The evaluation of resource lands is based on criteria developed from Regional Goals and Objectives unanimously approved by the Region 2050 Policy Advisory Board. The criteria for this analysis is included in *Chapter V Environment* of the Alternative Regional Growth Scenarios Evaluation. *Chapter V*

evaluates the extent to which each scenario meets the Regional Goals and Objectives related to the natural environment, including impacts to commercial forestland and farm land.

C. Alternatives/Options

1. Adopt the Order as presented.
2. Modify the Order policy direction, timeframe for completion of the committee's task, or appoint different members to the committee.
3. Do not adopt the Order.

D. Recommendations

I recommend option 1.

E. Timing

This Order does not contain an emergency clause.

Analysis of the three draft growth scenarios is expected to continue through the winter of 2004-2005 and would include the report from this committee prior to another round of public outreach meetings planned for late spring 2005.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Upon appointment, the committee will meet to review the resource lands in the region as impacted by the three draft regional growth scenarios under consideration at this time and provide an analysis of lands that are not part of the commercial farm and forest land base in the Region. The committee has this single task to complete through a report to the Region 2050 Policy Board, and is expected to conduct no more than two meetings unless additional analysis or participation is directed by the Board of Commissioners. There could be a need for additional analysis of the impacts on lands not part of the commercial forest and farm base under a preferred alternative.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order No.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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) FARM AND FOREST COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND ANALYZE
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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County participates through appointments to the Region 2050 Policy Board, a collaborative Regional Problem Solving program established under ORS 197.652; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Problem Solving program includes a provision for considering agricultural land or forestland for uses not authorized by the Statewide Planning Goals in order to resolve regional land use problems under ORS 197.656(6); and

WHEREAS, ORS 197.656(6) further states that in order to identify land that is not part of the region's commercial agricultural or forestland base, the program participants shall consider the recommendation of a committee of persons appointed by the County, with expertise in appropriate fields, including but not limited to farmers, ranchers, foresters and soils scientists and representatives of the State Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Forestry and the Department of Land Conservation and Development; and

WHEREAS, Lane Manual 3.505(2) pursuant to LC 2.010, provides that the Board may create boards, commissions, committees, task forces and other advisory bodies as deemed necessary by order of the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board usually includes committees in Lane Manual, but the function of the Farm & Forest Committee is short term and specific to the identification of land that is not part of the region's commercial agricultural or forestland base that could be considered by the Regional Problem Solving Program for uses not authorized by the statewide goals pursuant to ORS 197.656(6); and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following named persons be appointed to the Region 2050 Farm and Forest Committee, said terms to expire upon completion of a report that identifies the land that is not part of the region's commercial agricultural land or commercial forestland base for the Region 2050 program participants to consider pursuant to ORS 197.656(6):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expertise/Representation</u>
Randy Henderson	Agriculture, Lane County Farm Bureau
Tom Hunton	Agriculture,
Dave Downing	Agriculture, East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District

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Ross Penhallegon
Kevin Birch
Rick Rogers
Ron Eber
Jim Johnson

Agriculture, Oregon State University Extension
Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Policy Analyst
Forestry, ODF, Lane Co. Regional Forester
DLCD Farm & Forest Lands Specialist
Department of Agriculture

FURTHER ORDERED that the Farm and Forest Committee will develop their own form and function in completing the short-term, specific task of identifying lands that are not part of the region's commercial agricultural or forestland base through analysis of the areas covered by the Region 2050 project draft development scenario's and the potential impacts to the resource lands, so that those identified agricultural or forest lands could be considered for uses not authorized by the statewide goals pursuant to ORS 197.656(6). The Farm and Forest Committee will develop a report that shall be considered by the Region 2050 program participants during discussions of farm and forest related matters and for development of the preferred growth scenario for the Region.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Chair,
Lane County Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 12-28-2004 Lane County

Stephen J. Vachey
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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