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Memorandum Date: July 15, 2009  
Order Date: August 5, 2009

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works/Road Maintenance Division  
**PRESENTED BY:** Marsha Miller, Public Works Director  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BLM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,000 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WORKS WITH TITLE II FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO EXISTING CULVERTS WITH FISH CULVERTS AT KNAPP CREEK ON NELSON MOUNTAIN ROAD

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**I. MOTION**

Authorize the County Administrator to sign an agreement with BLM in the amount of \$265,000 to provide Public Works with Title II funding for the replacement of two existing culverts with fish culverts at Knapp Creek on Nelson Mountain Road at Mile Post 5.8 and Mile Post 5.9

**II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

The Board is being asked to authorize the County Administrator to sign an agreement with BLM for Title II funds in the amount of \$265,000.

**III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

**A. Board Action and Other History**

The Siuslaw Watershed Council has identified these culverts as very important for the restoration of fish habitat in the area. The project will result in enhanced fish passage and salmonid rearing opportunities along a reach of the upper Siuslaw River. It is expected 2.0 fish miles will be opened up following the installation of the fish friendly culverts at Knapp Creek on Nelson Mountain Road at Mile Post 5.8 and Mile Post 5.9. The Siuslaw Watershed Council has secured additional funds from OWEB in the amount of \$123,000 for the project.

Public Works has successfully worked with BLM, US Forest Service, OWEB and local watershed councils to secure funding to assist in the replacement of existing culverts with fish friendly culverts. The Board has authorized the County Administrator to sign other such revenue agreements in the past.

**B. Policy Issues**

The Board has provided direction to County Departments to pursue additional sources of revenue with the adoption of the Strategic Plan.

**C. Board Goals**

Public Works supports Lane County's Strategic plan to seek revenue development including intergovernmental revenue.

**D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations**

The uncertainty of future federal funds being directed to Lane County Public Works has necessitated pursuing other available funding sources. BLM has approved Title II funds for the culvert replacement project at Knapp Creek on Nelson Mountain Road at Mile Post 5.8 and Mile Post 5.9. The BLM Resources Advisory Committee approved the monies in June 2009. Revenue from Title II funds will assist Public Works in replacing existing road culverts with fish friendly culverts.

**E. Analysis**

Securing Title II funds will leverage current Public Works monies allowing additional maintenance needs to be addressed sooner rather than later or not at all.

**F. Alternative Options**

1. Authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement with BLM for \$265,000 in Title II funds.
2. Not authorize the County Administrator to sign an agreement with BLM for \$265,000 in Title II funds.

**V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION**

Action today will allow the County Administrator to sign the agreement with BLM for Title II funds.

**VI. RECOMMENDATION**

Public Works recommends that the Board authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement with BLM.

**VII. FOLLOW-UP**

Once BLM has provided Lane County with the agreement, it will be processed for the County Administrator's signature. It is expected construction will be scheduled during the summer of 2010.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS – N/A**

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has provided direction to County Departments to pursue additional sources of revenue with the adoption of the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Siuslaw Watershed Council has identified the culverts at Knapp Creek as very important for the restoration of fish habitat in the area; and

WHEREAS, the BLM Resources Advisory Committee has reviewed and approved Title II funds in the amount of \$265,000 to Lane County Public Works to replace two existing culverts at Knapp Creek on Nelson Mountain Road with fish friendly culverts; now therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the County Administrator be authorized to sign an agreement with BLM for Title II funds to replace two existing culverts at Knapp Creek on Nelson Mountain Road at Mile Post 5.8 and Mile Post 5.9.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of August 2009.

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Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 7-19-09 lane county



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL