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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Planning Commission

FROM: Nick Lelack, AICP, Director

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RE: Joint Meeting Agenda Items

The purpose of this memorandum is to prepare the Board and Planning Commission for the Joint Meeting Agenda items.

1) Introductions

Board members: Length of service; big picture view of the County today and going forward; other

Planning Commissioners: Region appointed to serve; length of service; interests/reasons for serving on the Commission; other

2) Planning Division Annual Work Plan

The purpose of this discussion is to establish a general understanding and alignment of priorities between the Board and Planning Commission to inform the development of the Planning Division's FY 18 Work Plan. Public involvement will also contribute to the Work Plan.

a. Process & Timeline to Develop and Adopt the Work Plan

Staff will provide a high-level overview of the annual process and timeline to develop and adopt the work plan.

b. Board Goals & Objectives for 2017-18 to Inform the Work Plan

A Commissioner or County Administration will provide a high-level overview of the Board's goals and objectives for FY 18 and, in particular, highlight those that might inform the Planning Division Work Plan.

c. Planning Commissioner Updates to Inform the Board and the Work Plan

Commissioners, acting in their capacity as the County's Citizens Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC), will summarize land use planning issues from their regions and/or countywide to inform the Board and the development of the FY 18 Work Plan.

d. Agricultural Lands Update: Options for Implementation to Inform the Work Plan

Over the past several years, the following work plan projects have been completed:

- Participate in state legislative activities to allow farm land re-designation in Deschutes County;
- Conduct the Agricultural Lands Community Outreach program;
- Coordinate with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to correct mapping errors as allowed by the Big Look Law (HB 2229);
- Monitor the Southern Oregon Regional Pilot Project (SORPP);
- Request the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) initiate non-resource lands rulemaking; and more.

Some of the completed projects have not resulted in re-evaluating agricultural lands. However, two significant milestones have been completed or are scheduled to move forward this year:

1. Deschutes County requested LCDC to initiate non-resource lands rulemaking; LCDC included this action item in its 2015-17 Work Plan; and the Commission expects to initiate rulemaking in summer or fall 2017.
2. The SORPP is completed. The SORPP Final Report and DLCD Director Jim Rue state that a county may initiate agricultural land re-evaluation under current law, Collaborative Regional Problem Solving (RPS), ORS 197.652-659.

Options for Re-Evaluating Agricultural Lands

The two milestones summarized above combined with legislation pending before the 2017 Oregon Legislature present the following options for inclusion in the FY 18 Work Plan:

- 1) **Participate in LCDC Non-Resource Lands Rulemaking.** DLCD Director Jim Rue stated that LCDC expects to initiate rulemaking on non-resource lands in summer or fall 2017. Rulemaking typically takes 6-12 months to complete. If new rules are adopted, the County would then decide if and when to implement them, likely in fall 2018 at the earliest.

Decision Impact: This project will require minimal resources. Long range planning staff will have capacity to initiate other work plan projects.

- 2) **Initiate a re-evaluation and potential re-designation of agricultural lands.** Deschutes County can initiate Collaborative RPS or implement, if adopted, a new state law authorizing Deschutes County to initiate this project in early FY 18.

Decision Impact: This project will require significant resources (approximately 1.5 FTE) over 2-5 years. Long range planning staff may have capacity to initiate additional work plan projects depending on resources available.

- 3) **Re-evaluate in FY 19 Work Plan.** Staff will monitor LCDC non-resource lands rulemaking, state legislative activities, other counties non-resource lands initiatives (if any), and provide options during the process to develop the FY 19 Work Plan.

Decision Impact: Long range planning staff will have capacity to initiate other work plan projects.

The Board and Planning Commission may:

1. Provide direction at this meeting which project(s), if any, to include as a starting point for the Work Plan public hearings, recognizing that the Planning Commission's recommendation and Board adoption decisions may change based on public input; or
 2. Keep the project options open for the public hearings, and make recommendation and adoption decisions until after the public hearings.
- e. Next Steps
Staff will summarize next steps in the process to develop and adopt the work plan, including conducting public hearings.

3) Destination Resort Tracking Presentation & Discussion

Planning Manager Peter Gutowsky and Assistant Planner Zechariah Heck will present and provide a summary of the overnight lodging unit requirements and obligations for Goal 8 destination resorts (Eagle Crest, Tetherow, Pronghorn, Caldera Springs).

4) Board/Planning Commission Coordination & Communication

This agenda item provides an opportunity for Board members and Planning Commissioners to identify areas for improvement and potential solutions for coordination and communication between the Board and Planning Commission with staff support.