

**Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee**  
**August 11, 2008 Meeting**

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**General Meeting Notes / Action Items**

(1) Acting meeting chair, Mayor Richard Kidd opened meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

**Attendance:**

***Committee:***

Jef Dalin, City of Cornelius  
Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove  
Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro  
Ron Shay, City of King City  
Aaron Johnson, City of North Plains  
Keith Mays, City of Sherwood  
Gretchen Buehner, City of Tigard

Lou Ogden, City of Tualatin alternate  
Carl Hostica, Metro Council  
Kathryn Harrington, Metro Council,  
District 4  
Dave Vanasche, Farm Bureau alternate  
Jim Hough, City of Banks alternate  
Clark Balfour, TVFR/Special districts

***Staff:***

Brent Curtis  
Steve Kelley

Mike Dahlstrom

***Guests:***

Terry Peters, Farm Bureau

Jim Johnson, Department of Agriculture

***Public:***

Nora Curtis, Clean Water Services  
Marsha Lancaster  
Art Lutz  
Mary Manseau, CPO7  
Anne Madden, Washington County  
Mark Ottenad, City of Wilsonville  
Julia Hajduk, City of Sherwood  
Carol Chesarek, Forest Park  
Neighborhood  
John Williams, Metro  
Ed Murphy  
Deanna Palm, Hillsboro Chamber of  
Commerce  
John O'Neil, MLG

Kelly Ross, Western Advocates  
Jeff Bachrach, Newland Communities  
Mike Duyck, TVFR  
George Lippert, Psalm I Nursery  
Tara Sulzen, 1000 Friends of Oregon  
R. Davis, Washington County  
Sarah Nashif  
Hong S. In, KOAM Realty  
Steven Sparks, City of Beaverton  
Ric Stephens, Stephens Planning  
James Kyung  
Susie Anthony CPO8  
Henry Oberhelman, CPO8  
Margot Barnett, OSU Ext CPO Program

*(2) Public Comments:* Approximately 28 members of the general public were in attendance – no comments were offered.

*(3) Action Items from June 9 Meeting:*

- o Brent Curtis referred to the by-laws amendment submitted to the Committee. The amendment addressed the Committee's intent to allow appointed city or district officials as alternates. Keith Mays moved to change by-laws and adopt changes,

Gretchen Buehner seconded the motion. A clarification was asked that the change does not reflect that the primary representative must be an elected. Steve Kelley noted the by-law changes reflect the intent of the Committee. The vote was called and the by-law change was unanimously accepted.

- Mr. Kelley submitted a draft summary of the June 9 meeting. Ms. Buehner asked that her name be correctly spelled. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes, the minutes were unanimously accepted with the one noted change.

(4) Project Updates:

***Updates on Phase 2 Public Outreach***

Mike Dahlstrom, Washington County Public Involvement Coordinator, submitted to the Committee, an update of the Washington County Public Involvement Plan. He noted outreach and engagement activities through Phase 2 meet or exceed identified activities in the plan. He also noted that public involvement continues to be solicited through August 15 at which time all input will be compiled and both a final Phase 2 summary and addendum of verbatim responses and presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Dahlstrom also noted that all outreach, including seven regional open houses, have been a collaborative effort of Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas counties and Metro.

A preliminary summary of Phase 2 public input was provided to the Committee. Mr. Dahlstrom referred to the two key Phase 2 questions regarding the DRAFT Reserves Study Area map. He noted again that the public is welcome to continue providing input until August 15.

Eight verbatim responses (six originally and an addendum with two more) suggesting changes in the DRAFT Reserves Study Area map specific to Washington County were provided in the preliminary summary. In addition four suggestions regarding the study area in Clackamas and Multnomah counties were included.

A brief overview of responses to the second key question, regarding what additional information should be considered, was provided. Many of those responses related to agricultural protection, transportation, and environmental concerns. An addendum also was provided with all verbatim responses received to date.

Mr. Curtis noted that the Committee is expected to prepare a recommendation on changes to the DRAFT Reserves Study Area at the next meeting. He also noted that there currently appears to be no substantive changes and that the study area for Washington County is suitable.

***Next Steps/Phase 3 Work Program***

Mr. Curtis briefly discussed Phase 3. During this next phase analysis of the study area will be ongoing for several months. He noted that more information will be provided at the next meeting in September.

*August 13 RSC Agenda*

Mr. Kelley reviewed the August 13 Reserves Steering Committee agenda with the Committee.

(5) Overview of Regional Agricultural Lands Mapping

Jim Johnson, Oregon Department of Agriculture, gave a presentation and discussed a number of critical agricultural issues. He noted, among others:

- Original DOA data was compiled before the Urban and Rural Reserves project was begun
- DOA looked at the whole region (not just the three counties)
- Livestock and associated industries are the #1 agricultural commodity in the state (nurseries are #2)
- A critical mass of land is needed to support agriculture
- Infrastructure is a critical mass issue – there needs to be enough users to pay for services
- Oregon agriculture is an internationally traded sector – 80% of ag products leave the state, 40% leave the country.
- Much concern has been placed on lands being mis-zoned, but recent analysis reveals very few areas are mis-zoned.
- There exists a variety of intensities, scale and suitability.

Mr. Johnson noted that DOA arrived at three classifications of land:

1. Foundation lands or core agricultural lands
2. Important ag lands which tend to be more under-utilized than foundation
3. Conflicted lands – may have excellent capacity but suitability is not good – may be on an urban edge for instance. Could become “Important” ag lands with changes in circumstances.

(6) Other/Adjourn

Ms. Buehner requested that the Committee discuss the DRAFT Reserves Study Area particularly in the north-east corner of Washington County adjacent to the Multnomah and Columbia county lines.

Two committee members noted that they had not received notice of the July meeting cancellation and requested their contact information be checked:

Dave Vanasche and Gretchen Buehner.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 2:45 p.m.