

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 11/08/11 Approx time: 2:00 PM Approx length: 30 minutes

Presentation Title: Sandy River Flood Recovery and Preparation Briefing

Department: Emergency Management, Transportation & Development, Public & Government Affairs, County Administration

Presenters: Jay Wilson, Mike McCallister, Steve Hanschka, Chris Roth, Laurel Butman

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

The upper Sandy River has recurrent flood events characterized by significant bank erosion and channel migration. Following the January 16, 2011 flood event, which significantly affected some residents and properties, Clackamas County worked with State and Federal regulatory agencies to develop a consolidated approach for all homeowners to work toward flood recovery, coordinate permitting information, and prepare for future flooding events.

County staff and the agencies are also working on a Sandy River Sustainable Flood Recovery Strategy to support future efforts for expanded floodplain management following the next significant flood event on the Sandy River. Goals and objectives of the Strategy, which will support a "No Adverse Impacts" concept promoted by the Association of State Floodplain Managers, are critical for considering how recovery projects are designed, reviewed, approved, engineered, and inspected. These parameters can also provide legal support for how regulatory agencies address violations and how homeowners register complaints about unpermitted work.

The goal of this Study Session is to brief the Board on progress to date and to share objectives for the upcoming winter rain season during which additional flooding events could occur. Staff will also brief the Board on goals for an upcoming November 19, 2011 community meeting hosted by the Villages at Mt. Hood that will include status updates, actionable preparation information for property owners, and an overview of the County's role in future flood events.

OPTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Not applicable; this is a status update and opportunity for Board inquiry and direction.

SCHEDULE FOR STUDY SESSION

Division Director/Head Approval _____

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