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LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pursuant to notice made by mailing agendas to news media, a selected list of jurisdictions and individuals in Lane County, a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held.

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April 20, 1992 5:30 p.m.	JOINT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/EWEB	Commissioners' Conference Room

Chair Ellie Dumdi presided for the Board of Commissioners with Steve Cornacchia, Marie Frazier, Jack Roberts and Jerry Rust present. Chair Susie Smith presided for EWEB with Dorothy Anderson, Mike Dyer and Randy Bergren present. Staff and guests present: Jim Johnson, Roy Burns, Jim Carlson, Susan Brody, Marty Douglas, Tom Bowerman, Bob Dopelt, Laurie Power, Roger Hamilton, Tom Santee, Jim Brown, Marcia Morgan, Jackie Mikalonis and Kathy Weiderhold. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

I. Call to Order/Welcome

1. DISCUSSION/McKenzie River Watershed Scoping Project

US Forest Service Comments

Darrel Kenops, Supervisor of the Willamette National Forest, commented that he was happy to be a partner in this scoping study and added that the Forest Service had been making decisions such as the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River Decision which will have some effects in the watershed area. He stated that there had been rapid changes for the Forest Service and it is important that the Forest Service be a partner so that these changes can be linked into a process for the long-term future of the watershed.

Burns stated that the initial step in the process has been completed and the study area has been identified as the entire basin. He stated that the work plan has been modified to increase the involvement of the citizens of the area and to indicate some key decision points within the citizen involvement process. Brody commented that the next step in the process is to determine whether to proceed to the next phase and whether to actively pursue federal and state funding for the study effort. Weiderhold summarized the citizen involvement report and process (see material on file). Many citizens saw this scoping study as another layer

of government though they were interested in a broad citizen involvement component at an early stage of the process.

Dumdi commented that she had spoken with John Peterson of the Soil and Water Conservation Service in Washington DC and he had stated that he was very excited about this project as an example of what could be done in other areas. Cornacchia commented that he thought that this study was a better way to manage the river than the initiative as long as the citizen involvement process was one of consensus. He suggested that the advisory committee be similar to the contract review boards for the National Forests, the Bonneville Power Administration citing process citizens advisory committee and/or the Gateway Refinement Plan Citizens Advisory Committee. Smith commented that she shared Cornacchia's perspective on citizen involvement to work through the issues up front. She commented that the McKenzie Network Process, which was created by EWEB for the relicensing issue, brought out the many competing interests on the river. She stated that she is very respectful of private property rights, but she firmly believed that the health of the watershed is a public resource. Anderson commented that she would support the citizen advisory committee and the need to retain credibility with the citizens. Dyer added that he would agree that the more landowners which could be involved in the process the better.

Rust commented that this plan could coexist with the initiative. He stated that there are some common sense kinds of practices which could be discovered which will allow commodities to be taken from the forest while guarding the integrity of the watershed. He commented that the citizen involvement component was very responsive to the policy declaration made during the last joint meeting. Roberts commented that there should be a commitment made to this scoping study regardless of the success of the initiative. He concurred with all that had been said about citizen involvement keeping in mind that Lane County and EWEB have a leadership role in the process. Frazier would like discussion of the statement that "the competing demands of resources on the watershed need to be balanced". She would not like to have viewshed and recreational opportunities equated with water quality and fisheries. Dumdi stated that she was a strong supporter of the citizen involvement process and the concerns of the property owners.

Smith suggested that action be taken to move forward and assign the staff resources for the beginning of this process and to seek funding from the state and federal agencies. MOTION: To dedicate the resources necessary while working with the County to move ahead on procuring funding for the study. Dyer MOVED, Anderson SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0. Roberts asked how much County staff time and funding would be used for this step in the study. Burns commented that it would involve time from Morgan, Mikalonis, Johnson and himself along with some contribution from L-COG, probably less than $10,000. MOTION: To assign staff responsibilities to go forward with the first phase including execution of the contract with L-COG, consulting with the County Administrator prior to his execution of the contract. Roberts MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

Cornacchia asked what the time frame might be on this next phase of the study. Brody stated that she would expect to have a good reading on the efforts at the federal level by the end of September and suggested that EWEB and the Board of Commissioners meet again in September for more work plan planning.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary