

# Trade unions want strong turn-out at Cascade Locks casino hearings

Public hearings in March will determine the fate of the Warm Springs Resort and Casino proposed at an industrial park 40 miles east of Portland in Cascade Locks.

The \$400 million project will be built all union under a project labor agreement with the Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Council and Anderson Construction. The tribe also has a compact with the State of Oregon that would allow some 2,000 resort and casino workers to organize.

To develop the resort, the tribe needs permission from the federal government to buy 25 acres in the industrial park from the Port of Cascade Locks and convert it into tribal land. A draft environmental impact statement was released Feb. 15. The public has until May 15 to comment on it.

The Department of Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will hold five public hearings before making a final decision, hopefully by the end of the year. The first meeting was held March

3 in Warm Springs. Future meetings will be held:

- Monday, March 10, Cascade Locks, Port Pavillion, 355 Wa-Na-Pa St.

- Wednesday, March 12, Stevenson, Wash., 710 S.W. Rock Creek Dr.

- Thursday, March 13, Portland, DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St.

- Monday, March 17, Hood River Middle School Auditorium, 1602 May St.

All meetings start at 6 p.m.

The proposal has support from building trades unions, Gov. Ted Kulongoski, the City of Cascade Locks and all the surrounding governments and communities.

"It's important that we turn out a lot of our members," said John Mohlis, executive secretary-treasurer of the CP-BCTC. "This is it. This is the time to make our voices heard."

In addition to public testimony, written comments can be sent to: Stanley Speaks, Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97232 or faxed to 503-231-2275, or go to [www.gorge-casino.com](http://www.gorge-casino.com) and click on the Comment Opportunities page.

# CWA Local 7901 endorses Steve Novick for U.S. Senate

Portland-based Communications Workers of American, Local 7901 has endorsed Steve Novick in the Oregon Democratic primary for U.S. Senate.

"Our members were looking for a fighter to stand up for worker's rights in the U.S. Senate, and all agreed that Steve is that candidate," said Local 7901 President Madelyn Elder. "We need someone who won't just vote the right way, but stand up as a tireless advocate for the working families of Oregon."

Local 7901 represents nearly 1,000 workers in the public and private sectors.

## Clackamas County Democrats will present anti-LNG resolution at March 20 meeting


Union backers for the development of liquefied natural gas plants in Oregon might want to attend the March 20 meeting of the Clackamas County Democrats, where party leaders have introduced a resolution opposing such construction.

Last month, a couple of union members were able to get the resolution tabled.

Proposed construction of an LNG plant at Bradwood Landing near Astoria has been endorsed by the Oregon AFL-CIO and the regional and state building trades councils.

"Their resolution against LNGs was filled with inaccuracies. We wanted more time so that we could tell our side of the story," said Willy Meyers, a business rep for Sheet Metal Workers Local 16.


The next meeting of the Clackamas County Democrats is Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Operating Engineers Local 701 Union Hall, 555 First St., Gladstone. (Take the Gladstone exit off I-205).



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