

Info Meeting on LNG in Vernonia *continued from front page*

sated. "I don't want their money," says Tatman.

For Tatman, safety concerns could be an issue for neighbors of the project. She references a major explosion at a Williams plant in Spokane in March of 2014 that injured twelve people, raises doubts about the project. "They have a terrible safety record," says Tatman.

"I just don't see any benefit for Columbia County from this project," says Tatman.

Columbia County Commissioner, and Vernonia resident, Tony Hyde disagrees.

"I absolutely see a benefit for the county," says Hyde.

Hyde says he sees the pipeline as resource that will provide needed capacity to move natural gas in and out the region, whether the LNG plant is constructed in Warrenton or not. "If we are going to continue to enjoy the low prices we are currently experiencing, we're going to have to be proactive about keeping the supply available," says Hyde.

Hyde says the pipeline would provide Columbia County with a known supply of natural gas, which for him is the most important aspect of the project. According to Hyde the pipeline provides the ability for the County to attract large customers to the region, which will create jobs and the need for manpower.

Hyde noted that expansion plans for the Mist Natural Gas fields are being considered which currently supplies a new power generation plant at Port Westward which just went on line on January 2, 2015. Hyde also mentioned that plans for another consumer of natural gas - the major manufacturing plant at Port Westward near Clatskanie that

would convert natural gas into methanol and then into plastic and other synthetic products - are still on track and moving towards the permitting process.

"This is all taxable and it's taxable to the tune of a lot of money," says Hyde. "This pipeline that would go through our county is all taxable as property taxes and would be fairly significant."

Hyde says he has talked to landowners who were involved in, and fought against a similar pipeline near Molalla. "They are still able to use their

good record."

Hyde says the pipeline crossing water sources in the area does not worry him at all. "We have pipelines crossing rivers and streams already and we've had no issues," says Hyde. "These guys are professional and know what they are doing."

Hyde says he feels comfortable that the due diligence done during the permitting process relieves any environmental concerns. "If this gets permitted, I'm feeling pretty comfortable that it's safe," says Hyde.

Locally the permitting process requires a 401 water quality certification for any federally licensed or permitted projects that may result in a discharge into navigable waters. Specifically, DEQ provides the certification to ensure that work permitted under a federal Clean Water Act Section 404 Dredge/Fill Permit will meet state water quality standards. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issues the Section 404 Dredge/Fill Permit.

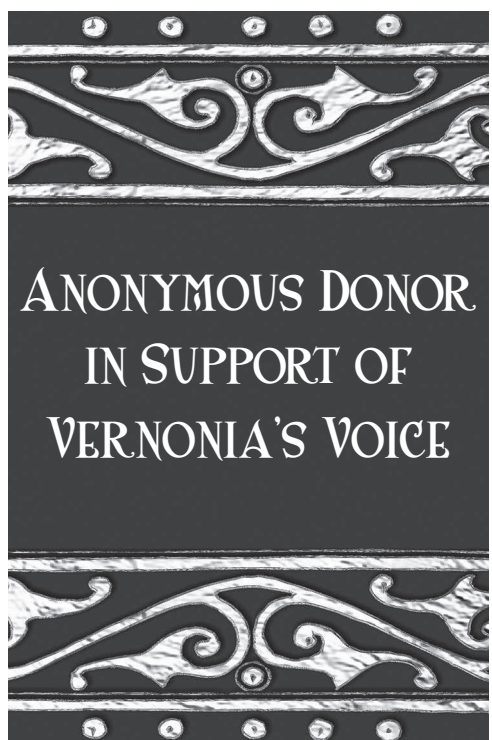
The purpose of the upcoming informational meetings is to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions about DEQ's 401 water quality certification process. Representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Oregon Department of State Lands and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development will also attend the meetings.

The focus of the meetings will

be to answer questions regarding the permitting and certification process, and will not focus on the technical aspects of the project. This is not a public hearing to submit oral comments on the proposed project or its related permits.

Comments can be mailed to:
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Northwest Region
Attn: 401 Public Comments
2020 SW 4th Ave., Suite 400
Portland, Oregon 97201
Fax: 503-229-6957
Email: 401publiccomments@deq.state.or.us

For more information about the project go to the Oregon LNG web page at <http://www.oregonlng.com>.



Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Meeting

6:30 pm on Thursday

January 22, 2015

at the UNWC office

1201 Texas Ave. Suite A,
Vernonia

(Entrance is around the back
of the School District building)

For more information call

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