

Regional Solutions Team Visits Vernonia

On Tuesday, September 27, 2016 members of the North Coast Regional Solutions Team met in Vernonia with City Administrator Josette Mitchell for an update on current projects the City is undertaking. Established by Oregon Governor Executive Order, Regional Solutions teams include key members of governmental agencies, along with local state legislators, and assist communities with unique economic and community development projects to develop priorities, solve problems, and capitalize on opportunities. Regional Solutions is a spin-off of Governor Kitzhaber's original Oregon Solutions concept that worked with the Vernonia Community to site and secure resources for the construction of the Vernonia School campus. The Regional Solutions Team has continued to stay engaged with the Ver-

nonia community and received an update at this meeting from Vernonian Sharon Bernal on the upcoming Vernonia School Bond. The group also discussed the Rose Avenue Project and the construction of the new Senior Center/Food Bank facility, the California Avenue Project, and the Waste Water Treatment Project. Pictured left to right: Jae Pudewell of ODOT; North Coast Regional Coordinator Mark Ellsworth; Vernonia City



Administrator Josette Mitchell; Melanie Olson of Business Oregon's Infrastructure Finance Authority; Patrick Wingard of the Department of Land Conservation and Development; Mary McArthur, Ex-

ecutive Director of the Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District; State Senator Betsy Johnson, and School Bond Committee member Sharon Bernal.

2016 Vernonia Salmon Festival

This year's Salmon Festival had great attendance, with visitors enjoying activities for kids, good food, fresh produce and other vendors, and music by Tommy Disco, until a vicious downpour chased almost everyone off in the middle of the afternoon. Those rains did bring some salmon swimming upstream, which thrilled those who remained through the fall rains.



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