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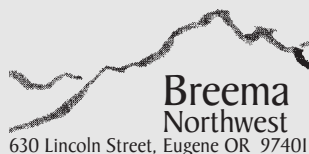
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Lane County Planning Commission Public Hearings and Citizen Information Work Sessions

Public hearings on Lane County's Periodic Review Work Program in the Siuslaw Watershed and Long Tom Watershed are scheduled for:

- **October 21, 2003** (Tuesday) at 7:00 P.M. in Harris Hall, Lane County Public Service Building, 125 E. 8th, Eugene; and
- **November 4, 2003** (Tuesday) at 7:00 P.M. in Mapleton High School, East Mapleton Road, Mapleton.

There will be two citizen information work sessions prior to the public hearings. The information work sessions are scheduled for:

- **October 14, 2003** (Tuesday) at 6:30 P.M. in Mapleton High School, East Mapleton Road, Mapleton; and
- **October 16, 2003** (Thursday) at 6:30 P.M. in Fern Ridge Middle School, 88831 Territorial Road, Elmira.

Signs will be posted at the school entrances to inform citizens of the specific locations of the meetings within the school buildings.

An information packet is available in Lane County Land Management Division that includes staff reports and proposed amendments to Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan Policies and Lane Code Chapter 16 regulations that are being considered for adoption as part of the Periodic Review Work Program in the Siuslaw Watershed and Long Tom Watershed.

The proposed amendments to Lane Code include:

Lane Code 16.292: Rural Industrial Zone (RI, RCP) --

Lane Conservation & Development Commission rulemaking to OAR 660-22-030(3) and (11) "Unincorporated Community Rule" amending standards for "small-scale, low impact" development of Rural Industrial sites.

Lane Code 16.400: Plan Amendments (RCP) --

House Bill 2614 amending plan amendment processes for rezoning abandoned or diminished mill sites to Rural Industrial without taking exceptions to statewide Goals 3 (Agricultural), 4 (Forest), 11 (Public Facilities), or 14 (Urbanization); and allowing industrial development; and

Lane Code 16.292: House Bill 2614 providing for extension of sewer systems and development of mill sites in Rural Industrial Lands west of the summit of the Coast Range.

Lane Code 16.291: Rural Commercial Zone (RC, RCP) --

Clarifying limitation for establishing new community sewer systems. Discussion on current development standards and housekeeping revisions to the Rural Commercial regulations.

Lane Code 16.232: Destination Resort (DR, RCP) --

Implementing Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 197.435 - 197.467 for the siting and operation of destination resorts.

RCP Goal 2: Errors or Omission Policy 27 --

Reinstating an errors or omission policy in the Goal Two Plan Policies of the Rural Comprehensive Plan.

Preliminary Compliance Report --

Addressing OAR 660-22-030 criteria and standards; and

Unincorporated Community Reports --

Siuslaw Watershed (Glenada, Cushman, Mapleton, Swishhome, Deadwood, Greenleaf, Triangle Lake, Blachly and Walton). Long Tom Watershed (Lancaster, Franklin, Cheshire, Alvadore, Elmira, Noti, Crow and Lorane).

For additional information or to obtain copies of the information packet, contact Bill Sage, Associate Planner -- Telephone: 541-682-3772

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natural resistance BY MARY O'BRIEN

Wise Collaboration

It's remarkable what groups can accomplish.

A few years back, singer/songwriter Arlo Guthrie offered this encouragement at one of his concerts: "In a world that sucks - like this one does - you don't have to do a lot to make a difference."

While preparing a handout for an Environmental Citizenship and Leadership class at Whitman College recently, I came to a related conclusion: To accomplish something that is significantly more socially or environmentally respectful than what is going on, just coordinate with enough people, wisely, for long enough.

The class handout I was working on was a list of different environmental campaigns I've been privileged to be a part of during the past 22 years. In many campaigns, my role was tiny compared to others, I worked pretty hard in some others, and I was one of the ringleaders in a few. But the amazing thing was that we had succeeded in almost all of the 21 campaigns I was remembering.

Obviously, we haven't succeeded in bringing human population numbers or energy consumption within the bounds of Earth's resources. We haven't succeeded in restoring habitat needed by the amazing creatures that were winging through air, navigating oceans, or hiking around on land in large numbers, say, 200 years ago. We haven't prevented the heartbreaking rise of childhood cancer and pre-birth damage caused by toxics in human tykes, salmon fingerlings, or any other of Earth's kids. (Yesterday I received a note from a friend. Her 13-year-old daughter, having struggled through 2.5 years of chemotherapy for acute lymphocytic leukemia, is now battling a secondary leukemia caused by the chemotherapy.) The world is, ecologically speaking, moving at a brisk pace toward hell in a handbasket.

But what I realized while preparing this handout was that nearly all the campaigns had succeeded: Electing an anti-herbicide school board majority and developing processes for alternative grounds management. Writing and passing a state groundwater law. Stopping in Australia what was to be the world's largest chlorine-using pulp mill. Stopping what was to be the 10th chlorine-using pulp mill on the Columbia River. Preventing aerial spraying of toxic pesticides over Lane County for gypsy moth. Co-founding Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide. Writing and passing the only local materials accounting toxics right-to-know law in the nation. Preventing the development of five large drive-in overlooks and a 10-year series of clearcuts on the western rim of Hells Canyon. Vastly reducing the use of herbicides in the national forests of western Oregon and Washington. Protecting high-class farmland on the banks of the Willamette River from being mined illegally for gravel. Protecting the Willamette Valley's last wet prairie wetlands from an unneeded five-lane highway. Co-founding MADelk and halting the importation of elk to elk ranches in Oregon. Co-founding Oregon Toxics Alliance. Switching the destruction of U.S. nerve gas weapons from out-of-control toxic incineration to water-based neutralization at three U.S. sites. And so on.

Along the way, there were some "losses" and it's not yet clear whether we'll succeed soon at a few other, ongoing efforts. But many of the losses were later turned into successes, by persevering around the temporary obstacles.

None of these successes would have been possible without many, many people coordinating on many, many tasks over a long period of time. None of them, in other words, were accomplished by one or two egos acting alone, and none happened quickly or easily.

The point, though, is that no matter how bleak the situation, citizens *can* and *do* make a difference on behalf of social decency (in contrast, but not opposition, to personal decency), environmental sanity and democracy. We owe the 40-hour work week, unions, civil rights, wilderness, National Parks, Social Security, Medicaid, our ongoing democratic system, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act - indeed, everything that lifts us up above naked exploitation, greed, and short-term profit - to people who worked together, wisely, for a long time.

And that's what it will take to reverse the current and terrifying undermining of everything other than the military that is public, such as public lands, health, social supports, water, and education; the undermining of civil rights, transparent democracy, international rules about waging war, progressive taxation - you name it. That's what it will take to restore older and institute newer ways of taking care of the whole world: people working together, wisely, for a long time.

But be assured your help is needed. Those who promote naked exploitation, greed and short-term profit are working together, too.

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