

# Brown taps agriculture director to lead administrative services

## Coba will also serve as chief operating officer

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SALEM — Katy Coba, the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, has been appointed the state's chief operating officer and director of the Department of Administrative Services, the state's overarching administrative agency, Gov. Kate Brown's office announced Wednesday.

Coba's appointment is effective in October but requires confirmation by the state Senate in September.

Coba, who has been agriculture director since 2003, started working in state government in 1985.

Kristen Grainger, a spokeswoman for the governor, said Coba, a Pendleton native, was a "proven leader" and "committed to excellence" in state government.

"Her roots in rural Ore-

gon and Eastern Oregon were influential as well," Grainger said.

Grainger said the state's budget development process will likely be a focal point for Coba in her new position.

A news release from the Governor's Office also cited Coba's experience as part of the Enterprise Leadership Team, a group of state agency leaders that advises the governor and chief operating officer.

The Department of Agriculture's deputy director, Lisa Charpillouz Hanson, will serve as interim director starting Oct. 1, until a successor to Coba is appointed, according to the news release.

George Naughton has been the interim director of the Department of Administrative Services since March 2015. He will continue to be the department's chief financial officer.

Naughton was appointed interim director when

Michael Jordan, the chief operating officer under former Gov. John Kitzhaber, announced his resignation.

Clyde Saiki, who now heads the state Department of Human Services, also served as interim director of the department before he was appointed to lead human services in November. At that time, Naughton stepped in again to lead administrative services in an interim capacity.

Coba said she wanted to be an "ambassador for public service" in her new role.



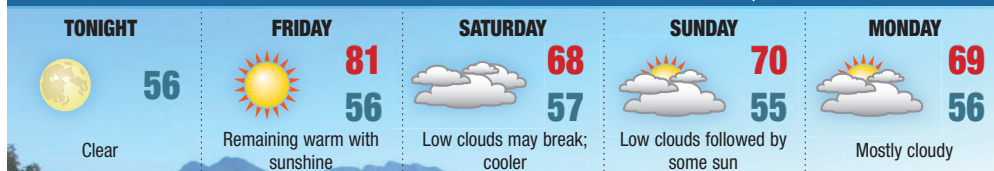
Katy Coba

### Outreach and recruitment

She said she intends to focus on outreach and recruiting new, diverse employees to state agencies to replace the state's retiring workforce.

She also said another priority during her tenure would be addressing Gov. Brown's intention to improve accountability and transparency in state government.

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



### ALMANAC

Astoria through Wednesday.

**Temperatures**

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| High/low        | 85°/51°     |
| Normal high/low | 69°/53°     |
| Record high     | 86° in 1964 |
| Record low      | 45° in 1992 |

**Precipitation**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Wednesday            | 0.00"  |
| Month to date        | 0.40"  |
| Normal month to date | 0.79"  |
| Year to date         | 40.74" |
| Normal year to date  | 37.98" |

### SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 8:07 p.m.  
Sunrise Friday ..... 6:29 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 12:05 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 3:00 p.m.

New First Full Last  
Sep 1 Sep 9 Sep 16 Sep 23

### UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Due south, Mars just above Antares of Scorpius.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

| Time      | High    | Time      | Low     |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 9:16 a.m. | 6.2 ft. | 2:59 a.m. | 0.2 ft. |
| 8:53 p.m. | 8.1 ft. | 2:44 p.m. | 2.3 ft. |

### NATIONAL CITIES

| City           | Today  | Fri. | W     |
|----------------|--------|------|-------|
| Atlanta        | 90/73  | s    | 93/73 |
| Boston         | 89/71  | pc   | 89/69 |
| Chicago        | 83/63  | t    | 80/66 |
| Denver         | 76/53  | t    | 74/51 |
| Des Moines     | 81/65  | pc   | 72/65 |
| Detroit        | 87/63  | t    | 86/67 |
| El Paso        | 89/67  | pc   | 89/68 |
| Fairbanks      | 60/53  | sh   | 66/50 |
| Honolulu       | 85/76  | pc   | 85/75 |
| Indianapolis   | 89/71  | t    | 86/71 |
| Kansas City    | 80/65  | t    | 80/67 |
| Las Vegas      | 101/78 | s    | 98/78 |
| Los Angeles    | 81/64  | pc   | 78/61 |
| Memphis        | 94/78  | pc   | 93/77 |
| Miami          | 91/78  | t    | 91/78 |
| Nashville      | 94/75  | pc   | 92/75 |
| New Orleans    | 91/80  | t    | 93/79 |
| New York       | 86/74  | pc   | 92/72 |
| Oklahoma City  | 91/70  | pc   | 90/69 |
| Philadelphia   | 90/74  | pc   | 95/73 |
| St. Louis      | 93/75  | pc   | 88/75 |
| Salt Lake City | 86/62  | s    | 85/62 |
| San Francisco  | 70/57  | pc   | 72/58 |
| San Francisco  | 88/62  | s    | 92/63 |
| Washington, DC | 92/76  | pc   | 97/76 |

### TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

### REGIONAL CITIES

| City          | Today | Fri. | W      | City | Today       | Fri.  | W |        |
|---------------|-------|------|--------|------|-------------|-------|---|--------|
| Baker City    | 81/37 | s    | 84/41  | s    | Olympia     | 91/52 | s | 93/55  |
| Bend          | 81/47 | s    | 84/54  | s    | Pendleton   | 88/53 | s | 89/62  |
| Brookings     | 70/50 | pc   | 65/50  | s    | Portland    | 94/62 | s | 96/63  |
| Eugene        | 95/53 | s    | 98/53  | s    | Roseburg    | 99/59 | s | 100/58 |
| Ilwaco        | 77/60 | s    | 75/56  | s    | Salem       | 95/59 | s | 98/58  |
| Klamath Falls | 84/43 | s    | 87/44  | s    | Seaside     | 81/56 | s | 79/55  |
| Medford       | 98/57 | s    | 101/61 | s    | Spokane     | 83/57 | s | 84/61  |
| Newberg       | 95/60 | s    | 97/59  | s    | Springfield | 97/52 | s | 98/53  |
| Newport       | 74/52 | s    | 73/51  | s    | Vancouver   | 94/61 | s | 96/61  |
| North Bend    | 76/51 | s    | 70/50  | s    | Yakima      | 90/56 | s | 92/58  |

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

She said there are a number of complex challenges facing the agency, and although they are somewhat familiar territory thanks to Coba's role on the Enterprise Leadership Team, she said, she plans to begin her new role by meeting with other state agency directors, legislators and "other leaders around the state" and listening to their feedback.

Coba said she also wanted to inform Oregonians about state government and its purpose and functions.

"The Department of Agriculture is really a great role model," Coba said. "We focus on education and outreach and providing technical expertise to the people we interact with, and that is our first goal in the work that we do."

### 'Interesting time'

She said that it was an "interesting time" in public discourse around state government, citing the distrust of government displayed by protesters during the occupation of the federal Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney County earlier this year.

Although the occupiers were protesting what they characterized as fed-

eral overreach, Coba said the underlying message of a "regulatory burden" was one shared by other state residents.

Coba said she had been approached previously by the Governor's Office about the position, but said she indicated at the time that she was not interested.

But the governor's office persisted, Coba said, and the first "serious conversation" about Coba taking over the job as head occurred less than a month ago.

State Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, described Coba as a qualified leader with the "character," "smarts" and "bona fides" to lead the agency.

"With as many agencies as have problems right now, the (Department of Agriculture) is not one of those that my constituents call me about, and I represent a rural and agricultural district," Johnson said.

Although Coba will be leading what Johnson describes as "huge bureaucracy," the state senator said Coba would quickly gain the trust of other agency directors because of her experience as an agency head.

"If anybody is up to the task of trying to wrestle with the issues at DAS, it's

Katy," Johnson said. "She's a seasoned professional."

Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, echoed Johnson's statement.

"If I know anything about Katy Coba, she'll get the job done," Courtney said in a statement.

### Something of a family business

State service is something of a family business for Coba.

Coba's husband, Marshall Coba, is a lobbyist, and her parents served in state government.

Her father, Mike Thorne, was a state senator from 1973 to 1991, going on to serve as director of the Port of Portland until 2001 and as the chief executive of the Washington State Ferry System from 2002 to 2004. Coba's mother, Jill Thorne, was an aide to former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt.

According to Coba's biography on the state Department of Agriculture website, she was raised on a wheat farm and attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, earning a bachelor's degree in economics.

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## OBITUARY

### Lucille Matthews Summerfield

Seaside

Dec. 25, 1926 — Aug. 14, 2016

Lucille Matthews Summerfield was born in Cottage Grove, Oregon, on Christmas Day, 1926.

She was a proud graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Portland, and married Robert Matthews of Newport in June 1945. They were blessed with three children, Kirk, Robert Jr. and Jan. Bob Sr. died in 1972, after 27 years of marriage.

Later, Lucille married Jack Summerfield, and they resided in Arlington, Virginia, but returned to the Northwest after Jack's retirement.

Lucille loved to travel and visited many far-flung locales, including South Africa and Brazil, but always considered herself a tried-and-true Oregonian. Her wit, curiosity and generosity kept everyone around her engaged and delighted.

She is survived by her daughter, Jan Matthews (Seaside); grandchildren Jenna Murphy (Eugene), Erin Matthews (Los Angeles), Jason, Anthony and Mari Matthews (California), Taylor Donnelly (Portland), Carson Donnelly (New York City) and Walker Evans (Chicago); as well as four great-grandchildren.

There will be a small family gathering later in the year to celebrate Lucille's remarkable life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to SMART or the Seaside Downtown Development Association to provide funds for the flower baskets in the summer.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com) to share memories and sign the guest book.



Lucille Summerfield

## LOTTERIES

### OREGON

**Wednesday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 6-5-7-6  
4 p.m.: 6-2-9-8  
7 p.m.: 1-7-1-3  
10 p.m.: 6-4-5-3

**Wednesday's Megabucks:**  
14-22-26-31-36-44  
Estimated jackpot: \$9.2 million

**Wednesday's Powerball:**  
9-11-25-64-65, Powerball: 16  
Estimated jackpot: \$142 million

### WASHINGTON

**Wednesday's Daily Game:**  
5-3-4

**Wednesday's Hit 5:** 08-12-13-19-37  
Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

**Wednesday's Keno:** 02-08-10-17-18-19-26-27-33-36-39-40-42-45-46-52-56-57-58-80

**Wednesday's Lotto:** 12-20-24-27-28-39  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.8 million

**Wednesday's Match 4:** 06-07-17-20

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### THURSDAY

**Cannon Beach Emergency Management,** 8 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.  
**Sunset Empire Transportation District Board,** 9 a.m., meeting and public hearing on Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Astoria Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive.  
**Clatsop County Recreational**

**Lands Planning and Advisory Committee,** 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.  
**Cannon Beach Planning Commission,** 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### FRIDAY

**Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee,** 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

## ON THE RECORD

### Theft

- At 3:53 p.m. Friday, Astoria Police arrested Daniel Joel Phillips, 28, of Astoria, for third-degree theft and interfering with police after Phillips allegedly stole four beers from the Astoria Mini Mart.

### Assault

- At 6:41 p.m. Monday, Astoria Police arrested Gary

Neil Schurgin, 51, of Astoria, for attempted first-degree assault, unlawful possession of a weapon with intent to use, felon in possession of a restricted weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, menacing and second-degree disorderly conduct after a reported dispute that involved a knife at Burger King.

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