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Knife River Corp. proposes to grade and replant an eastern portion of the Teevin & Fischer Quarry, seen on the left, as a steeply forested hillside once adjacent mining is finished.

## Knife River plans future quarry decommissioning

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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Knife River Corp. is preparing for a future decommissioning of part of its Seaside quarry.

The company recently applied for a conditional use permit from the county to expand quarry operations to an 11-acre strip of land directly uphill and to the east of the existing 56-acre quarry. The land is zoned for forestry and has historically been used for commercial logging.

The company proposes to grade the strip of land at a 50 percent angle and replant it with commercial timber, turning a sheer quarry wall into a steep, forested slope once adjacent mining is complete.

"It's just looking to the future and making sure we're good stewards of the land," said Tony Spilde, a spokesman for Knife River.

Knife River, one of the largest construction materials producers in the U.S., purchased the 56-acre Seaside quarry last year from local timber and mining magnate Shawn Teevin and Scappoose-based construction contractor Thomas Fischer for around \$10 million, including equipment. The two had purchased the site in 2006 and operated it as Teevin & Fischer Quarry.

A quarry reclamation plan must be approved by the county and the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries "to assure quarry sites are restored and rehabilitated in a way that accommodates other permitted land uses upon the completion of mineral and aggregate resource extraction."

The proposed grading would occur over several years.

"We've got several years, many years of material there," Spilde said.

# Back to drawing board for Grocery Outlet, commission

Seaside Signal

A scheduled hearing on a new Grocery Outlet in Seaside has been rescheduled for the commission's regularly scheduled meeting on March 5, at the request of Main & Main, the capital group representing Grocery Outlet.

Planning Director Kevin Cupples said the commission will not take testimony on the Grocery Outlet's remand until then.

Although the primary access to the 18,000-square-foot Grocery Outlet site will be from Avenue N, the applicant plans to use undeveloped portions of South Irvine and Avenue O in conjunction with the proposed development. Planning commissioners approved the request, but imposed conditions on the developers they considered onerous.

Developers Main & Main Capital Group of The Colony, Texas, appealed the commission's requirement that the builder of the 18,000-square-foot Grocery Outlet provide a left-turn lane into the site at 325 Avenue N, or limit access to right-turn entrance and exit only.

Main & Main argued before the City Council that the required improvements are unlawful. The appeal, according to Planning Director Kevin Cupples, is primarily based on case law that limits the requirements that can be placed on an applicant.

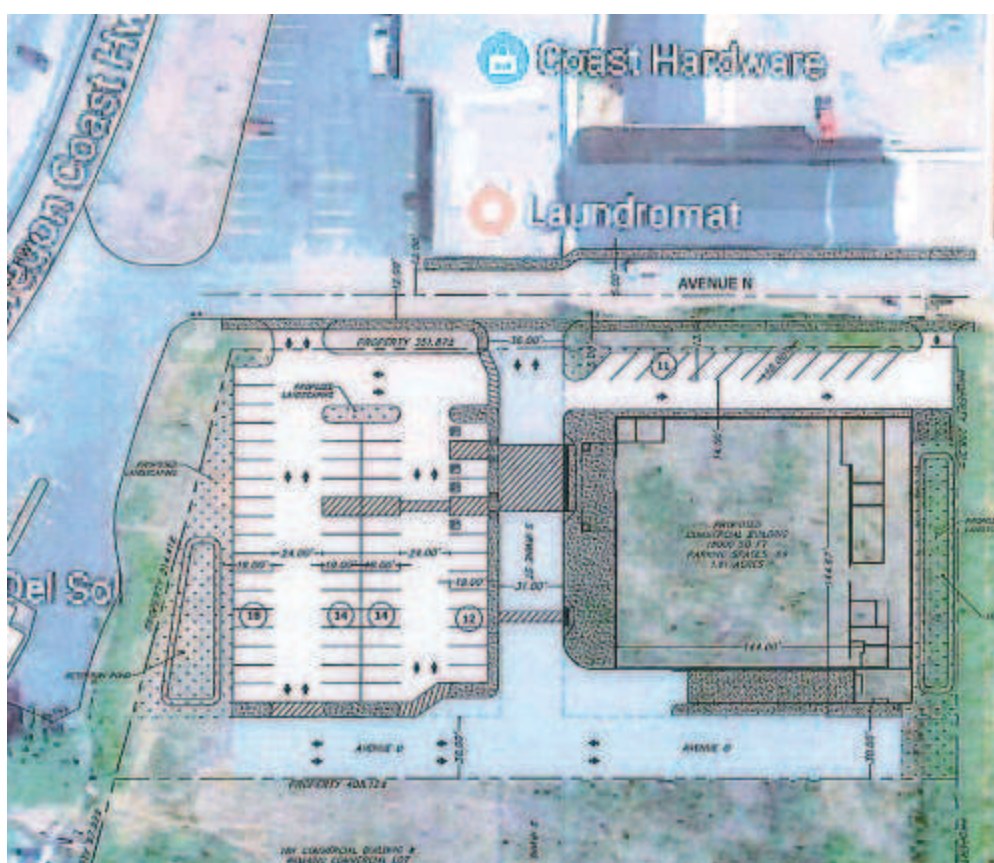
At the January appeal hearing, City Council members opted to return the matter to the Planning Commission for further review.

According to terms of the council's remand, discussion at the March hearing will be limited to the scope of the turning lane conditions.



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Planning commissioners seek to limit left-turns in and out of a proposed Grocery Outlet in Seaside.



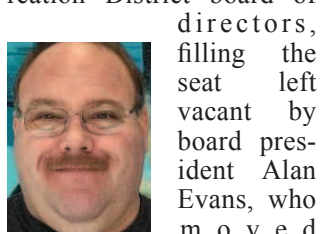
Main & Main Capital

Proposed site of Grocery Outlet in Seaside.

## Rodney Roberts named to join SEPRD board

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

Seaside resident Rodney Roberts will join the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board of directors, filling the seat left vacant by board president Alan Evans, who moved out of district. Roberts will be appointed Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the regular meeting of the board.



Rodney Roberts

The board selected Roberts out of seven candidates interviewed for the board's Position 5.

The board was impressed with Roberts' experience working with local government bodies on the South Oregon Coast, as a sheriff, to provide recreational opportunities and writing grants, the rec district's executive director Skyler Archibald said after the selection.

"He seemed very familiar with our programs and has a son who participates heavily in our programs," Archibald said. "He's retired right now, so he has ample time to participate. It was a really hard decision for the board to make because there were really four or five outstanding candidates."

A former sheriff, Roberts is now retired.

A second district board seat, that held by Ed Hassan, will also be vacant this spring. Hassan, representing Position 4, will serve as acting board president until the May board election.

Candidate filing began Feb. 9 and goes through March 21.

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