

LCDC, DLCD and LUBA: Explanation of land use alphabet soup

Many people are not sure just what the initials LCDC,

DLCD, and LUBA stand for. Here is a brief explanation of

each acronym. LCDC: Land Conservation

& Development Commission. It is a seven-person group appointed by the Governor with approval of the state senate. The commission sets land-use goals and rules, and has the power to make counties, cities, and state agencies conform to its goals and rules.

DLCD: Department of Land Conservation & Development. The administrative arm of the Commission has staff who carry on day-to-day regulatory and administrative work. The Department conducts research, drafts goals and rules, and monitors local government and other state agencies for compliance with LCDC regulations. DLCD is

headed by a director appointed by LCDC.

LUBA: Land Use Board of Appeals. This consists of three attorneys who must be members of the Oregon State Bar. LUBA is a separate state agency and is, in effect, a special "land use court." The state legislature created LUBA in 1979.

LUBA has exclusive jurisdiction to review all land-use decisions by counties, cities, and state agencies, subject to appeal to the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Oregon Supreme Court. LUBA handles cases that were formerly taken to local circuit courts and to LCDC for review.



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