



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

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Meeting Date: 4/16/13
Agenda Item #: B.1
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 3/18/13

Agenda Title: **Briefing and Update on Columbia River Gorge Commission**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date: April 16, 2013 **Amount of Time Needed:** 30 minutes
Department: Non-departmental **Division:** District 4
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Presenter(s): Jim Middaugh, Multnomah County's appointee to the Gorge Commission and Darren Nichols, Executive Director, Columbia River Gorge Commission

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Update on Columbia River Gorge Commission activities and future plans.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.

The Columbia River Gorge Commission was established in 1987 to develop and implement policies and programs that protect and enhance the scenic, natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Gorge, while encouraging growth within existing urban areas of the Gorge and allowing development outside urban areas consistent with resource protection. This briefing is to bring the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners up-to-date on Gorge Commission activities and plans for the future.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

None.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None. Briefing only.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Thirteen Gorge Commissioners are appointed by state governors and county commissions with one representative appointed by each of the six counties, three members appointed by each governor, and one ex officio, non-voting member who is an employee of the USDA Forest Service, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. County representatives must be residents of their respective counties, and at least one of the three gubernatorial appointees from each state must live in the Scenic Area. Multnomah County's representative is Jim Middaugh.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

Diane McKel

Date: 3/18/2013