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Fwd: Urban and Rural Reserves updates

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Thu, Apr 28, 2011 at 7:17 AM

To: Lynda GROW <lynda.grow@multco.us>

Cc: Karen Schilling <karen.c.schilling@multco.us>

Lynda,

This appears to have already gone to the Commissioners. Please add it to the record of hearing.

thanks

Chuck

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From: **Multnomah County Chair** <mult.chair@multco.us>

Date: Wed, Apr 27, 2011 at 4:38 PM

Subject: Fwd: Urban and Rural Reserves updates

To: Charles BEASLEY <charles.beasley@multco.us>

Hi Chuck,

Here is another email we received in regards to Urban and Rural Reserves, Marissa advised me to pass this on to you as well.

-Andrea

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From: **Carol L. Chesarek** <chesarek4nature@earthlink.net>

Date: Wed, Apr 27, 2011 at 7:21 AM

Subject: Urban and Rural Reserves updates

To: district1@co.multnomah.or.us, district3@co.multnomah.or.us, mult.chair@multco.us, district2@multco.us, district4@multco.us

Cc: Beckie Lee <beckie.lee@co.multnomah.or.us>

Chair Cogen and Commissioners,

On Thursday you will consider an Ordinance to amend the County's Urban and Rural Reserves Findings.

I congratulate you on adopting urban and rural reserves for Multnomah County which were approved last year by LCDC. I believe that Multnomah County's reserves were approved by LCDC because we used of a Reserves Citizen Advisory Committee (which I was privileged to serve on) and the County board responded to public input, leading to designation of reserves that meet both the letter and the spirit of SB 1011 and the reserves rules. This was a significant accomplishment and a job well done.

Washington County applied the reserves rules in a more political way, and some of their reserves were verbally remanded by LCDC last October.

Unfortunately, until all components of the regional reserves package are approved by LCDC the Multnomah County urban and rural reserves will not take effect. If approved by LCDC, urban reserves will be the first priority

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for UGB expansion later this year. Land in rural reserves will be off-limits for UGB expansion for 50 years.

I believe that there is a good chance that the modified reserves in Washington County will again be remanded by LCDC. Some of the decisions appear to ignore clear direction provided by LCDC. Metro Council unanimously favored a very safe approach to the remand which would have left the remanded areas undesignated, but Washington County did not agree and a riskier set of reserves was adopted.

If LCDC remands the Washington County reserves again in August, then areas in Multnomah County near the UGB will be considered for UGB expansion by Metro this year even if they were designated as rural reserves, because those rural reserves will not be in effect.

But more importantly, another remand could put the entire regional reserves process at risk. Washington County Chair Duyck has been quoted saying that if LCDC rejects their reserves again then Washington County will walk away from the Reserves process.

This is not acceptable. Multnomah County, and the region as a whole, have invested vast amounts of time, effort, and money in the reserves process, and for good reasons. All reserves in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties were accepted by LCDC. Washington County's aggressive approach to the reserves process must not be allowed to put the entire regional reserves process at risk.

I hope that you will begin now to make it clear to Metro and Washington County that if this revised reserves package is remanded by LCDC in August, that Washington County owes it to the rest of the region to stay engaged, and to adopt a more compliant set of reserves that can be easily approved by LCDC.

And if, for some reason, the regional reserves process cannot move forward to full approval and implementation, I hope that Multnomah County will work with Metro on a new Ordinance to implement our designated rural reserves. SB 1011 allows a county to work with Metro to adopt rural reserves without urban reserves. While not an ideal solution, this approach could still protect our valuable farmlands and natural features from UGB expansion.

I do not oppose adoption of these revised Findings. But I hope that Multnomah County begin to act now to protect our investment in the reserves process if Washington County's reserves are again remanded by LCDC.

Thank you.

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Thu, Apr 28, 2011 at 8:30 AM

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Cc: Karen Schilling <karen.c.schilling@multco.us>

Andrea:

please copy me on these items.

Thank you.

Lynda

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