



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/19/16
Agenda Item #: B.1
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 4/8/16

Agenda Title: **Board Briefing on the Columbia Gorge Commission**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: April 19, 2016 **Time Needed:** 30 min
Department: Non Departmental **Division:** Office of Sustainability
Contact(s): John Wasiutynski
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Bowen Blair (Gorge Commission Vice Chair), Robert Liberty (Commissioner), Krystyan Wolniakowski (Gorge Commission Executive Director)

General Information

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

Robert Liberty is Multnomah County's appointed representative to the Commission. Mr. Liberty, fellow Commissioner Blair, and Director Wolniakowski will report to the board on the activities of the commission.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County is one of six Counties in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act established the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The Gorge Commission was also established by the act to "achieve the purposes of this Act and to facilitate cooperation among the States of Oregon and Washington, and with the United States of America..." 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.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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. Commission meetings are open to the public. Meeting times, agendas, and minutes are available online.

Required Signature

Elected Official**or Department/**

John Wasiutynski /s/

4/8/16

Agency Director: _____**Date:** _____

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved for submittal.