



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # C-1 DATE 3/21/13  
LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 3/21/13  
Agenda Item #: C.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 3/12/13

**Agenda Title:** Appointment of two City elected officials the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization's (RDPO) Policy Committee

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** March 21, 2013 **Time Needed:** n/a  
**Department:** Non Departmental **Division:** Chair's Office  
**Contact(s):** Grace Neal  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Consent Agenda

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Appointment of Fairview Council President Lisa Barton Mullins and Gresham Council President Karilynn Echols to fill vacant seats on the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization's Policy Committee. Their positions are effective immediately. Term limits will be discussed at the Policy Committee's first meeting in June, 2013.

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

Multnomah County has two city position seats on the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization Policy Committee, both of which are currently vacant due to the results of the November 2012 local elections. Dave Houghton, former Director of the Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management, and Denise Barrett, RDPO Administrator, alerted our office of the vacancies. Chair Cogen is required to appoint two city elected officials to fill the seats. The officials must be from one of five cities in Multnomah County: Troutdale, Gresham, Fairview, Maywood Park or Wood Village (Portland exempt as the city has its own seat).

Purpose: The RDPO Policy Committee fosters a unified regional vision for disaster preparedness and the development and maintenance of a coordinated strategy. The Policy Committee has overall accountability for effective regional disaster preparedness coordination and the systems that support it.

**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.**

The RDPO is a collaborative partnership of jurisdictions and organizations around the Portland Metropolitan Region (PMR) working together to develop and coordinate all hazards disaster preparedness efforts. The PMR encompasses the five counties of Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington in Oregon and Clark in Washington. These appointed officials will work within this capacity to develop a regional approach to disaster preparedness.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Marissa Madrigal /s/

**Date:** 3/12/13



## **THE REGIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION**

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### ***Policy Committee (PC) for the RDPO Start-Up***

**Purpose:** The RDPO Policy Committee fosters a unified regional vision for disaster preparedness and the development and maintenance of a coordinated strategy. The Policy Committee has overall accountability for effective regional disaster preparedness coordination and the systems that support it.

**The Work:** During the RDPO start-up, the Policy Committee has the following responsibilities:

1. Provide political leadership to develop and promote a unified regional vision for disaster preparedness and the establishment of a sustainable regional disaster preparedness organization
2. Provide political leadership to foster effective development, adoption and implementation of regional strategies and policies, and alignment of jurisdictional and regional initiatives
3. Endorse and support a Regional Disaster Preparedness Strategy (Regional Strategy) and priorities, developed by the Steering Committee – based on assessed regional needs and capabilities, risk assessment, legislative and grant mandates and policies – and approve funding recommendations developed by the Program Committee and endorsed by the Steering Committee
4. Provide oversight of system effectiveness, and attainment of strategic goals and priorities (relating to #3)
5. Advise on issues brought forward by the Steering Committee

**Composition:** The Policy Committee is comprised of 17 elected officials, as follows:

- 5 Counties (1 from each of the 5 counties)
- 1 City of Portland
- 10 Cities (2 per county; for Multnomah County other than the city of Portland)
- 1 Metro

**Leadership:** The Policy Committee will be led by a Chair, under arrangements as follows:

- Selection of Chair – Chair to be chosen by the Policy Committee members
- Term of Chair – Two-year term, renewable
- Eligibility to be Chair – Any member of the Policy Committee

**Meeting Frequency:** Twice per year (more frequently as needed).

**Outcome/Results:** A strong coalition of regional stakeholders shares a vision and commitment to regional preparedness.

**Term Commencement Date/Term Length for Members:** Members shall consider their service start date as July 1, 2012. Discussions on term limits and some of the other bylaws governing the body will be discussed during the Policy Committee's first meeting.