



TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF MEETING AGENDAS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Yamamoto, Chair
dyamamoto@co.tillamook.or.us

Erin D. Skaar, Vice-Chair
eskaar@co.tillamook.or.us

Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner
mfbell@co.tillamook.or.us

CONTACT

Tillamook County Courthouse
201 Laurel Avenue
Tillamook, Oregon 97141
503.842.3403
www.co.tillamook.or.us

COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
Teleconference and KTIL-FM at 95.9

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Meeting Room 106
County Courthouse, Teleconference, and Live Video at tctvonline.com

AGENDAS

COMMUNITY UPDATE – 2022-11-08 COMMUNITY UPDATE AUDIO.MP4

CALL TO ORDER: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 8:00 a.m.

1. 00:58 Welcome and Board of Commissioners' Roll Call
2. 01:17 Adventist Health
3. 07:19 Coastal Caucus
4. 23:07 Tillamook County Clerk
5. 30:39 Tillamook Community Health Center
6. 34:32 Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy
7. 35:57 Tillamook Family Counseling Center
8. 37:39 Sheriff's Office
9. 40:56 Board of Commissioners
10. Cities
58:14 Tillamook
1:04:59 South County

ADJOURN – 9:08 a.m.

MEETING – BOCC MEETING 2022-11-09 AUDIO.MP4

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 9:00 a.m.

1. 02:15 Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
2. 02:24 Pledge of Allegiance
3. 02:46 Public Comment – There were none.
4. 03:01 Non-Agenda Items:

UNSCHEDULED: Elections Update/Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk

LEGISLATIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE

5. 21:45 Discussion and Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Tillamook, Tillamook Family Counseling Center, and Tillamook County Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team Regarding the 2021-2023 Children's Advocacy Center Fund (CAC) State Grant Program/Matt Kelly, Undersheriff

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the memorandum of understanding.

6. 25:59 Discussion and Consideration of a Child Abuse Investigation Agreement with Tillamook Family Counseling Center for Fulfillment of the Oregon Department of Justice Agreement for the Provision of Child Abuse Forensic Interviews in Tillamook County/Matt Kelly, Undersheriff

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

7. 29:48 Discussion and Consideration of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program CFDA #97.067, Grant No. 22-230/Randy Thorpe, Director, Emergency Management.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the agreement.

8. 37:46 Discussion and Consideration of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program CFDA #97.067, Grant No. 22-243/Randy Thorpe, Director, Emergency Management

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the agreement.

9. 44:49 Discussion and Consideration of a Tenth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2021-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement #169528 for the Financing of Public Health Services/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health & Human Services
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the amendment.
10. 48:32 Discussion and Consideration to Authorize Marlene Putman, Tillamook County Health & Human Services Administrator, to sign a Health Resources & Services Administration HRSA-23-030 Grant Application for the Rural Health Network Development Program/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health & Human Services
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board authorized Marlene Putman to sign the application.
11. 59:43 Discussion and Consideration of State of Oregon Department of State Lands Easement No. 63873-EA, S&S Bridge for Property Located at Township 1 North, Range 10 West, Section 23 in Tillamook County, Oregon/Chris Laity, Director, Public Works
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the easement.
12. 1:07:10 Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution in the Matter of Proclaiming November as "Swiss Cultural Heritage Month" in Tillamook County, Oregon/Nan Devlin, Executive Director, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed #R22-013.
13. 1:20:00 Discussion and Consideration of a Letter to Senators and Congresspeople Regarding the Delay of Implementation of the NOAA-NMFS Biological Opinion/Commissioner David Yamamoto
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the letter.
14. 1:31:48 Discussion and Consideration of a Letter of Support to Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department for the Sand Lake Recreation Area 2023-2025 ATV Grant Project Proposal/Commissioner David Yamamoto
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the letter.

15. 1:33:48 Discussion and Consideration of an Order in the Matter of the Appointment of a Member to the Cloverdale Sanitary District Board/William K. Sargent, County Counsel
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed Order #22-064.
16. 1:38:11 Board Concerns – Non-Agenda Items: There were none.
17. 1:38:16 Board Announcements

Chair Yamamoto recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h), to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed; ORS 192.660(2)(a), to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent; and ORS 192.660(2)(e), to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Chair Yamamoto reconvened the meeting at 12:26 p.m. – 2022-11-09 BOCC MEETING AUDIO.MP4 PART II

ADJOURN – 12:27 p.m.

JOIN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The board is committed to community participation and provides opportunity for public attendance during meetings via in-person and teleconference.

- **Community Update Meetings: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.**
 - Teleconference: Dial 971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#
 - Radio: KTIL-FM at 95.9
- **Board Meetings: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**
 - County Courthouse: Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook
 - Teleconference: Dial 971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#
 - Live Video: tctvonline.com

MEETING INFORMATION AND RULES

- Matters for discussion and consideration by the board shall be placed on an agenda prepared by the staff and approved by the board chair. Any commissioner may request items on the agenda.
- Public hearings are formal proceedings publicized through a special public notice issued to media and others. Public hearings held by the board are to provide the board an opportunity to hear from the public about a specific topic. Public hearings are therefore different regarding audience participation at board meetings.
- Commissioners shall be addressed by their title followed by their last name.
- Commissioners shall obtain approval from the chair before speaking or asking questions of staff, presenters, and public. As a courtesy, the chair shall allow an opportunity, by the commissioner who has the floor, to ask immediate follow-up questions.
- A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum and be necessary for the transaction of business.
- All board meeting notices are publicized in accordance with public meeting laws.
- All board meetings shall commence with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The chair will utilize the gavel as needed to maintain order, commence and adjourn meetings, and signal approval of motions.
- The board reserves the right to recess to executive session as may be required at any time during these meetings, pursuant to ORS 192.660(1).
- The courthouse is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with hearing visual, or manual impairments who wish to participate in the meeting, contact (503) 842-3403 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate communications assistance can be arranged.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Providing public comment is an opportunity for constituents to be heard and express their views to the board.
- The board allows public comment at board meetings during the public comment period designated on the agenda.
- Comments are limited to one per person and per agenda item.
- Comments must be related to the agenda item(s) previously registered to comment on.
- The allotted time for public comments is two minutes per person; this time may not be allotted to another speaker. The chair may, at their sole discretion, further limit or expand the amount of time.
- The public comment opportunity is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between the speaker and the board, which may or may not respond.
- Members of the public do not have the right to disrupt the meeting; the board may prohibit demonstrations such as booing, hissing, or clapping.
- Remarks containing hate speech, profanity, obscenity, name calling or personal attacks, defamation to a person, people, or organization, or other remarks the board deems inappropriate will not be allowed.
- Failure to follow all rules and procedures may result in not being able to provide public comment and/or being removed from the meeting.

In-Person Procedures

- Sign in before the meeting begins and indicate your desire to provide public comment and which agenda item you would like to comment on. When your name is announced, please come forward to the table placed in front of the dais and for the record, first identify yourself, area of residence, and organization represented, if any.

Virtual Procedures

- Register by sending an email to publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the board meeting. The email must contain all of the following information:
 - Full name, area of residence, and phone number.
 - Agenda item(s), you wish to comment on.
- Once registered, and before the start of the meeting, board staff will email a Microsoft Teams meeting link.
- When logged in to the meeting you must remain muted with your camera off until your name is called, then you unmute and turn on your camera.
- The chair may require those providing virtual comment to turn on their camera while providing comment or testimony.

Written Procedures

- Written comments may be mailed to 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141 or emailed to: publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us.
- Written comments received by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the board meeting will be distributed to the board and posted online. All written comments submitted become part of the permanent public meeting record.

AGENDAS

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CALL TO ORDER: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 8:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Board of Commissioners' Roll Call
2. Adventist Health Tillamook
3. Coastal Caucus
4. Tillamook County Community Health Center
5. Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy
6. Tillamook Family Counseling Center
7. Sheriff's Office
8. Emergency Management
9. Board of Commissioners
10. Cities
 - a. Manzanita
 - b. Nehalem
 - c. Wheeler
 - d. Rockaway Beach
 - e. Garibaldi
 - f. Bay City
 - g. Tillamook
 - h. South County

ADJOURN

MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Non-Agenda Items

LEGISLATIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE

5. Discussion and Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Tillamook, Tillamook Family Counseling Center, and Tillamook County Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team Regarding the 2021-2023 Children's Advocacy Center Fund (CAC) State Grant Program/Matt Kelly, Undersheriff
6. Discussion and Consideration of a Child Abuse Investigation Agreement with Tillamook Family Counseling Center for Fulfillment of the Oregon Department of Justice Agreement for the Provision of Child Abuse Forensic Interviews in Tillamook County/Matt Kelly, Undersheriff
7. Discussion and Consideration of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program CFDA #97.067, Grant No. 22-230/Randy Thorpe, Director, Emergency Management.
8. Discussion and Consideration of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program CFDA #97.067, Grant No. 22-243/Randy Thorpe, Director, Emergency Management
9. Discussion and Consideration of a Tenth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2021-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement #169528 for the Financing of Public Health Services/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health & Human Services
10. Discussion and Consideration to Authorize Marlene Putman, Tillamook County Health & Human Services Administrator, to sign a Health Resources & Services Administration HRSA-23-030 Grant Application for the Rural Health Network Development Program/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health & Human Services
11. Discussion and Consideration of State of Oregon Department of State Lands Easement No. 63873-EA, S&S Bridge for Property Located at Township 1 North, Range 10 West, Section 23 in Tillamook County, Oregon/Chris Laity, Director, Public Works
12. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution in the Matter of Proclaiming November as "Swiss Cultural Heritage Month" in Tillamook County, Oregon/Nan Devlin, Executive Director, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association

13. Discussion and Consideration of a Letter to Senators and Congresspeople Regarding the Delay of Implementation of the NOAA-NMFS Biological Opinion/Commissioner David Yamamoto
14. Discussion and Consideration of a Letter of Support to Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department for the Sand Lake Recreation Area 2023-2025 ATV Grant Project Proposal/Commissioner David Yamamoto
15. Discussion and Consideration of an Order in the Matter of the Appointment of a Member to the Cloverdale Sanitary District Board/William K. Sargent, County Counsel
16. Board Concerns – Non-Agenda Items
17. Board Announcements

ADJOURN

OTHER MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commissioners will hold a Board Briefing on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022** at **2:00 p.m.** to discuss weekly Commissioner updates. The meeting will be held in the Board of Commissioners' Conference Room 106 in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon. The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#.

Veterans Day is an observed holiday for the County and the Oregon State Circuit Court. All the County offices in the Tillamook County Courthouse and the Tillamook County Library, administrative offices in the Jail and Justice Facility, Public Works Department, Department of Community Development, Surveyor's Office, and the Health and Human Services Department and clinics will be **CLOSED** on **Friday, November 11, 2022**.

The Commissioners will attend the annual Association of Oregon Counties Conference in Eugene from **Monday, November 14, 2022 through Friday, November 18, 2022**.

There is **NO** Commissioners' Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16, 2022** at **9:00 a.m.** and **NO** Board Briefing scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

The Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) teleconference will be held on **Monday, November 21, 2022** at **12:00 p.m.** The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID: 113 785 794#.

Thanksgiving Day is an observed holiday for the County and the Oregon State Circuit Court. All the County offices in the Tillamook County Courthouse and the Tillamook County Library, administrative offices in the Jail and Justice facility, Public Works Department, Department of Community Development, Surveyor's Office, and the Health and Human Services Department and clinics will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, November 24, 2022** and **Friday, November 25, 2022**.

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

PLEASE PRINT

Item of Interest

Matt Kelly
 Nan DeKlin nan@tillamookcoast.com Tourism
 Will Cheppell headlightreporter@countrymedia.net
 Tassi Owen Nov 2022 Election
 Amy Blackburn amy@tillamookcoast.com Tourism

(Please use reverse if necessary)

TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-IN SHEET

PLEASE PRINT

[illegible]

[Home](#) » [Grants](#) » [Find Grant Funding](#) » Rural Health Network Development Program

Apply for a Grant

Find Grant Funding

Determine Eligibility

Prepare Your Application

Follow the Application Process

Track Your Application

Manage your Grant

Become a Grant Reviewer

Frequently Asked Questions

Rural Health Network Development Program

About the program

Funding Opportunity Number: **HRSA-23-030**

Dates to Apply: **08/22/2022 to 11/22/2022**

Bureau/Office: **Federal Office of Rural Health Policy**

Status: **Open** ☑

Estimated Award Date: **07/01/2023**

Apply on Grants.gov

Track Your Application

Email Us

This notice announces the opportunity to apply for funding under the Rural Health Network Development (RHND) Program. The purpose of the RHND Program is to support integrated health care networks who collaborate to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of basic health care services and associated health outcomes; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

HRSA intends for the RHND Program to address gaps in service, enhance systems of care, and expand capacity of the local rural health care system. The RHND program was created in response to the need for rural providers to address changes taking place in the health care sector in order to better serve their rural communities. Furthermore, integrated health care networks are an important component of health care service delivery and system reform. Many rural providers have historically worked together to address these challenges by creating networks that foster collaboration and coordination, and address structural challenges inherent in rural health care delivery, resulting in reduced burden and costs on the rural health care system. The RHND Program will focus on the following four program domains: I.) Improve access: by addressing gaps in care, workforce shortages, better workflows and/or improving the quality of health care services II.) Expand capacity and services: by creating effective systems through the development of knowledge, skills, structures, and leadership models III.) Enhance outcomes: by improving patient and/or network development outcomes through expanding or strengthening the network's services, activities or interventions IV.) Sustainability: by positioning the network to prepare for sustainable health programs through value-based care and population health management. The RHND Program encourages innovative strategies to address health care needs identified by local communities and supports rural communities in preparing for changes within the evolving health care landscape. The program creates an opportunity for rural health networks to work collaboratively to adapt to the emerging trends in rural healthcare, and meet the unique needs of the rural communities they serve. While the RHND Program provides the opportunity for community specific programs, applicants

should consider addressing the key priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) within their programs: readiness for the next public health emergency, health equity, mental health, and value-based care.¹ The program encourages applicants to include populations that have historically suffered from poorer health outcomes, health disparities, and other inequities, as compared to the rest of the rural population. Examples of these populations include, but are not limited to, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless populations, pregnant women, disabled individuals, youth and adolescents, etc. HRSA recommends your network members consist of a broad array of organizations from both traditional and non-traditional health care entities. Diverse network members may include cross-sector entities such as behavioral health organizations, critical access hospitals, rural health clinics, community-based and social service organizations, colleges and universities and tribal organizations. Using the strength of diverse membership, the network should consider its service delivery approach to addressing pertinent rural health issues, such as hospital bypass rates and value-based care, in order to meet the program domains and effect long-term change.

Systems of Care Approach One way applicants can improve access and enhance outcomes is through creating a systems of care approach. For the purposes of this program, systems of care is defined as a service delivery approach that uses community partnerships to create a coordinated array of broad and flexible services. The network, led by a core set of principles and values, will work together with the community to create or improve upon equitable systems, workflows and strategies to improve health outcomes (more information can be found in the background section).

Who can apply

Eligible applicants include domestic public or private, non-profit or for-profit entities, including faith-based, community-based, tribes and tribal organizations. The applicant organization may be located in a rural or urban area, but must have demonstrated experience serving, or the capacity to serve, rural underserved populations. The applicant organization should describe in detail their experience and/or capacity to serve rural populations in the Project Abstract section of the application. The applicant organization may not previously have received an RHND award (other than a grant for planning activities) for the same or a similar project. However, existing recipients that (1) seek to expand services or expand their service areas, (2) include new or additional

network member organizations, or (3) target a new population or new focus area are eligible to apply.

Contact Us

Jillian Causey

jcausey@hrsa.gov

3014431493

[Back to Listing](#)

Grants Toolbox

Apply for a Grant

- [Determine Eligibility](#)
- [Complete Mandatory Registrations](#)
- [Find Grant Funding](#)
- [Prepare Your Application](#)
- [Track Your Application](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Contact Us

Contact HRSA

1-877-464-4772

(TTY: 877-897-9910)

M - F | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

(except holidays)

Contact Grants.gov

Call 800-518-4726

Email grants.gov support

Report Fraud

Submit a Complaint

Call: 1-800-HHS TIPS

(1-800-447-8477)

(TTY: 1-800-377-4950)

Become a Grant Reviewer

- Register as a HRSA grant reviewer
- Learn about the grant review process

Return to top

Sign up for email updates.

Subscribe

Find a Medically Underserved Area

Search the data

About HRSA

Bureaus & Offices

Budget

Strategic Plan

[Working at HRSA](#)

[About HRSA](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Accessibility](#)

[Disclaimers](#)

[Freedom of Information Act](#)

[Health and Human Services](#)

[No FEAR Act](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[USA.gov](#)

[Viewers & Players](#)

[Vulnerability Disclosure Policy](#)

[WhiteHouse.gov](#)

Language Assistance

[Deutsch](#)

[English](#)

[Español](#)

[Français](#)

[Italiano](#)

[Kreyòl Ayisyen](#)

[Polski](#)

[Português](#)

[Tagalog](#)

[Tiếng Việt](#)

[Русский](#)

[العربية](#)

[فارسی](#)

[日本語](#)

[繁體中文](#)

[한국어](#)



Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141

Phone: 503-842-3403

TTY Oregon Relay Service

David Yamamoto, Chair

Erin D. Skaar, Vice-Chair

Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner

November 9, 2022

Senator Jeff Merkley
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Cliff Bentz
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Suzanne Bonamici
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Kurt Schrader
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Earl Blumenauer
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative De Fazio
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators and Congresspeople,

We are writing as representatives of Oregon Counties to request your help in delaying implementation of the NOAA-NMFS Biological Opinion now part of the National Flood Insurance Program in the State of Oregon (Oregon NFIP BiOp or BiOp) (NWR-2011-3197). This Oregon BiOp concludes that FEMA's implementation of the NFIP in Oregon is causing jeopardy to numerous ESA-listed fish species and/or the destruction or adverse modification to their designated critical habitat in Oregon.

We are writing to you now to ask for your help. Efforts to implement this BiOp have been ongoing for more than 6 years. Over that time, FEMA and NMFS have rolled out three different implementation plans – none of which address the fundamental errors and deficiencies in the BiOp's analysis and conclusions. Amongst those errors and deficiencies are the BiOp's failure to consider existing regulations and programs in Oregon that address and/or mitigate many of the concerns laid out in the BiOp.

FEMA has not adequately engaged local governments in the discussion of development of these new rules. FEMA has not considered how local governments are already acting to protect endangered species and their habitats, and instead has proposed "one size fits all", top-down mandates about how local governments must require ESA compliance. Nor will FEMA allow credit for existing regulatory floodplain programs and habitat restoration projects. FEMA will expect local governments

to implement these new standards, so local government should be directly and substantially involved in their development. In addition, local governments do not have the resources for implementation of these standards yet will be held responsible for insufficient administration of this program.



Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141

Phone: 503-842-3403

TTY Oregon Relay Service

David Yamamoto, Chair

Erin D. Skaar, Vice-Chair

Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner

The consequences of not following this BiOp are extreme...suspension from NFIP, loss of the availability of NFIP policies, and no consideration for disaster relief funding. In addition, local governments will be faced with issues of property takings and inverse condemnation claims. The expense of defending against these claims will be financially devastating to local government and will ultimately undermine participation of the NFIP. Equally worrisome, many of the program changes that FEMA has signaled will become mandatory, are inconsistent with existing Oregon land use priorities and programs and threaten the viability of many of our communities. FEMA has never been a regulatory agency, yet this BiOp mandates they become one.

Implementation of this BiOp has hung like a cloud over the head of Oregon communities for 6 years, with counties and property owners unsure of what rules apply to their communities, and of the potential consequences of proceeding with projects now that FEMA or NMFS may deem violations later. Farmers, in particular, are concerned that implementation of the restrictions set forth in the BiOp will be the final nail in the coffin of their viability.

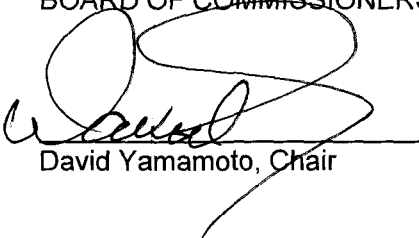
FEMA now says that it will start a NEPA process to evaluate the environmental impacts of the latest implementation plan. This process will almost certainly take another three to five years, all the while counties are left wondering about the potential consequences and hampered in their ability to plan for their futures. At the same time, FEMA has started a parallel effort at the national level that seems likely to lead to wholly different results than what has been threatened in Oregon.

We need your help. Please add or support language in the December Omnibus bill that will delay the implementation of this BiOp in Oregon until the national approach is resolved. Congressman DeFazio has been a champion on this issue, but we need additional support. We also need your help asking FEMA and NMFS to allow NFIP participating communities – the cities and counties that FEMA will expect to implement the results of their planning – to participate directly and continuously in the development of any nationwide approach to integrating the ESA into the NFIP. Otherwise – as is the case with the Oregon BiOp – FEMA and NMFS will once again develop a plan that does not work for the communities that are required to implement it. The NFIP is unique amongst federal environmental programs. While the insurance program is operated federally, the burden of implementing the NFIP's development regulations is put on local planners whose jurisdictions participate in the NFIP. This is a unique circumstance which warrants a unique approach.

Please help us to remove the cloud created by the Oregon NFIP BiOp over our heads.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON



David Yamamoto, Chair



Erin D. Skaar, Vice-Chair



Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner



Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141

Phone: 503-842-3403

TTY Oregon Relay Service

David Yamamoto, Chair

Erin D. Skaar, Vice-Chair

Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner

November 9, 2022

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department

RE: Sand Lake Recreation Area 2023-2025 ATV Grant Project Proposal for Operations and Maintenance

Dear ATV Committee Members,

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners wish to express support for Oregon State Parks and Recreation ATV grant funding towards the safe operations of the Sand Lake Recreation Area.

The Sand Lake Recreation area draws many local, Pacific Northwest, and international visitors. We appreciate the collaborative relationship between the Siuslaw National Forest, Hebo Ranger District, and our Tillamook County Sheriff and Public Works Departments to provide emergency services and to improve local county roads. The opportunities for visitors to enjoy the Sand Lake Recreation Area's beautiful estuary and sand dune environments, increases the welcoming nature of Tillamook County.

Thank you for considering the continuation of ATV grant funding for the Sand Lake Recreation Area. Our local businesses greatly benefit from the recreational resource these public lands provide. Plus, the wellness activities and access to nature experienced at the Sand Lake Recreation Area as part of everyday living, align with the values of Tillamook County.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

A large, stylized signature of David Yamamoto, consisting of a large loop and a long, sweeping underline.

David Yamamoto, Chair

A signature of Erin D. Skaar, featuring a large, stylized 'E' and 'S'.

Erin D. Skaar, Vice-Chair

A signature of Mary Faith Bell, featuring the letters 'MF' followed by 'Bell'.

Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner