



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Lane Council of Governments
Park Place Building, 859 Willamette Eugene, 5th Floor
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* Denotes Packet Attachment

Items in Support of the Board of Directors

1. **February 24 Board Meeting** Handout

A tentative agenda for the Board of Directors February meeting will be distributed for discussion. Additional topics can be added to the list, as Committee members see fit.
2. **Agency Communications Plan, Status Report**

A report will be made on the selection of a communications consultant and the contract and work plan for the development of a Communications Plan over the next several months. The Committee is asked to discuss the proposed plan. No Committee action is required.
3. **Regional Voice**

The Committee is asked to reflect and provide guidance on the Regional Voice initiative. Issues include what the agency can or should do in terms of regional advocacy *during* the legislative session, and how to clearly distinguish between the Regional Voice positions and LCOG advocacy—the former requiring a consensus of the membership and the latter requiring only a majority vote of the Board (or Executive Committee).
- 4.* **Possible Support for the Federal EDA, CDBG and USDA Rural Devel.**

In the coming weeks, federal budget cutters will be particularly targeting several programs of proven value to local government. In the House, cuts of some \$60 billion in the current federal fiscal year are likely to be proposed. Among those on “the block” will be job creation and infrastructure development (grant-giving) programs like EDA’s Public Works program and

HUD's CDBG program. While it is unlikely that the Senate or the Administration will support the severe cuts being discussed in the House, national associations are urging advocacy directed toward the appropriations process to preserve budgetary baselines for programs important to local government. For LCOG to communicate on this (or any) issue, Executive Committee or Board approval is needed. Attached is an "action alert" received from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). LCOG is not a member, but we receive their materials. Under this item, the Committee will be asked to consider endorsing a communication with our delegation, expressing support for the continuation and funding of programs designed to assist local governments in economic and community development efforts.

5.* Appointments to the Lane Economic Committee

By the attached memo, the LEC is seeking four re-appointments and one new appointment. It is suggested that the Executive Committee consider the LEC's recommendation and, as appropriate, provide its endorsement. With that action, the appointments can be handled by the Board on February 24 under the Consent Agenda.

6. Appreciation Dinner

Under this item, the Committee will be asked to provide feedback on the January 27 Appreciation Dinner. What should the agency do differently?

Information Items

- 7. Metzger Participation on State Health System Reform Committee**
- 8. Sustainable Communities Grant Contract, Revised Scope of Work**
- 9. Lane ACT Report, First Meeting on February 9**
- 10. Governor's 2011-13 Budget, Presented February 1**

Next Executive Committee Meeting: March 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.