

Committee found:

- 1) There is duplication of membership representatives among the three committees.
- 2) The LEC bylaws, and a lack of project funding and technical assistance opportunities at the LEC meetings, create a situation that is not results oriented.
- 3) That LMP because of the need for confidentiality can not have the open sharing of ideas that occurs at the LEC.

Committee believes:

- 1) That the LEC mission should be an active one, that the goal is to get community projects done and needs met.
- 2) That having a team approach with a wide membership helps with information sharing and prioritizing projects.
- 3) A change in the way the LEC committee operates would be more conducive for communities to get technical assistance and access to funding opportunities.
- 4) The County and LCOG staffs have the technical resources to help with projects, but they are not at the LEC table in a manner in which their time can be directed by management.

Committee Recommends:

- 1) The LEC, rather than acting as an advisory group to LCOG, serves as an advisory committee to the Lane County EDSC.
- 2) This new LEC meet on a quarterly basis with EDSC to share ideas and get direction on funding options and technical assistance.
- 3) The meeting should be attended by County ED staff, LCOG project staff and LMP project staff so that project referrals can be made by the EDSC.
- 4) There be a reporting mechanism from the LCOG Board to the EDSC in order to assure that requests from EDSC to LCOG for technical assistance on behalf of LEC members are followed up on.
- 5) The Cascades West funds currently used to support LEC functions be used to support the functions of the new LEC.

Diagram of Recommendation 1.

