

# Work Plan for the Oregon Task Force

## On Land Use Planning

May 26, 2006

### Phase I: Identify major issues (May-July 2006)

A. Identify major issues of existing land use system based on committee members' expertise (including information shared at a brainstorming session at the March 20, 2006 meeting and comments at subsequent meetings); recent survey information provided in May 10, 2006 meeting (and other surveys as relevant); invited testimony in May 24, 2006; other articles and reports; outreach to the public and interested parties, public comments, and discussion by the Task Force with interested persons.

B. Develop a tentative budget (staff).

C. Set Task Force "ground rules" for how members and staff will conduct Phase II(A) and (B); e.g., rights and responsibilities to one another, etc.

#### ❖ **Completion Date of Phase I: July 2006 (Retreat)**

### Phase II: Frame the issues (July-December 2006)

Phase II(A): Frame the issues and identify possible options for solutions, including identification of tradeoffs embedded in possible solutions

A. Develop one sentence description of each topic. Chair to assign two Task Force members as liaisons to each topic at the July Retreat. Rely on the expertise of Task Force members and their interest areas to make the assignments.

B. To conduct this work, the liaisons will, as to each issue:

1. Assess existing information resources via a bibliography of reports and research and surveys (staff).

2. Analyze existing conditions.

a. Retain neutral and independent consultants (perhaps out-of-state) or form a technical advisory committee (or both) as necessary to assist in describing existing conditions pertinent to the topic at hand.

3. Analyze and outline trends if helpful in framing the relevant issue.
    - a. Retain neutral and independent consultants or form a technical advisory committee (or both) to identify trends as necessary.
  4. Develop possible solutions and tradeoffs.
    - a. Retain neutral (perhaps out-of-state) consultants or form a technical advisory committee (or both) as necessary to assist in identifying solutions and tradeoffs on various issues.
  5. The liaisons should evaluate their need for staff and consultants but the need should be specific to the issue at hand rather than overarching.
  6. The liaisons will present a neutral draft written statement of each issue with possible options for solutions identified and analysis of the tradeoffs. The statement of the issue will not include or suggest a recommended solution, but will only identify a range of possible solutions and tradeoffs involved in each solution.
  7. Full Task Force meets as a group to review and provide revisions to the written statements of issues with solutions and tradeoffs.
- C. Consider public meetings, hearings, and other outreach for the remainder of Phase II to vet and receive comment on the issues identified and to consider other issues.

### Phase II(B): Determine whether or not recommendations to the 2007 Legislature are feasible to produce

- A. Phases I and II are drafted on the assumption that the Task Force is on schedule to make its recommendations to the Governor and Legislature in advance of the 2009 Legislative Session. However, some Task Force members have suggested that the door be open to some limited recommendations which could be possible in advance of the 2007 Legislative Session. At some point during Phase II, but no later than the November 2006 Task Force meeting, the Task Force would need to decide whether or not such advance recommendations are desirable and feasible on a shortened timeframe, or whether the Task Force should continue with the original intent of reporting all recommendations as a comprehensive package for the 2009 Legislative Session.

### Phase II(C): Progress report for Legislature

- A. A combined statement of the issues with possible options for solutions and possible tradeoffs from Phase II (A and B) will be summarized in a Progress

Report delivered to the Governor, the 2007 Legislative Assembly, and the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

❖ **Completion date of Phase II: December 2006**

Phase III: Conduct targeted outreach to garner stakeholder and public reaction on specific topics (2007)

- A. Conduct public outreach using the statement of issues, possible solutions and tradeoffs developed in Phase II(A). The outreach would be organized around specific questions and issues and would include the framing of tradeoffs, NOT open ended generalities.

The Task Force will conduct the following activities:

1. **General public outreach.** The Task Force will host public hearings throughout the state based on geographic diversity. Desirable to have at least two Task Force members attend each meeting. The Task Force may conduct a survey (web, telephone, or mailed) to explore public opinion about those tradeoffs using the statement of issues, options for solutions and tradeoffs.
2. **Focus groups.** Identify and target individuals that use the system or have an interest in the system, such as local government officials (both elected and staff), state employees (including but not limited to the Department of Land Conservation and Development), business owners and managers, land use attorneys, planners (both private and public), builders/developers (both commercial/industrial and residential), neighborhood activists, environmentalists, private property rights advocates, farmers, and forest products industry representatives.
  - a. The Task Force Chair should make assignments to each Task Force member to a target group based on expertise.
  - b. Each Task Force member to be responsible for one or more target groups and would prepare the report after each target group.
3. **Consider other outreach as necessary.** i.e., major summer activities; interactive website; radio advertising; media contact; and other activities.

❖ **Completion Date of Phase III: December 2007**

Phase IV: Assemble information from outreach efforts, prepare a report regarding the findings, and Task Force debate on recommendations for solutions (JANUARY-OCTOBER 2008)

- A. Prepare final recommendations and consider additional outreach.

❖ **Completion Date of Phase IV: October 2008**

Phase V: Promote recommendations to the Governor and Legislature before the 2009 Legislature (OCTOBER 2008-JUNE 2009)

- A. Task Force will undertake the following actions:
  - 1. Consider need for legislative counsel or other legal experts to draft proposed legislation based on the recommendations of the Task Force;
  - 2. Meet with legislators, members of the press, and stakeholders to promote recommendations.

❖ **Completion Date of Phase V: June 2009**