

**General Discussion: May 17, 2016**

**1:30 p.m. – BCC Conference Room**

Commissioners Cheryl Walker, Keith Heck, and Simon G. Hare; Terri Wharton, Recorder

Chair Cheryl Walker called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Pre Fire Season Meeting (Hall)**

Attendees: Jenny Hall, Emergency Services Manager; Lang Johnson, Fire Defense Board Chief; Dave Larson and Tyler McCarty, Oregon Department of Forestry; John Karnes, Ashland Fire; Austin Prince, Rural Metro Fire; and Dennis Hoke, Illinois Valley Fire

Jenny Hall, Emergency Services Manager, distributed **Exhibit 1 – Jackson/Josephine County FDBC / ODF /BOC Meetings**.

Lang Johnson, Fire Defense Board Chief, thanked the Board for sponsoring the meeting. Lang mentioned the areas classified as unprotected are the areas the Fire Defense Board is responsible for and their first contact with the County would be through Jenny Hall, Emergency Services Manager. Lang discussed the procedures for when a fire grows to the point of outstripping mutual aid resources and continues to grow, that is when the Fire Defense Board would be in contact with the State to do mobilization and a conflagration request.

Dave Larson, Oregon Department of Forestry, discussed the importance of relationships with homeowners, the Board of Commissioners, etc. and that communications is key. He gave a report on ODF's fire equipment that would be available and hosted in Medford this year.

Commissioner Hare suggested the County host a training session for the many newly hired managers and specifically asked Dave and Lang to be in contact with Sarah Wright, Parks Manager. He also suggested they have the same conversations with the School Districts.

- 2. Other** (*ORS 192.640(1) “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects”.*)

Nothing reported.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

**EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit 1 – Jackson/Josephine County FDBC / ODF /BOC Meetings**

EXHIBIT 1  
General  
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# AGENDA

Jackson/Josephine County FDBC / ODF / BOC Meetings  
May 17<sup>th</sup> & May 24<sup>th</sup> - 2016

## **Purpose:**

Open discussion and information sharing regarding; the activation of local fire service mutual-aid resources; the request and activation of State mobilization resources and requests for Conflagration; fires in the unprotected areas; and agency roles.

## **Introductions / Attendees:**

Board County Commissioners

County Manager

Josephine / Jackson County FDB Chiefs

Fire Chiefs

Emergency Manager

Oregon Department of Forestry

## **Agency Information:**

- Fire Defense Board – Lang/John
- Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association – Lang/John
- Oregon State Fire Marshal - Lang
- Oregon Department of Forestry – Dave/Lee/Tyler
- County Emergency Management – Sara/Jenny

## **Fire Event:**

- Local Fire Chief / FDBC Role
- OSFM Role
  - Mobilization
  - Conflagration
  - Delegation of Authority
  - Unprotected Area Issues
- ODF Role
- Emergency Manager / Co. Manager / BOC Role
  - FEMA/Declaration of Emergency

## **OSFM Mobilization Plan website:**

[http://www.oregon.gov\OSP\SFM\pages\oregon\\_mob\\_plan.ASPX](http://www.oregon.gov\OSP\SFM\pages\oregon_mob_plan.ASPX)