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## Port of The Dalles Commission to Hold Meeting

The Port of The Dalles will hold a Board of Commissioners Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at The Port of The Dalles Administration Office, 3636 Klindt Dr., The Dalles, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM. The Commission will dine at Zim's Brau Haus before the meeting.

The meeting will address the main topics as follows (tentative agenda attached):

1. Wetlands Plan Application
2. Marina Update
3. Staff Updates

Also, the Port Commission will convene in Executive Session under the provisions of ORS 192-660 (2) (e,f,h i). This may include discussion of real property transactions and privileged legal communication. Media representatives are instructed not to report or disclose matters discussed in executive session.

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**PORT OF THE DALLES**  
**January 13, 2016**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**7:00PM – Port of The Dalles Office**

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. AGENDA CORRECTIONS or ADDITIONS
- D. VISITOR BUSINESS (For items not already on the agenda)
- E. EXECUTIVE SESSION (as allowed by ORS 192.660 (2) (e) (f) (h)) This will include discussion of real property transactions, legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation and privileged legal communication. Media representatives are instructed not to report or disclose matters discussed in executive session.
- F. DECISIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
- G. PORT CALENDAR/EVENTS
- H. ACTION ITEMS:
  - 1. December 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - 2. January 5, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes
  - 3. December 2015 Financial Report
  - 4. Wetlands AARP/RGP Plan Application
  - 5. Marina Management Discussion
- I. STAFF REPORT
  - 1. Staff Report
  - 2. Development Update
  - 3. Marina Update
  - 4. Reports of Committees
    - Urban Renewal – Weast
    - Chamber of Commerce –Griffith
    - Wasco County EDC –Klaas
    - Community Outreach Team - Klaas
- J. DECISIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
- K. COMMISSION CALL
  - a. President
  - b. Other Commissioner business

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS / DATES:**

February 6-8, 2015 – SDAO Annual Conference, Eugene, Oregon  
February 11, 2015 - Port Commission Meeting, Port office, 7:00pm



# January 2016

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3	4 10:00 AM Transportation Forum: Gov. Brown invite 3:30 PM Bill Dick RE: LOI	5 CES projects due 12:00 PM Audit Presentation 2:00 PM Roger Kline - new Director at PUD	6	7 8:30 AM BIC GROUP MEETING 9:00 AM Connect Mid-Columbia	8 7:00 AM Chamber Econ. Dev 3:00 PM Pick up Chad	9
10 8:30 AM KHR Radio	11 11:00 AM Terry Gilbert	12 10:30 AM NWFPA Booth 5:00 PM Port Meeting	13	14 8:00 AM City Manager Tour: David and Andrea 9:00 AM City Manager Interviews/tour	15 10:00 AM KODL Coffee Break	16 ALK out 7:55 AM Flight to Boston
17 ALK out	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 11:00 AM SDIA Trust Nominating Committee	21	22 12:00 PM COT	23 2:10 PM Flight to Portland
24	25	26	27	28 1:00 PM NORCOR meeting	29	30
31	1 Groundhog Day	2 SDAO Annual Conference Sun River 12:00 AM SDIS Trustee Meeting	3 8:30 AM BIC GROUP MEETING	4	5	6

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# February 2016

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## PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: H -1/2.) Meeting Minutes

Background:

1. December 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. January 5, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Staff Recommendation: Motion to approve Meeting Minutes as presented.

Fiscal Impact: None

**PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2013**  
**Port of The Dalles**

The Regular Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Bob McFadden at 7:05PM

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Bob McFadden, Greg Weast, David Griffith, Kristi McCavic, Mike Courtney

Staff: Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Michael Held, Assistant Project Manager; Angie Wilson, Bookkeeper; Bill Dick, Attorney

Guests: Families of Commission and Staff

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner McFadden

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS or ADDITIONS**

None at this time

**PORT CALENDAR/EVENTS**

Provided in drop box for review. No discussion.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion to approve the November 13, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes and November 21, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. M/G.Weast, S/M.Courtney. Motion approved unanimously.**

**FINANCIALS**

**Motion to table the November Financial discussion until the January, 2014 meeting. M/M.Courtney, S/G.Weast. Motion approved unanimously.**

**STAFF REPORT**

1. *Monthly Highlights* – Andrea Klaas provided report in meeting packet. Nothing to add.
2. *Development Update*: Michael Held provided report in meeting packet. Nothing to add.
3. *Marina Update*: Kathy Norton provided report in meeting packet. Nothing to add.
4. *Reports of Committees*:
  - a) Urban Renewal – Commissioner McFadden reported on recent City Council action. Discussion on concerns with City Council actions in opposition to advisory committee recommendations.

**Motion to direct Executive Director to prepare a letter to the Urban Renewal Committee that the Port has some concerns about action taken regarding the Granada block development. The full Commission will sign the letter. M/M.Courtney, S/G.Weast. Motion approved unanimously.**

**COMMISSION CALL**

1. President: Commissioner McFadden thanked the Commissioners for a good year. The ability to discuss, disagree and then reach a consensus is a valuable tool for the Port. Merry Christmas
2. Commissioners: Merry Christmas, thank you to staff for the work on the Christmas party.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.**

**PORT OF THE DALLES:**

**ATTEST:**

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Bob McFadden, President  
Board of Commissioners

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David Griffith, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED:

Prepared by: K.Norton

**PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION**  
**Special Meeting – Audit Presentation**  
**January 5, 2016**  
**Port of The Dalles Conference Room**

The Special Meeting of the Port Commissioners was convened by Vice President Greg Weast at 12:00PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Greg Weast, David Griffith, Kristi McCavic, Mike Courtney (12:10)

Staff: Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Kathy Norton, Assistant to the Executive Director; Kathy Ursprung, Marketing & Communications; Angie Wilson, Bookkeeper

Guests: Nate Reagan

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Griffith

**AUDIT PRESENTATION:**

Nate Reagan of Friend and Reagan reviewed the 2014-15 Port of The Dalles audit

**ACTION ITEM:**

Annual Approval of the Investment Policy. Andrea Klaas also requested to invest funds from the sale of the property to Google at Columbia State Bank because the bank's rates are slightly higher than the LGIP is paying. RS 294.135(1)(a) allows the Port to do this through the Investment policy with needs to be readopted annually.

**MOTION to Readopt the Port Investment Policy and to direct the Executive Director to invest the funds from the sale of the property to Google at Columbia State Bank. M/K.McCavic, S/M.Courtney. Motion approved unanimously.**

12:55PM – In to Executive Session

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (as allowed by ORS 192.660 (2) (e) (f) (h)) This will include discussion of real property transactions, legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation and privileged legal communication. Media representatives are instructed not to report or disclose matters discussed in executive session.

1:20PM – Back to Regular Session

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 1:25PM.PMPM.

**PORT OF THE DALLES:**

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Bob McFadden, President  
Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

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David Griffith, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED:

Prepared by:K.Norton



## PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: H-3.) Financials

Background:

1. December 2015 Financials Reports

Financials will be posted in Dropbox.

Staff Recommendation: Motion to approve Financials as presented.

Fiscal Impact: None

## PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: H-4.) Wetlands AARP/RGP Plan Application

### Background:

This application is the culmination of the Regional General Wetlands Permit process that has been under way for two years. A copy is included in Drop Box for your review (Port Packet>Meeting Packets>2015-16). The introduction plus chapters 1-3 and 10 offer key information about the process (1-3) and the implementation responsibilities (10) the Port would incur.

Staff Recommendation: Motion: Move to approve the AARP/RGP Plan Application and direct staff to submit it for approval to the Oregon Department of State Lands and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Fiscal Impact: None

## PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: H-5.) Marina Management Discussion

### Background:

Discussion to clarify if this is a transfer of management to another operator; a transfer of assets to another operator; or if the Commission would consider both options?

OSMB funds were used to develop the launch ramp, launch ramp restrooms, transient moorage and portions of the parking lot. Those portions of the Marina will need to remain under Port ownership unless the ownership/management is transferred to another entity like City, County, Parks, etc.

Staff Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact: None

## PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: I-1.) Staff Report

### Background:

The Oregon Public Employees Union is proposing legislation (IP28) that would impose a tax of \$30,001 + 2.5% on GROSS receipts greater than \$25million on Oregon corporations. Included is a fact sheet on this initiative.

SDAO also sent out an article that appeared in the Capital Bureau that summarizes what's ahead in 2016. It is also included.

Commissioner McFadden was able to meet the Port of Hood River Chairman, Brian Shortt to talk about collaborative efforts between the ports and as a first step, the Port of Hood River will be hosting a meeting and inviting us sometime before the end of the first quarter. As soon as I get dates from them I will let you know.

Commissioner McFadden and I went and visited with Roger Kline, the new PUD Director. He is excited to be back in the area, has worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and seems to be quite enthusiastic. We briefed him on the Community Outreach Team, our desire to have a great relationship with the PUD and our offer to help with PUD issues as we can. After he gets settled a bit I will invite him to a Port dinner so everyone can meet him.

Senator Wyden was in town for a town hall meeting, and the night before the Outreach Team was invited to meet with him over dinner.

Some of the issues that were brought up were:

- Forrest policy- robbing the forest management budget to fight fires; inability to harvest timber; Secure Rural Schools funds

- Education - the fact that D21 has been told it could take a year and half for the State to implement Federal policies that were put in place to offer assistance to D21

- Community Infrastructure - small communities can not meet the Federal financial requirements needed to acquire Federal dollars and they don't have the technical expertise necessary to tackle Federal funding programs...they need more flexibility.

- Affordable Care Act - is working in some instances, not in others...

If I had to summarize the meeting, it was that small, rural communities need flexibility, and the one-size fits all programs designed in DC don't work well as we are trying to innovate.

MCEDD held a Connect Mid-Columbia meeting to talk about Gorge wide transportation issues. The good outcomes from this were: Both ODOT and WSDOT were at the table together; there is Gorge wide recognition that the Gorge is one economy; everyone agreed that somehow OR, WA and the Feds needs to give the border communities the ability to use grant dollars across State lines and create efficient transportation systems without duplication and we need to continue to work together to leverage the dwindling pots of money to complete projects.

We should have our Industrial Site Certification letter by this Port meeting!

# Oregon Government Employee Unions Proposing New \$5 Billion Tax Hike – Largest in State History

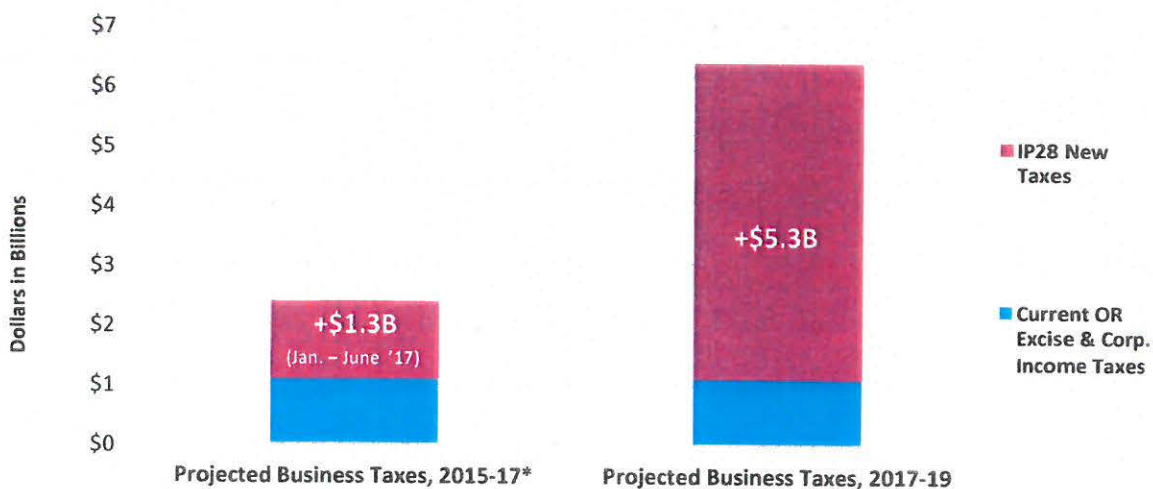
Oregon’s government employee unions are gathering signatures to place Initiative Petition 28 (IP28) on the November 2016 statewide ballot. This measure would impose a huge new gross receipts tax on hundreds of companies doing business in Oregon. Representing the largest tax increase in state history, IP28 would make Oregon one of the worst states in the nation for doing business. This deeply flawed measure would damage our economy, threaten jobs, and increase prices for almost everything Oregon businesses and consumers buy.

## New Tax on Gross Sales, Not Profits

Under IP28, all C-corporations with Oregon sales in excess of \$25 million would be subject to a new minimum tax rate of \$30,001, *plus* 2.5% of gross Oregon sales over \$25 million annually. Because it’s a tax on *gross sales* – not on profits – businesses would be forced to pay the tax regardless of whether they make a large profit, small profit, or no profit at all. That would unfairly punish hundreds of businesses with high sales and low profit margins, such as grocery stores, construction businesses, automobile dealers, restaurants, pharmacies, hardware and other retail stores, and many others.<sup>1</sup>

## Largest Tax Increase in State History

The nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office has estimated that IP28 would increase taxes on companies doing business in Oregon by an additional \$5.3 billion per two-year budget cycle. That’s nearly *five times* what they currently pay in excise and income taxes.<sup>2</sup> And when compared to the state’s current General Fund budget of \$18 billion, IP28 represents an almost 30% increase – the largest tax increase in state history.



Source: Estimate by Legislative Revenue Office, July 2015  
\*Tax becomes effective Jan, 1, 2017.

<sup>1</sup> Mikesell, John L. "Gross Receipts Taxes in State Government Finance: A Review of Their History and Performance." *Tax Foundation Background Paper, No. 53* (January 31, 2007).

<sup>2</sup> "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast." *Dept. of Administrative Services' Office of Economic Analysis* (Sept. 2015).

### Damages Our Economy, Threatens Jobs

IP28 would make Oregon one of the most difficult states in the country to do business – and could drive companies with narrow profit margins into the red, out of the state, or out of business. It would particularly hurt startup companies – such as those in the software sector – that typically don't see profits for their first several years. These companies are among the fastest-growing sectors of the economy, and provide thousands of high-paying jobs. IP28 threatens to derail Oregon's ongoing economic recovery and would make local Oregon businesses less competitive.

### Higher Prices for Oregon Businesses and Consumers

This \$5.3 billion tax hike would become a new cost of doing business in Oregon – not just for our state's largest employers and their customers, but also for Oregon small businesses and consumers. Because it is a tax on gross sales, this new tax scheme works like a hidden sales tax – only worse, because it is a "tax on a tax" that is compounded in each step in the supply chain. By the time a product reaches a consumer, it may have been taxed four or more times, yielding a de-facto sales tax rate that's far higher than it appears on the surface.



IP28 would force local businesses to pass on the costs of the tax in the form of higher prices for everyday consumer items – even those that would be exempted from a traditional sales tax. That means Oregon consumers, small businesses and families would pay more for electricity, phone, gas and cable TV bills – as well as for clothing, food, medicines and many services. This would especially impact low-income Oregonians. Research has shown that taxes like IP28 unfairly hurt those who can least afford to pay.<sup>3</sup>

### Join Our Coalition to Oppose IP28's Damaging Tax Scheme

A broad-based coalition of both large and small Oregon businesses, taxpayers, consumers, organizations and community leaders from across the state is organizing to oppose IP28. Your support is vital to help ensure we can defeat this extreme proposal. To join our coalition, or for more information, please contact us at (877) 575-9950. Thank you!

#### Wild Card: Personal Income Tax Measures

IP28 proponents have also filed two measures for the Nov. 2016 ballot that would increase personal income tax rates in Oregon. Either measure would increase tax rates for S-Corps, LLCs, partnerships and individuals at various income levels.

- New Rates under IP24: 10.8% for \$125k+ and 11% for \$250k+
- New Rates under IP26: 11.5% for \$125k+, 13.5% for \$250k+ and 15.5% for \$500k+

Under either measure, Oregon's highest income tax bracket would rank among the highest in the nation – a stark contrast to Washington and Nevada, neighboring states with no state income taxes.

<sup>3</sup> Chamberlain, Andrew and Fleenor, Patrick. "Tax Pyramiding: The Economic Consequences of Gross Receipts Taxes." *Tax Foundation Special Report*, No. 147 (Dec. 2006).

# Political battles loom as lawmakers tackle tough issues in 2016 session

Created on Monday, 28 December 2015 00:00 | Written by [Hillary Borrud](#) and [Paris Achen](#)/Capital Bureau

Decisions on fuel standards, minimum wage and energy tax credits could lead to loggerheads in Salem

SALEM — The New Year will ring in some pivotal policymaking and elections in Oregon that could shape the state's government, economy, quality of life and balance of power.

The Legislature meets for about a month in 2016, but lawmakers still plan to tackle high-profile issues including the minimum wage, child welfare and problems at the Oregon Department of Energy. It also promises to be a year of contentious ballot measures, from a proposed corporate sales tax to a measure aimed at repealing or weakening the state's low-carbon fuel standard.

## Minimum Wage

Four competing Oregon ballot initiative proposals would gradually increase the \$9.25 per hour minimum wage to at least \$13.50, and to as much as \$15.

Some Oregon lawmakers are trying to head off that contest with their own proposal during the 35-day session in February and March.

Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, is spearheading the effort. His proposal would set three minimum wages for the state based on cost of living and median income. Lawmakers have yet to agree on exact amounts to propose, Dembrow said. They are scheduled to meet after the New Year to continue discussions.

Conceptually, the bill would raise the minimum most in the Portland region, where housing costs have skyrocketed. A middle-level minimum would take effect in mid-size cities such as Ashland, Bend and Eugene, while the lowest minimum would apply to less populated coastal and rural communities.

## Corporate tax fight

A union-backed tax measure planned for the November 2016 ballot would require certain corporations to pay a 2.5 percent tax on sales in Oregon greater than \$25 million.

Economists in the Legislative Revenue Office have already projected the corporate sales tax would raise an additional \$2.65 billion annually for the state.

State Sen. Mark Hass, D-Beaverton, said he's heard businesses could spend as much as \$30 million to fight the tax measure, and supporters could spend a similarly large amount.

"You're going to have two months of nasty business on TV and social media," Hass said back in November. "And out of that, a very toxic atmosphere."

Hass hoped to bring together the governor, lawmakers, supporters and opponents of the tax to broker an alternative revenue measure which the Legislature could pass in 2016. So far, he hasn't had much luck and the outlook for alternative revenue legislation is not good.

"We just need some people to come to the center," Hass said on Dec. 22.

## PERS shortfall

Oregon's unfunded public pension liability roughly doubled this fall, under newly updated actuarial projections. That means the pension fund is now \$18 billion short of the money it is supposed to pay retired school teachers, state workers and other public employees.

The increase is partly due to a decision in April by the Oregon Supreme Court, which struck down a portion of the pension reforms which the Legislature passed in 2013 to trim costs. The state is also paying out more because retirees are living longer, and the pension fund's investment returns have fallen short of expectations since 2014. Gov. Kate Brown and legislative leaders haven't given any indication that they plan to tackle the shortfall in 2016. But they won't be able to avoid the issue when the pension system governing board sets the 2017-2019 contribution rates at the end of September.

By then, election campaigns will be in full swing for governor and legislative seats across the state.

If lawmakers and the governor put off working on the issue until 2017, they will only have a few months to agree on solutions during that legislative session, before schools and other governments are forced to pay more starting in July 2017. Interest groups plan to begin hammering out potential solutions behind the scenes in 2016, for the governor and Legislature to take up the following year.

## Fuel standard fight

Oregon's low-carbon fuel standard, which the Legislature made permanent in 2015, takes effect in January. However, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission recently voted to delay enforcement of the standard until 2018 and opponents of the law have filed three proposed ballot measures to weaken or repeal it in November.

Gov. Kate Brown and lawmakers are closely following the fight, because the outcome could impact the Legislature's ability to pass a funding bill in 2017 to pay for the state's backlog of highway, bridge, transit and other transportation work.

Republicans refused in 2015 to vote for a gas tax increase to pay for transportation projects, unless Democrats agreed to repeal the fuel standard.

The law calls for gasoline and diesel importers and producers to reduce the total carbon emissions from the fuels by up to 10 percent over the next decade.

### **Power battles**

Gov. Kate Brown is unlikely to attract any formidable competition during the 2016 election, according to political analysts.

"The chance of dark horse candidate in the gubernatorial races is zero," said Jim Moore, politics professor at Pacific University and director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation.

But some House and Senate races could tip the scales of power in Salem, Moore said.

Races to watch are in districts that have traditionally swung between Democrat and Republican victories in the past few election cycles, especially seats where incumbents might decide against seeking reelection, he said.

One example is District 40, where Rep. Brent Barton, D-Clackamas County, has decided against seeking reelection.

So far, one Democrat, real estate executive Mark Meek, and no Republicans or Independents have filed for that election, according to the Secretary of State's elections database.

Other potentially interesting races: District 30, held by Rep. Joe Gallegos, D-Hillsboro; District 20 held by Rep. Paul Evans, D-Monmouth; District 29, held by Rep. Susan McLain, D-Forest Grove; District 25 held by Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer; District 51 held by Shemia Fagan, D-Clackamas; and District 52 held by Rep. Mark Johnson, R-Hood River.

"The Oregon Senate is a much more sedate place for elections, but the swing of just three districts puts the Senate in a 15-15 tie for 2017," he said.

### **Child welfare**

Lawmakers plan to take up legislation in 2016 to address some of the problems in the state's child welfare system revealed in stories about the Portland foster care program Give Us This Day and other service providers.

State Sen. Sara Gelser, D-Corvallis, has proposed legislation to tighten licensing and financial regulations on providers and change how the state handles abuse and neglect allegations. Gov. Kate Brown also ordered an outside review of DHS, and the consultant's findings — along with recommendations from a new task force appointed by the governor — could result in additional legislation in 2016.

### **Overhaul or scrap DOE**

After years of news reports about problems at the Oregon Department of Energy, Democratic legislative leaders announced in early December that they will explore in 2016 whether the agency can be fixed or is beyond repair. A new bipartisan committee will look into problems at the agency and issue recommendations and legislation for the full Legislature to take up in 2017.

In June, the Pamplin Media Group/EO Media Group Capital Bureau reported that Department of Energy employees quietly stopped enforcing state price regulations on tax credits intended to incentivize renewable energy and efficiency projects.

The bureau also reported that Oregon Department of Revenue director Jim Bucholz told auditors in 2012 to ignore problems on tax returns where people or corporations used energy tax credits to reduce taxes they owed the state. People and corporations who bought the tax credits for less than their face value were supposed to pay capital gains taxes on difference, but auditors found people weren't reporting the gains or paying the taxes.

A top official at the Department of Energy told certain tax credit recipients and brokers they could ignore state rules, and the agency retroactively changed the rules under pressure from a Portland consulting firm that brokered tax credit deals.

Republican lawmakers in December asked Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, the state's U.S. Attorney, the FBI, the IRS and Marion County District Attorney Walter Beglau to investigate similar allegations by whistleblowers. In a response to the lawmakers, the Oregon Department of Justice asked for details about their allegations.

*Hillary Borrud and Paris Achen are reporters with the Pamplin Media Group/EO Media Group Capital Bureau in Salem.*



# OREGON BUSINESS PLAN FRAMEWORK

## Goal

### Quality Jobs In Every Corner of Oregon

- 25,000 net new jobs per year through 2020
- Per capita income above the national average by 2020
- Reduction of poverty below 10 percent by 2020

## Vision

### Clusters of Innovative, Globally Competitive Industries

Traded-sector businesses drive the Oregon economy. They export products and services outside of Oregon, bringing in fresh dollars that re-circulate through payrolls, employee spending in the local economy, purchases from vendors, and tax revenues that fund critical public services like education. Industries that sell globally are both big and small. These industries tend to cluster based on access to shared resources, talent, suppliers, and other factors. The diversity of our traded-sector clusters is illustrated below.

#### Advanced Manufacturing

- Metals (Primary and Secondary)
- Machinery + Transportation Equip.
- Food Processing
- Defense

#### High Tech

- Computer and Electronics Equipment
- Software
- Education Technology + Services
- Biotechnology

#### Natural Resources

- Forestry and Wood Products
- Agriculture Products
- Wine/Winemaking
- Beer/Brewing
- Nursery Products
- Tourism and Hospitality

#### Aviation

- Heavy Lift Helicopters
- Unmanned Aerial Systems
- General Aviation

#### Clean Technology

- Green Building and Design
- Energy Efficiency
- Solar Manufacturing
- Wind Energy Development
- Wave Energy Development
- Environmental Technology + Services
- Electric Vehicles + Green Transportation

#### Footwear, Apparel and Outdoor Gear

#### Creative Industries

## Strategy

### 4Ps for Prosperity – Conditions Essential to Promote High-Wage Job Growth in Oregon

**People:** A talented workforce.

**Productivity:** Quality infrastructure, resource utilization, competitive regulations and business costs.

**Place:** A high quality of life that attracts and retains talented people.

**Pioneering Innovation:** A culture of research, commercialization and innovation in product and process design.

### Long-Term Policy Agenda to Improve the 4Ps

#### Public Services Redesign

- Tie state budget to key outcomes.
- Redesign education and workforce delivery.
- Redesign health care delivery.
- Reform public safety.
- Reform public employee compensation.
- Overhaul revenue system.

#### Jobs Agenda

- Boost innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Expand capital availability.
- Streamline regulation and permitting.
- Ensure industrial land supply and readiness.
- Invest in transportation.
- Secure affordable, reliable energy supply.
- Secure water for agriculture and other uses.
- Increase forest health and timber supplies.

#### Headway

- More jobs
- More and smarter money for schools
- Rural Oregon Investments

#### Headwinds

- Damaging, Costly Ballot Measures
- Transportation Gridlock
- Exploding PERS Costs

# PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: I-2.) Marketing & Communication Update

Background:

## **Land Marketing:**

•Weather and holidays caused cancellation of originally scheduled meeting with our Port businesses. Over the fall, we met with a dozen businesses and made contact with others in pursuit of meetings. Businesses shared concerns about transportation, both local and to market, expansion and supply chain needs and a variety of other topics. We will be resuming these meetings soon, hopefully meeting with leaders of businesses who have slower seasons at this time of year.

•A video aimed at marketing airport and port land is under way. We anticipate the video will be used in the airport lobby and on the Port's website.

## **Wetland AARP/Regional General Permit**

Wetland application work took up a large share of time during December. The completed application is submitted for your approval under an action item on this agenda.

## **Other**

•Additional updates to the Port website continue. Policies, budget, meeting minutes, strategic plan and agendas are now included on the site.

•I am also working some informational documents about the Port as a way to improve understanding of how we operate.

•I am also working to update the Port's project list for Wasco County Economic Development Commission review.

## PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: I-3.) Marina Update

### Background:

Devco has been managing the water system. So far this winter since the Marina went on Winter Water status November 1, 2015 the water system has been off 30 days. The winter water users are being billed for only the days the water is on.

There has been a sighting of a sea lion on the Baker boathouse deck. It is unclear if that sea lion is Ray or one of the others. ODFW is checking the cameras.

Mark Roth and Jerry have been working to get the security camera system upgraded. The weather has kept them off the ladders but they have replaced some of the lower camera with great results. Once they can get up to the higher cameras they will be able to replace them and move the entire system out of the Yacht Club into our boathouse house.

It has been reported that there have been underage drinking parties at a specific boathouse. The boathouse owner has been notified and is cooperating. We will be reviewing the security cameras to see if we can confirm the reports.

Another boathouse owner has been notified that one of their children has listed the Port address with the boathouse number as their permanent address. We found this out when the State of Oregon sent this person a driver's license renewal and the City of Hood River sent parking tickets. Both of these were returned to sender with a letter that the person was using an invalid address.

There were 5 boathouses sold in 2015. At this time we have open moorage space available.

## PORT OF THE DALLES AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: November 13, 2013

Subject: I-4.) Reports of Committees

- a) Urban Renewal – Weast/McCavic/Courtney:
  
- b) Chamber of Commerce – David Griffith:
  
- c) Wasco EDC - Andrea Klaas:
  
- e) COT – Klaas/Weast/McFadden: