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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Keith L. Cubic, Planning Director

RE: Regional Farm & Forest Study Pilot Program Presentation Executive Summary

- Governor's Executive Order #12-07 (EO) authorizes a southwestern Oregon study to consider a variation as to what lands must be planned and zoned for farm and forest use.
- The EO study process will result in a proposal to amend rules and/or goals through an amendment petition process governed by ORS and OAR.
- The state is to fund, monitor and collaborate with local government during the process.
- The EO spells out standards for retention of farm and forest lands and standards to identify other land that may be excluded by a new definition.
- The project (study and rule amendment) will occur over a three year process. No local change will result until the State, LCDC amends existing rules.
- The three southwestern Oregon counties have met with the State (DLCD) to discuss this project and are coordinating on how (or whether) to proceed.
- The study is a project to be controlled by local government, the rule/goal amendment is a process controlled by the State.
- There will be multiple opportunities for public participation in this process both at the local (county and regional level) and state levels.
- This pilot program is a result of coordination between the Governor's office and southwestern Oregon legislators. It is in response to bills proposed in both the 2011 and 2012 legislative sessions.

- ❑ The handout packet for the Board of Commissioners and interested citizens contains background information on this Pilot Project including:
 - ✓ Pilot Program information and notes: the EO, SWPP definitions, Douglas County land use acreages, what's required outline, evaluation criteria, SWPP background, study timeframe and program questions
 - ✓ DLCD & Board of Commissioner's Pilot Program discussion notes, 6/26/12
 - ✓ Southwestern Oregon Counties Pilot Program questions
 - ✓ Pilot Program Grants Pass meeting notes, 6/26/12
 - ✓ ORS 183.390, Petitions requesting adoption (amendment) of rules
 - ✓ OAR 137-001-0070, Petition to Promulgate, Amend, or Repeal Rule
 - ✓ DLCD "opt out" response to Douglas County Board of Commissioners, 7/3/2012

- ❑ Questions?