

# Agenda Item Number 6

## Information from the Executive Director

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

**1. Board Meeting Schedule**

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the City of Florence for hosting this month's meeting. In October, we are trying something brand new. We to be hosted by the City of Oakridge on **Saturday, October 18**. Yes, Saturday! Mayor Hampton will be saying more about the plans for next month's adventure, which will begin at 9:30 with a hosted continental breakfast, followed by our regular monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m—all at Greenwaters Park. After the meeting at about noon, Mayor Hampton has arranged for a hosted lunch, followed by a variety of activities. Family members are invited to join us in Oakridge on October 18.

Our combined November-December meeting will be in Junction City on December 11.

**2. E-mail Communication for "Director's Report"**

By separate message, members of the Board have been introduced to a new communication tool—a group e-mail list—by which the agency can easily and quickly communicate with all members of the Board (with copies to your chief administrative officers), AND members of the Board can communicate with the each other. The group list was constructed in response to an expressed desire at the Goal Setting Session in July, and is a mechanism to aid in the flow of useful information between policy makers in the region. Please remember, under the Open Meetings Law, this is not a venue for conducting or deliberating about LCOG business items. Also

heard loud and clear at the July Session was the direction that staff reports at Board meetings should be short and should not replicate information that was already available in writing. We are working toward achieving that objective for regular business items. But my “Director’s Report” each month has been an offender in this regard and has perhaps worked at cross purposes with the goal. Accordingly, I will e-mail the Director’s Report two days in advance of Board meetings and will, of course, be available under this item to respond to questions.

### **3. ORCA Meeting in December**

Board representatives from the regional councils throughout the state are invited to attend a policy-level meeting of the Oregon Regional Councils Association (ORCA) on Friday, December 5, from 11:00 to 2:00 at the LCOG office in Eugene. The agenda for this meeting—the first meeting of the policy makers of ORCA in a number of years—has not been finalized as yet. However, our featured guest will be Ray Naff, the Director of Intergovernmental Relations in the Governor’s office. Ray is a key advisor to Gov. Kulongoski and has been actively reaching out to meet with local levels of government in our state. I have been present when Ray has met with the state’s city and county managers and, later, with the COG directors. This will be an important channel of communication for us—and, I believe, the state as well. As soon as more detail about the December 5 meeting is available, I will share it. It is hoped that each of the regional councils in the state can have two or more policy board members present. Jacksonville Mayor Jim Lewis, ORCA’s chair, will preside at the meeting.

### **4. Appreciation Dinner**

The upcoming LCOG Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, January 15 at Lane Community College. Requests for nominations for our annual awards for Outstanding Elected Official, Citizen, Public Employee and Intergovernmental Team will be mailed soon. Please be thinking about potential nominees; many people contribute greatly to making our region a great place to live and work, and are deserving of recognition.