BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE MATTER OF A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND INCLUDING ADOPTION OF THE CENTRAL OREGON LARGE LOT INDUSTRIAL LAND NEEDS ANALYSIS Ordinance No. O-060-13

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has submitted a legislative amendment to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative amendment provides an opportunity for increasing industrial land within cities in Central Oregon through a new regional industrial land program defined in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR’s); and

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on April 25, 2013, the Jefferson County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing, reviewed the staff report, accepted testimony and deliberated on the evidence presented therein, and has forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Board of Commissioners; with a vote of five in favor and zero opposed; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on May 8, 2013 and on May 22, 2013 and accepted testimony on the application and reviewed the staff report. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board closed the record and deliberated on the application. After considering and testimony, the Board voted unanimously to APPROVE the application;

NOW THEREFORE, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. The proposed legislative amendment is hereby adopted as found in the staff report attached as Exhibit A;

Section 2. Severability: The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any exhibit thereto is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or exhibits thereto.

Section 3. DECLARING AN EMERGENCY: These amendments being necessary for immediate implementation, an emergency is declared to exist, and the specified amendments shall therefore take place and be effective on June 12, 2013.
Dated this 22nd day of May, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wayne Fording, Commission Chair

Mike Ahern, Commissioner

John Hatfield, Commissioner

Attest:

Barbara Andresen

Appeal Information

Planning Casefile #13-PA-01

This decision may be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals within 21 days of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners Decision. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 197.830 sets forth the review procedures. Copies of the Board of Commissioners decision and the state statute are available from the Community Development Department located at 85 SE “D” Street, Madras, Oregon 97741.

Board of Commissioners adoption date: May 22, 2013

The complete file is available for review at the Jefferson County Community Development Department. For further information, contact the Community Development Department. Phone (541) 475-4462.
EXHIBIT A
Board of Commissioners Staff Report

DATE: May 8, 2013

APPLICATION NO.: 13-PA-02

APPLICANT: Jefferson County

NOTICE TO DLCD: March 18, 2013

APPLICABLE CRITERIA: Part 5 of the County Comprehensive Plan.

PROPOSAL: Jefferson County is proposing to legislatively adopt the Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Needs Analysis (Analysis) and make changes to the County's Comprehensive Plan that are consistent with adoption of the document.

BACKGROUND
Deschutes County received two Technical Assistance Grants from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) in 2010 to evaluate Central Oregon's opportunities, competitiveness, and ability to recruit new and locally grown firms requiring new large scale development models. Johnson-Reid, LLC was selected from a pool of consultants to develop a Regional Economic Opportunity Analysis (REOA). Over the course of eleven months, the REOA went through several iterations with the assistance of a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC consisted of Central Oregon cities and counties, Johnson-Reid LLC, Business Oregon, DLCD, Department of State Lands, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), 1,000 Friends of Oregon (1,000 Friends), Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO), Central Oregon Association of Realtors and private area developers. The RAC met officially six times before the REOA was finalized on May 31, 2011.

The REOA project aimed to determine if such an industrial land demand exists in Central Oregon and, if so, to identify the deficiency. The study attempted to document an unmet twenty year land need for large lot industrial sites in the region. It also concluded that competing as a cohesive region can allow Central Oregon to market a larger available work force, the size of which is often a key locational criterion for firms. While geographically separate, the jurisdictions in the region function in a manner similar to other metropolitan areas like Reno and Salt Lake City, which often share boundaries. According to the REOA,
the shared economic function within Central Oregon supports a regional approach to economic development, particularly with respect to large traded sector industries.

Deschutes County moved forward with adoption of the Central Oregon REOA on November 30, 2011, but was appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals by 1,000 Friends.¹ The appeal however, was stayed in early 2012 to allow Deschutes County, the Governor’s Office, and 1,000 Friends to explore a settlement. Spanning three months, a general settlement was reached in April 2012. The settlement consisted of an agreement that the technical document produced would not be called an Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA) as that term is understood in Oregon land use law. 1000 Friends agreed to not oppose a regional declaration of a need for up to six large industrial sites in Central Oregon with the ability to add three more as those six sites are allocated to the cities within the tri-county region. The parties also agreed upon policy principles guiding how those sites could be incorporated into existing urban growth boundaries.

The settlement consisted of policy concepts focusing entirely on Central Oregon’s short-term need for large-lot industrial sites as well as a commitment from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to initiate rule-making later in the summer.

Because of the unique nature of the agreement, DLCD agreed to memorialize the agreement in rule. OAR 660-024-0040(1) and (5) and 660-024-0045 were narrowly crafted to implement the intent of the agreement so it still complies with Goals 9 and 14.

The amendments are applicable in only Jefferson, Deschutes and Jefferson counties. After receiving a recommendation from a Central Oregon Large Industrial Lot Rules Committee, which met four times over the summer of 2012, a draft rule was forwarded to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for their consideration. A public hearing conducted by a LCDC hearings officer was held in Redmond on September 27, 2012, followed by a hearing with the full commission on November 15, 2012. At the November 15, 2012 hearing, LCDC took public testimony, considered a staff recommendation and adopted the rules to Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) Chapter 660-024. They became effective on December 10, 2012.

Rule-making now provides the policy framework for the tri-county region to coordinate as a single entity to promote large lot industrial employment sites that best serve the region as a whole to create family wage jobs, regional economic diversification and place Central Oregon on the map for regional, national and international industrial recruitment. Jefferson County’s proposal to adopt the Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis (attached as Exhibit A) utilizing the new OARs, responds to Central Oregon’s short term need for up to nine competitive and diverse vacant, developable large lot industrial sites. These proposed sites can enable site selectors, representing industrial businesses, to consider Jefferson County and the Central Oregon region for new expansion.

COIC has agreed to manage the distribution of sites among the various jurisdictions through intergovernmental agreements. Participating local governments will review the program
after the regional supply of six sites has either been replenished by three additional sites or
after ten years, whichever comes first.

FINDINGS

REVIEW CRITERIA
Since Jefferson County is initiating this legislative amendment, the County bears the
responsibility for justifying that the amendments are consistent with Oregon Revised Statutes
(ORS), Statewide Planning Goals, OARs, and its existing Comprehensive Plan.
The findings are organized as follows:
- Section (1) - ORS 195.025
- Section (2) - Statewide Planning Goal 1, Citizen Involvement
- Section (3) - Other ORS
- Section (4) - OAR Division 9, Economic Development
- Section (5) - OAR Division 24, Urban Growth Boundaries
- Section (6) - Other Statewide Planning Goals
- Section (7) - Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan

Section (1), ORS 195.025

ORS 195.025 (1) In addition to the responsibilities stated in ORS 197.175, each county,
through its governing body, shall be responsible for coordinating all planning activities
affecting land uses within the county, including planning activities of the county, cities,
special districts and state agencies, to assure an integrated comprehensive plan for the
entire area of the county.

Finding: Jefferson County, through its governing body, is exercising its statutory coordinating
authority to address a short-term regional need for large-lot industrial sites. This authority will
assure there is an integrated comprehensive plan between Jefferson County and the City of
Madras, Culver, and Metolious to address a short-term specialized employment land need of
six industrial sites, 50 acres or larger in three different jurisdictions. Aided by new OARs (660-
024-0045(5a) and 660-024-0045(7)), Jefferson County is fulfilling its regional coordination
responsibilities by formalizing, through policies, a regional governance and land use planning
framework with COIC.

COIC serves as the Economic Development District representing Crook, Deschutes and
Jefferson counties as designated by the Economic Development Administration. Jefferson
County is applying its coordination authority, and is willing to fulfill this regional short-term
employment need, consistent with Oregon’s Statewide Planning Program. Jefferson County’s
Plan amendment provides the policy framework for the tri-county region to coordinate as a

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2 COIC is a Council of Governments organized under ORS 190 by the three counties and seven cities of Central Oregon. COIC is
governed by a 15-member board made up of elected officials appointed by each of the member governments and appointed
representatives of key economic sectors. OAR 660-024-045(5a) requires local governments to enter into an Intergovernmental
agreement with COIC. OAR 660-024-045(7) describes COIC’s coordination process.

3 Central Oregon Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Approved by the Central Oregon Community Investment Board,
November 29, 2007. 5. One function of the Economic Development District is developing and maintaining and updating the
Comprehensive and Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS is the result of a local planning effort, and serves as a guide
for regional growth.
single entity promoting large-lot industrial employment sites that best serve the region as a whole to create family wage jobs, region economic diversification and place Central Oregon on the map for regional, national and international industrial recruitment. Deschutes and Jefferson counties will also adopt a similar amendment to their comprehensive plans. Once all three counties complete their plan amendments, municipalities in the region will be able to rely on the Analysis to address the short-term need for large-lot industrial sites.\footnote{ORS 195.025: (2) For the purposes of carrying out ORS chapters 195, 196 and 197, counties may voluntarily join together with adjacent counties as authorized in ORS 190.003 to 190.620.}

\section*{Finding:} Jefferson County is voluntarily coordinating with Deschutes and Crook counties and the cities of Madras, Culver, Metolious as authorized in ORS 190.003 - 190.620. Jefferson County wants to assure that Deschutes and Crook counties also exercise their coordination authority with parallel plan amendments so there is a collective and regional response to an unprecedented opportunity to establish a short-term supply of large-lot industrial sites in Central Oregon. These efforts will result in the joint adoption of the Analysis, policies, and findings. Deschutes and Jefferson counties will coordinate their own plan amendments this year.

\section*{Section (2) – Statewide Planning Goal 1, Citizen Involvement}

Goal: To develop a citizen involvement program that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process.

The citizen involvement program shall incorporate the following components:

1. \textbf{Citizen Involvement} -- To provide for widespread citizen involvement.
2. \textbf{Communication} -- To assure effective two-way communication.
3. \textbf{Citizen Influence} -- To provide the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process.
4. \textbf{Technical Information} -- To assure that technical information is available in an understandable form.
5. \textbf{Feedback Mechanisms} -- To assure that citizens will receive a response from policy-makers.

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\textbf{Finding:} Jefferson County will undertake an extensive process to satisfy the components of Goal 1 to allow ample opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to participate in this process. This process will include four public hearings.
\end{quote}

\section*{Section (3) - Other ORS}

\footnote{ORS 195.025 (1) In addition to the responsibilities stated in ORS 197.175, each county, through its governing body, shall be responsible for coordinating all planning activities affecting land uses within the county, including planning activities of the county, cities, special districts and state agencies, to assure an integrated comprehensive plan for the entire area of the county.}

\footnote{OAR 680-024-0045(5b).}
Finding: See Section 1, page 3.

* ORS 195.025 (2) For the purposes of carrying out ORS chapters 195, 196 and 197, counties may voluntarily join together with adjacent counties as authorized in ORS 190.003 to 190.620.

Finding: See Section 1, page 4.

* ORS 197.712 (1) In addition to the findings and policies set forth in ORS 197.005, 197.010 and 215.243, the Legislative Assembly finds and declares that, in carrying out statewide comprehensive land use planning, the provision of adequate opportunities for a variety of economic activities throughout the state is vital to the health, welfare and prosperity of all the people of the state.

(2) By the adoption of new goals or rules, or the application, interpretation or amendment of existing goals or rules, the Land Conservation and Development Commission shall implement all of the following:
(a) Comprehensive plans shall include an analysis of the community’s economic patterns, potentialities, strengths and deficiencies as they relate to state and national trends.

Finding: Jefferson County is proposing comprehensive plan amendments that include an Analysis that documents Central Oregon’s need for establishing a short-term supply of large-lot industrial sites. The Analysis identifies the strengths and challenges of the Central Oregon economy and concludes that the competitive characteristics of Central Oregon can be strengthened through taking a regional approach to large-lot industrial siting.

Jefferson County finds that to have a fully-developed program that serves the broadest range of area citizens and businesses, it is critical to be competitive in the segment of economic development that depends on the availability of readily-served, large-lot employment sites. As such, as a matter of policy, the county chooses to identify and implement a program to create a short-term large-lot land supply that enables Central Oregon to be a competitive region for industrial recruitment. Central Oregon’s traditional industrial base remains active in the local economy, and the region would like to increase its emphasis on industrial employment to strengthen that base. The region’s supply of affordable land, low cost utilities, quality of life, and organized economic development landscape makes it an attractive option for growth in many traded sector industries. Central Oregon economic development efforts have been negatively impacted by a lack of readily available large-lot industrial sites. Major employers in traded sector industries (export industries) are the primary drivers of economic growth, providing the impetus for net growth in the regional economy and supporting a wide range of support industries. At the state and local level, policy makers understand the importance that large-scale employers

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5 See note 3 above.
6 Central Oregon Large-Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis. Pages 35; 42-47.
7 Ibid., 7
8 Ibid.
can have on the local economy. In 2007 Central Oregon was home to three firms with 1,000 or more employees and an additional five with at least 500.⁹

In a structural sense, globalization has changed the way manufacturers conduct business. Cost and efficiency are the central tenants of an increasingly competitive market. Firms are increasingly pressured to develop more capital intense production models, placing a greater emphasis on economies of scale, as well as production efficiency and flexibility. Time-to-market for firms has become an even more crucial factor as they make decisions to locate new plants and facilities. The result has been the emergence of a clear real estate trend, creating a global demand for large development ready industrial sites, with the immediacy of utility services (both public and private sector) of critical importance.¹⁰

Jefferson County’s choice to pursue a regional short-term supply of large-lot industrial employment sites is also consistent with Central Oregon’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). According to this report, two of Central Oregon’s Long-Term Priority Goals are:

* Goal XIII: Sufficient supply of land affordable for commercial, industrial and residential development.

* Goal XVI: Ongoing regional planning is in place to preserve and enhance the region’s economic appeal and effect orderly economic development.

One of Central Oregon Community Investment Board’s short-term priorities promotes:

* Structures and processes of public and private organizations to effectively create, adapt, foster and sustain economic development in Central Oregon.¹¹

Through the CEDS planning process, past regional needs and issues processes, the 2007 infrastructure needs inventory, and through other methods of economic analysis, the following projects, programs and activities have been identified for focus over the next six years:

* Support of industry clusters.

* Assist in the retention, expansion and recruitment of secondary wood products, aerospace production and parts, targeted sectors including apparel and sporting goods, aerospace including information technology, renewable energy, light industrial and manufacturing, and research and development.¹²

⁹ Ibid., 10.
¹⁰ Ibid., 7
¹¹ See note 5 above (Central Oregon Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy), 4 and 17.
¹² Ibid.
As noted in the CEDS, new traded sector and investment is critical for building a strong regional economy. A strategy that increases prosperity for all Central Oregon residents in rural and urban communities by balancing, diversifying and developing the region's economy has been promoted by economic development theorists and practitioners as a critical underpinning of a health community or regional economy. Three objectives promote:

1. Facilitating new job creation and economic diversification through recruitment of diverse new traded-sector companies across all industries that offer family-wage employment;

2. Facilitating new job creation through expansion of existing traded-sector companies across all industries that offer family-wage employment; and

3. Supporting retention of existing traded-sector companies across all industries that offer family-wage employment.\(^\text{13}\)

Local trends documenting large lot recruiters visiting Central Oregon are also quite noteworthy. The following cites evidence:

* According to Business Oregon, Central Oregon experienced four active recruitments in the past six months looking at industrial lots 50 acres and greater. One firm was looking for a site in the 100 to 150 range, while three have been looking for sites in the 150 to 200 acre range. One firm was lost due to the uncertainty of and land use actions that were required, and the properties proposed were eliminated from consideration and it is not known if the company has reached a final location decision. That search started in the 50-100 lot size and then expanded to the 150-200 lot size. The other three are still in the active stage and no additional details can be furnished because of nondisclosure agreements that are in place.\(^\text{14}\)

* Michael Williams, Oregon Business Development, Industrial Lands Specialist, described recruiters visiting Central Oregon, as well as the heightened interest expressed by companies once Facebook committed to a site in Madras, Culver, Metolious.\(^\text{15}\)

* ORS 197.712 (2)(b) Comprehensive plans shall contain policies concerning the economic development opportunities in the community.

Finding: Jefferson County is responding to a specific short-term employment need recognized in OAR 660-024-0045(2a) and identified in an Analysis for large-lot industrial sites. Jefferson County is adopting several regional industrial land policies to comply with ORS 197.712 (2)(b) that recognize Central Oregon's economic development opportunities for establishing a short-term supply of large-lot industrial sites.

\(^{13}\) Ibid., 14.

\(^{14}\) Jerald Johnson, Johnson-Reid LLC, October 21, 2011, 5

\(^{15}\) Ibid.
* ORS 197.712 (2)(c) Comprehensive plans and land use regulations shall provide for at least an adequate supply of sites of suitable sizes, types, locations and service levels for industrial and commercial uses consistent with plan policies.

Finding: Jefferson County is exerting its statutory coordination authority to encourage cities to address an unmet, short-term large-lot industrial land need by adopting an Analysis and several regional industrial land policies. As noted in OAR 660-024-0045(4) and the Analysis, there is a demonstrated need for vacant, suitable and available large-lot industrial sites in Central Oregon. The short-term need encompasses six, 50 acre or greater sites, in three different jurisdictions, with two of those sites being between 100 to 200 acres, and one over 200 acres. The Analysis identifies site need characteristics for large-lot industrial sites and recommends a competitive, short-term inventory.  

* ORS 197.712 (2)(d) Comprehensive plans and land use regulations shall provide for compatible uses on or near sites zoned for specific industrial and commercial uses.

Finding: Addition of the Analysis and several regional large-lot industrial land policies in Jefferson County’s comprehensive plan comply with the new OARs. Participating cities will need to address this criterion when they propose a large-lot industrial site into their comprehensive plans and land use regulations to demonstrate the use is compatible on or near industrial and commercial zones. It is important to note that based on the new OARs adopted by LCDC, a participating city that designates a large-lot industrial site is required to apply a regional large-lot industrial zone or overlay zone to it in order to protect and maintain the site for regional large lot purposes.

* ORS 197.712 (2)(g) Local governments shall provide:

(A) Reasonable opportunities to satisfy local and rural needs for residential and industrial development and other economic activities on appropriate lands outside urban growth boundaries, in a manner consistent with conservation of the state’s agricultural and forest land base; and

(B) Reasonable opportunities for urban residential, commercial and industrial needs over time through changes to urban growth boundaries.

Finding: Based on the new OARs, a participating city may amend its comprehensive plan and land use regulations, including its Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB), in order to designate a large-lot industrial site in accordance with OAR 660-024-0045(8).

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16 See note 9 above (Central Oregon Large-Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis), 52-56; 62.
17 OAR 660-024-0045(9), (10).
Section (4) - OAR Division 9, Economic Development

* OAR 660-009-0010 - Application (1) This division applies to comprehensive plans for areas within urban growth boundaries. This division does not require or restrict planning for industrial and other employment uses outside urban growth boundaries. Cities and counties subject to this division must adopt plan and ordinance amendments necessary to comply with this division.

Finding: This track is different from an EOA first because OAR 660-024-0040 provides an alternative path for this pilot project. The new path encompasses all of the steps of an EOA (trend analysis, site types, inventory and estimate of needed sites). But because these steps are distributed in both time and authority between three counties (trends, site types and need estimate) and cities (inventory and location analysis), there was concern that the standard EOA path would be confusing and possibly troublesome. Due to rule-making, OAR 660-024-0040(1) and (5) acknowledge that local governments in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties may determine the need for regional large-lot industrial land by following the provisions of OAR 660-024-0045 for areas subject to that rule.

Section (5) - OAR Division 24, Urban Growth Boundaries

* OAR 660-024-0040 - Land Need (1) The UGB must be based on the adopted 20-year population forecast for the urban area described in OAR 660-024-0030, and must provide for needed housing, employment and other urban uses such as public facilities, streets and roads, schools, parks and open space over the 20-year planning period consistent with the land need requirements of Goal 14 and this rule. The 20-year need determinations are estimates which, although based on the best available information and methodologies, should not be held to an unreasonably high level of precision. A local government in Jefferson, Deschutes and Jefferson counties may determine the need for Regional Large-Lot Industrial Land by following the provisions of OAR 660-024-0045 for areas subject to that rule.

(5) Except for a metropolitan service district described in ORS 197.015(13), the determination of 20-year employment land need for an urban area must comply with applicable requirements of Goal 9 and OAR chapter 660, division 9, and must include a determination of the need for a short-term supply of land for employment uses consistent with OAR 660-009-0025. Employment land need may be based on an estimate of job growth over the planning period; local government must provide a reasonable justification for the job growth estimate but Goal 14 does not require that job growth estimates necessarily be proportional to population growth. A local government in Jefferson, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties may determine the need for Regional Large-Lot Industrial Land by following the provisions of OAR 660-024-0045 for areas subject to that rule.

Finding: Jefferson County is now exercising the provisions of OAR 660-024-045(5) by adopting the Analysis into its comprehensive plan that documents the short-term need for regional large-lot industrial land. As demonstrated in the Analysis and summarized in the table below, Jefferson County, by exercising its statutory coordination authority, has chosen to compete for large-lot industrial employers by creating a dynamic and competitive short-term large-lot
industrial land supply portfolio and inventory that appeal to industrial site selectors. Jefferson County is basing its decision on an adequate factual base supported by substantial evidence in the record and is choosing to rely on the Analysis.

Table 1 - Central Oregon Large-Lot Industrial Land Need Synopsis

| Objective | Ensure that the regional industrial land inventory is adequate to support the specific needs of large lot industrial users.  

| Evidence | In 2008, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (now Business Oregon) recognized that large, ready to go industrial sites have been the state's most significant development challenge and one of the most noticeable changes in real estate trends in the last few years. This change in demand and the changing nature of OECDD's account base clearly document that global business trends have emerge as key elements of Oregon's economy.  

Economic Development for Central Oregon recognizes that the recruitment of companies in new and existing industries is an important component of any successful economic development program and diversification strategy. New companies bring a different mix of professional and technical talent to communities that can spawn other businesses and technologies.  

The Analysis provides reasonable information and analysis pointing to an unmet short-term land need for large-lot employment sites, currently not part of regional economic development efforts. Goal 9 and Division 009 require that employment land planning be based on comparative location advantages and an articulation of opportunities based on national, state, regional and local trends. The Analysis cites large-lot employment trends and dynamics of the global market place, the strengths and challenges of Central Oregon's economy and the opportunities for the region to compete for large-lot employers in the data center, high technology and warehouse and distribution industries.  

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18 See note 9 above (Central Oregon Large-Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis), 11.
19 Bev Thacker, Rail Served & Large Industrial Sites Memorandum, March 11, 2008, 1.
21 See note 9 above (Central Oregon Large-Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis), 11-13; 29-34; 40-47.
The county finds that the Analysis has been appropriately and reasonably tailored to address conditions and policies unique to the Central Oregon region. Jefferson County finds that as a matter of policy, it may choose how to structure its community and economic development activities, provided those activities are consistent with applicable local, state and federal laws and policies, including those for land use planning. Central Oregon chooses to invest in large-lot industrial sites because it is an additional tool to broaden the region’s economic attractiveness. While trade sector industries are primary drivers of job creation, the Analysis does not assume that large employers are those drivers. Instead, large-lot industrial demand recognizes that accommodating these types of users reflects a reasonable component of an economic development strategy.\(^{22}\)

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**Finding:** Based on the conclusions of fact supplied in the Analysis, which is attached to this exhibit, Jefferson County finds there is a need for nine large lot sites in the Central Oregon region. Only six sites shall be available at any given time. At least one of the sites must be 200+ acres in size. Two of the sites must be 100-200 acres in size. The remaining sites must be 50-100 acres in size. The sites must be distributed throughout the region in at least three different jurisdictions. At least one site, preferably the largest shall be located in the population and employment center of the region at either the north end of Bend or the southern end of Redmond. No jurisdiction shall be allowed to add a site under these provisions unless it signs the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) administered by COIC to fairly distribute these sites throughout the region. If one of the six sites is occupied by a bona fide industrial use it may be replaced by a site of like size pursuant to the criteria in the IGA administered by COIC. The facts available in the Analysis only provide sufficient evidence to replace up to three sites.

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\(^{22}\) Ibid., 44-45.
employment land need within Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties is unmet and not presently addressed in local governments' comprehensive plans. The Analysis also identifies necessary site characteristics of needed land.23

(b) "COIC" means the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council.
(c) "Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)" means the document adopted by the three counties and any participating city to implement the provisions of the analysis.
(d) "Participating city" means a city within Jefferson, Deschutes, or Jefferson County that has adopted the analysis and entered into an intergovernmental agreement to implement the provisions of the analysis.
(e) "Participating local government" means Jefferson, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, and participating cities.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(2)(b-e) define COIC, the IGA, a participating city, and a participating local government. Jefferson County is a participating local government and will be required to enter into the IGA to implement the provisions of the analysis.

(f) "Regional large lot employment land need" means the need for a specific type of 20-year employment land need, as described in OAR 660-024-0040(1) and (5), that is determined based upon the analysis.

Finding: The Analysis documents a need for nine large lot industrial sites.

(g) "Site" means land in the region that:
(A) Provides the site characteristics necessary for traded sector uses as set forth in the analysis;
(B) Is 50 acres or larger as provided in section (3) of this rule; and
(C) Is determined to be "available," as that term is defined in OAR 660-009-0025(7), for regional large-lot industrial users and for purposes identified by the analysis.
(h) "Site characteristics" has the meaning given that term in OAR 660-009-0005(1).
(i) "Traded Sector use" has the meaning given that term in ORS 285B.280.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(2)(g-i) define site, site characteristics, and traded sector use that participating cities will need to demonstrate that they are meeting when proposing a large-lot industrial site under this program.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (3) For purposes of subsection (2)(g) of this rule, a large lot is at least 50 acres if it is:
(a) A single lot, parcel that is at least 50 acres,
(b) An aggregation of existing lots or parcels under the same ownership that comprises at least 50 acres, or

23 Ibid., 52-58; 62
(c) An aggregation of existing lots or parcels not in the same ownership created and
maintained as a unit of land comprising at least 50 acres through a binding agreement
among the owners.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(3) defines large lot for the purpose of this program.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (4) Participating local governments may adopt the analysis and
implement its provisions. The analysis may demonstrate a need for six vacant, suitable and
available sites in the region, and up to three additional sites that may be designated in order
to replace one of the original six sites that is developed or committed to development as
provided in section (12) of this rule. The original six sites must include two sites of at least 100
acres and not more than 200 acres, and one site more than 200 acres.

Finding: The Analysis documents that there is a demonstrated need for vacant, suitable and
available large-lot industrial sites in Central Oregon. The short-term need encompasses six, 50
acre or greater sites, in three different jurisdictions, with two of those sites being between 100
to 200 acres, and one over 200 acres.24 Only six sites shall be available at any given time,
but, once a site is assigned to a city and committed to development in accordance with the
new rules, it may be replenished for a total of nine sites.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (5) If a participating city adopts the analysis, it is deemed to provide an
adequate factual basis for the determination of regional large lot employment land need
for that city provided:
(a) The city and other participating local governments have entered into an
intergovernmental agreement with the COIC, and
(b) The analysis is adopted by Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties.

Finding: Jefferson County, is adopting the Analysis.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (6) Participating cities may adopt the analysis and enter into the
intergovernmental agreement without amending the Economic Opportunities Analysis
adopted by the city prior to the adoption of the analysis.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(6) allows participating cities, after they enter into the IGA with
their respective counties, to rely on the Analysis without having to amend their local EOAs.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (7) The intergovernmental agreement shall describe the process by
which the COIC shall coordinate with participating local governments in:
(a) The determination of a qualifying site that a participating city may designate in order to
satisfy the regional large lot industrial land need; and
(b) The allocation of the qualifying sites among the participating cities in accordance with
section (4) of this rule.

Finding: COIC is presently coordinating with participating local government to satisfy this rule.

24 ibid.
* OAR 660-024-0045 (8) A participating city may amend its comprehensive plan and land use regulations, including urban growth boundaries (UGB), in order to designate a site in accordance with the requirements of this rule, other applicable laws and the intergovernmental agreement, as follows:
(a) A participating city must show whether a suitable and available site is located within its existing UGB. If a participating city determines that a suitable site already exists within the city's urban growth boundary, that site must be designated to meet the regional industrial land need. Cities shall not be required to evaluate lands within their UGB designated to meet local industrial land needs.
(b) If a site is not designated per subsection (a), then a participating city may evaluate land outside the UGB to determine if any suitable sites exist. If candidate sites are found, the city may amend its UGB in accordance with Goal 14, other applicable laws and the intergovernmental agreement.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(8) describes the process participating cities must follow to amend their comprehensive plans and land use regulations, including Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB), in order to designate a site in accordance with this rule. It is not applicable at this time since no site is being officially designated.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (9) A participating city that designates a site shall apply a regional large-lot industrial zone or overlay zone to the site in order to protect and maintain the site for regional large lot purposes. The zone or overlay zone must:
(a) Include development agreements and other provisions that prevent re-designation of the site for other uses for at least 10 years from the time the site is added to the city's comprehensive plan to meet regional large lot industrial land needs;
(b) Prohibit division or separation of lots or parcels within the site to new lots or parcels less than the minimum size of the site need until the site is developed with a primary traded sector use requiring a large lot; and
(c) Limit allowed uses on the site to the traded sector uses, except as provided in section (10) of this rule.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(9) requires a regional large-lot industrial zone or overlay zone to include certain provisions noted above when a site is designated under this rule. It is not applicable at this time since no site is being officially designated.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (10) The zone or overlay zone established under section (9) may allow:
(a) Subordinate industrial uses that rely upon and support the primary traded sector use when a site is occupied by a primary traded sector use; and
(b) Non-industrial uses serving primarily the needs of employees of industrial uses developed on the site provided the zone includes measures that limit the type, size and location of new buildings so as to ensure such non-industrial uses are intended primarily for the needs of such employees;

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(10) allows subordinate and nonindustrial uses subject to this rule. It is not applicable at this time since no site is being officially designated.
* OAR 660-024-0045 (11) If a participating city adds a site to its plan pursuant to this rule, it must consider the site in any subsequent urban growth boundary evaluation conducted to determine local industrial land needs and the adequacy of land available to meet local industrial land needs.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(11) requires a participating city to evaluate a regional site under this rule when they reevaluate or amend their local EOAs. It is not applicable at this time since no site is being designated under this rule.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (12) A site may be considered developed or committed to industrial development if a large-lot traded sector user demonstrates a commitment to develop the site by obtaining land use approvals such as site plan review or conditional use permits, and (a) Obtaining building permits; or (b) Providing other evidence that demonstrates at least an equivalent commitment to industrial development of the site as is demonstrated by a building permit.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(12) describes the circumstances for a site to be developed or committed under this rule. It is not applicable at this time since no site has been officially designated.

* OAR 660-024-0045 (13) The participating local governments shall review the analysis after the regional supply of six sites has either been replenished by three additional sites or after ten years, whichever comes first.

Finding: OAR 660-024-0045(13) requires participating local government to review the program after ten years or after the regional supply of six sites has either been replenished by three additional sites or after ten years, whichever comes first.

Section (6) - Other Statewide Planning Goals
The parameters for evaluating these specific amendments are based on an adequate factual base and supportive evidence demonstrating consistency with Statewide Planning Goals.

Finding: The following findings demonstrate that Ordinance 2013-002 complies with applicable statewide planning goals and state law.

- Goal 1, Citizen Involvement; see Section 2 starting on page 4.

- Goal 2, Land Use Planning, is met because ORS 197.610 allows local governments to initiate post approvals plan amendments (PAPA). An Oregon Land Conservation and Development Department 35-day notice was initiated on November 29, 2012.25 This FINDINGS document and Analysis provides the adequate factual basis for this plan update. 1000 Friends of Oregon v. City of Dundee, 203 Or App 207 (2005) require Jefferson County to locally adopt the Analysis as part of the

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comprehensive plan in order for local governments in the county to base land use decisions upon it. OAR 660-024-0045(5b) also requires local adoption.

- Goal 3, Agricultural Lands and Goal 4, Forest Lands, is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial land policies into its Comprehensive Plan. No plan designation changes, zoning map changes, development or land use changes are being proposed on agricultural or forest lands.

- Goal 5, Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces, is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial lands policies. No development or land use changes are being proposed on or near inventoried Goal 5 resource lands.

- Goal 6, Air, Water and Land Resources Quality, is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial land policies into its Comprehensive Plan. No development or land use changes are being proposed that impact air, water and land resource qualities.

- Goal 7, Natural Hazards, is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial land policies into its Comprehensive Plan. No development or land use changes are being proposed that impact natural hazards.

- Goal 8, Recreational Needs, is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial land policies into its Comprehensive Plan. No development or land use changes are being proposed on recreational resources.

- Goal 9, Economic Development, is applicable because in coordination with its regional partners, Jefferson County has prepared an Analysis of the economic opportunities and constraints associated with users of large industrial parcels in the Central Oregon. This document concludes that Central Oregon currently serves as an integrated economic unit.

Goal 9 specifies that Comprehensive Plans for urban areas shall:

1. Include an analysis of the community's economic patterns, potentialities, strengths, and deficiencies as they relate to state and national trends;

Findings: This requirement has already been addressed. See the findings addressing ORS 197.712(1) above on page 5.
2. Contain policies concerning the economic development opportunities in the community;

**Finding:** This requirement has already been addressed. See the findings addressing ORS 197.712(2)(b) above on page 8.

3. Provide for at least an adequate supply of sites of suitable sizes, types, locations, and service levels for a variety of industrial and commercial uses consistent with plan policies;

**Finding:** This requirement has already been addressed. See the findings addressing ORS 197.712(2)(c) above on page 8.

4. Limit uses on or near sites zoned for specific industrial and commercial uses to those which are compatible with proposed uses

**Finding:** This requirement has already been addressed. See the findings addressing ORS 197.712(2)(d) above on page 9.

Goal 9 Planning Guidelines specify:
1. A principal determinant in planning for major industrial and commercial developments should be the comparative advantage of the region within which the developments would be located. Comparative advantage industries are those economic activities which represent the most efficient use of resources, relative to other geographic areas.

**Finding:** The Analysis documents large-lot trends and dynamics, the importance of a large-lot supply and market choice, and target industry opportunities in Central Oregon. EDCO, in participation with local leaders, went through the lengthy process of identifying specific industry sectors for business recruitment, retention, and entrepreneurial support. EDCO recognizes that the recruitment of companies in new and existing industries is an important component of any successful economic development program and diversification strategy. New companies bring a different mix of professional and technical talent to communities that can spawn other businesses and technologies.²⁶

Business Oregon is mandated by ORS 197.717(2) to “provide a local government with state and national trend” information to assist in compliance with ORS 197.712 (2)(a).” The department reviewed the Central Oregon area, and made the following recommendations:

"Given its current size and expected growth, it is not unreasonable to assume that the region being examined as part of the current Central Oregon Large Lot Economic Opportunity Analysis should have a mix of large-lot sizes for potential employers and site selectors to choose from. Such a mix would have at least multiple ready sites in the 200, 100 and 50-acre plus acreage ranges in order to meet expected 20 year land supply needs."²⁷

2. The economic development projections and the comprehensive plan which is drawn from the projections should take into account the availability of the necessary natural resources

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²⁷ See note 9 above (Central Oregon Large-Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis), 60.
to support the expanded industrial development and associated populations. The plan should also take into account the social, environmental, energy, and economic impacts upon the resident population.

**Finding:** Jefferson County is fulfilling its coordination responsibilities by collaborating with the City of Madras, Culver, Metolious, as well as Crook and Deschutes counties by responding to a specific short-term employment land need recognized in new OARs and identified in an Analysis for large-lot industrial sites in Central Oregon. Participating cities will need to address this guideline when they conduct their alternative land and public facilities analyses and inventory of employment lands when examining if the short-term regional need can be met inside their respective UGB. OAR 660-024-0045(8) specifies:

A participating city may amend its comprehensive plan and land use regulations, including UGBs, in order to designate a site in accordance with the requirements of this rule, other applicable laws and the intergovernmental agreement.

3. **Plans should designate the type and level of public facilities and services appropriate to support the degree of economic development being proposed.**

**Finding:** The timing for designating suitable sizes, types and locations of large-lot employment sites, consistent with public facility and transportation system plans will occur when cities choose to implement this program. As noted in the findings addressing ORS 197.712 (2)(g) on Page 9, OAR 660-025-0045(8) requires a participating city, when amending its UGB, to comply with applicable laws. Those laws include the Transportation Planning Rule (OAR 660-012-0060) and Boundary Location Alternative Analysis with respect to the provision of public facilities and services (OAR 660-024-0060(8)).

4. **Plans should strongly emphasize the expansion of and increased productivity from existing industries and firms as a means to strengthen local and regional economic development.**

**Finding:** New OARs allow Central Oregon to address industries with a need for large-lot industrial land to support the region’s economic development objectives. The Analysis does not diminish the importance of small existing, start-up firms. What it does do is note that these firms represent only a portion of the spectrum of firms, and a balanced economic development program would provide for these types of firms as well as larger industrial firms. The two categories are complimentary, not competitive. Efforts to help existing companies (large and small) to grow or sustain their employment have been in place for more than a decade. Efforts to help start-ups and early stage companies are also solidly established. EDCO understands that most jobs come from existing companies, which is why it dedicates more than 50% of its efforts to fostering entrepreneurship and the retention/expansion of existing traded-sector companies.

5. **Plans directed toward diversification and improvement of the economy of the planning area should consider as a major determinant, the carrying capacity of the air, land and water resources of the planning area. The land conservation and development actions provided for by such plans should not exceed the carrying capacity of such resources.**
Finding: This is a carrying capacity issue and not a coordination one. The air, land and water resource carrying capacity of the region will be accounted for, managed and maintained during the identification and development of regional large-lot industrial sites. This will be achieved through individual jurisdictions applying their Comprehensive Plan policies and development code regulations/standards to evaluate and regulate large-lot development proposals and through application of development regulations and guidance found in the (required to be adopted) large-lot industrial overlay zone.

Jefferson County is fulfilling its coordination responsibilities by collaborating with the City of Madras, Culver, Metolius, as well as Crook and Deschutes counties by responding to a specific employment land need identified in the Analysis for large-lot industrial sites in Central Oregon. Participating cities will need to address this guideline, which is also cited in Statewide Planning Goal 6, when they conduct their alternative land and public facilities analyses and inventory of employment lands when examining if the short-term regional need can be met inside their respective UGB.

- Goal 10, Housing is not applicable because, unlike municipalities, unincorporated areas are not obligated to fulfill certain housing requirements.

- Goal 11, Public Facilities is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial land policies into its Comprehensive Plan. No development or land use changes are being proposed that impact public facilities.

- Goal 12, Transportation, is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial land policies into its Comprehensive Plan. No development or land use changes are being proposed that impact local or state transportation facilities.

- Goal 13, Energy Conservation, is not applicable because the County is adopting a technical document and several regional coordination and large-lot industrial land policies into its Comprehensive Plan. No development or land use changes are being proposed that warrant energy conservation.

- Goal 14, Urbanization, is met because developing a short-term supply of large readily available industrial sites is not currently part of regional economic development efforts. New OARs specifically grant local governments in Central Oregon that ability to determine the need for regional large-lot industrial land by following the provisions of OAR 660-024-0045. By adopting the Analysis as allowed under OAR 660-024-0045(2)(a), Jefferson County has demonstrated that there is a regional large lot employment land need that is not presently being met by local governments in Central Oregon. Regional large-lot employment need is defined in OAR 660-024-0045(2)(e) as a need for a specific type of 20-year employment land need. Participating cities as noted under OAR 660-024-0045(5a) and (5b), can adopt the Analysis to provide the factual basis for the determination of regional large lot employment land need. Lastly, as
specified in OAR 660-024-0045(6), participating cities may adopt the Analysis and enter into an intergovernmental agreement without amending their existing EOA.

- Goals 15 through 19 are not applicable to any amendments to the County’s comprehensive plan because the county has none of those types of lands.

Section (7) - Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan

* Urbanization Chapter

Finding: This plan amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Goal 9 – Economics, Policy 2 (Industrial lands). This amendment specifically fulfills the County’s first and second urbanization goals, by providing a factual basis for urbanizing large-lot industrial sites in Central Oregon and fostering intergovernmental cooperation.

Attachment:
Exhibit A - Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis

LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

The proposed legislative amendments to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan flowing from the proposed adoption of the Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Analysis are listed on the following pages. The proposed amendments connect the Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Analysis and the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan via findings and policies in the Goal 9 – Economics Chapter of the County Comprehensive Plan.

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(Add the following)
Findings:
2.8 Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis

During the 1990s, the Central Oregon region experienced a dramatic transformation from an economy concentrated largely in wood products into a service based economy serving a growing and diverse tourism and household base. Accelerated in-migration and tourism growth gave way to rapid economic expansion, escalation in home prices, and a systematic shift in the local economy from goods producing activities to service oriented industries. While initially representing a diversification of the local economy, this shift led to an over-reliance upon these types of industries.

During the recent recession, the regional economy’s vulnerabilities became apparent. Suitable land for today’s industrial development forms emerged as one of Oregon’s most severe development challenges.
In 2010, 2011, and 2012, Deschutes, Jefferson and Jefferson counties and their respective cities, undertook an unprecedented regional evaluation of the economic opportunities and constraints associated with users of large industrial parcels in the Central Oregon region. The purpose of this evaluation was to aid in providing a more diversified economic base for the region that would accommodate industrial uses with a need for larger lots than possibly may be currently available in any of the Central Oregon cities. As part of that evaluation, a consultant was hired to draft an analysis of Central Oregon’s opportunities, competitiveness, ability, and willingness to attract more basic industries. The analysis focused specifically on industries that require large lots. The result was a document called the Central Oregon Regional Economic Opportunity Analysis.

LCDC adopted Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-024-0040 and 660-024-0045. That rule provides that the large lot industrial land need analysis agreed upon by all of the parties, once adopted by each of the participating governmental entities, would be sufficient to demonstrate a need for up to nine large industrial sites in Central Oregon. Six of the sites will be made available initially. Three more sites may be added under the rule as the original sites are occupied.

An additional necessary component to this undertaking is an Intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") between the region’s jurisdictions and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council ("COIC"). Through the IGA, COIC will provide oversight of the short term land supply of large lot industrial sites to enable the region to become competitive in industrial recruitment. Once each of the three counties and their respective cities adopt similar ordinances and enter into an IGA with COIC, the large lot sites will enable Industrial recruitment opportunities to attract potential industrial users to consider the region that may not have otherwise without the availability of these large lots. Participating local governments will review the program after all nine sites have been occupied or after ten years, whichever comes first.

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(Add the following)
Policies:
2.8 Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis

1. Jefferson County supports building a strong and thriving regional economy by coordinating public investments, policies and regulations to support regional and state economic development objectives in Central Oregon.

2. Jefferson County supports a multi-jurisdictional cooperative effort to pursue a regional approach to establish a short-term supply of sites particularly designed to address out-of-region industries that may locate in Central Oregon.
3. Jefferson County recognizes the importance of maintaining a large-lot industrial land supply that is readily developable in Central Oregon.

4. The Central Oregon Regional Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis ("Analysis") has been adopted by Jefferson County.

5. Within 6 months of the adoption of the "Analysis", in coordination with the participating local governments in Central Oregon, Jefferson County shall, execute an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") with the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council ("COIC") that specifies the process of allocation of large lot industrial sites among the participating local governments.

6. Jefferson County, fulfilling coordination duties, will approve and update its comprehensive plan when the City of Madras, Culver, Metolious in cooperation with Jefferson County legislatively or through a quasi-judicial process designates a regionally significant site.

7. Jefferson County supports Economic Development of Central Oregon ("EDCO"), a non-profit organization facilitating new job creation and capital investment to monitor and advocate for the region's efforts of maintaining an inventory of appropriate sized and located Industrial lots available to the market.

8. Jefferson County will collaborate with regional public and private representatives to engage the Oregon Legislature and state agencies and their commissions to address public facility, transportation and urbanization issues that hinder economic development opportunities in Central Oregon.

9. Jefferson County will strengthen long-term confidence in the economy by building innovative public to private sector partnerships.

CONCLUSION

The Planning Commission forwards a recommendation of approval to the County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to hear this on May 8, 2013 and May 22, 2013.

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Attachment: Exhibit A - Central Oregon Large Lot Industrial Land Need Analysis