



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners

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**DATE:** May 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Continued Public Hearing: Reconsideration of Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

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The Deschutes Board of Commissioners (Board) will hold a continued public hearing on May 21, 2025, to reconsider Ordinance 2024-007, concerning the adoption of the Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan (2040 Plan). The associated case file number is 247-25-000145-PA.

The record is available on the project website <https://bit.ly/Deschutes2040Reconsideration>.

### I. FORMAT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing will be held *limited de novo*. Only testimony related to the *Petitioner's Brief* submitted by Central Oregon Landwatch to the Oregon Land Use Board Appeals will be considered. The *Petitioner's Brief* is found on the project website under "Application Materials".

Any interested person may participate in the *limited de novo* hearing, but issues for discussion are limited as noted. The following time limits are in place for those providing testimony:

- Public Agencies: 10 min
- General Public: 3 min

The Board may modify or eliminate the time limits at any time.

## **II. INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN RECORD PERIOD**

The Board held an initial public hearing on April 23, 2025<sup>1</sup>, additional background information is found in the initial public hearing memo.

Prior to and during the initial hearing, members of the public provided oral and written testimony on the following issues:

- Compliance with Goal 14, concerning new residential and industrial development on rural lands.
- Compliance with Goal 14, concerning rezoning of farm and forest land.
- Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, including acknowledgement status of policies carried over from 2011 Plan.

Following testimony, the board voted to continue both the oral and written portions of the hearing to May 21, 2025. Approximately 60 public comments have been received as of the date of this memo.

## **III. NEXT STEPS**

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board may choose to:

- Continue the hearing to a date certain;
- Close the hearing and leave the written record open to a date certain;
- Close the hearing and set a date for deliberations; or
- Close the hearing and commence deliberations.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-227>