

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Juniper Ridge Update

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to continue remediation efforts relating to encampments at Juniper Ridge until an alternative location has been identified and the County can require people to vacate the property.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Last year, Deschutes County received a formal code enforcement complaint related to County-owned land in Juniper Ridge. In response, County staff developed a remediation plan which was approved by the Board on June 21, 2023. See attached memo for more information on actions taken thus far and potential next steps.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Of the \$200,000 budget previously approved by the Board for remediation efforts and the provision of basic services, \$92,400 still remains. The remaining funds will last until approximately June 30, 2024.

Staff recommends allocating additional funds to continue providing remediation and basic services once the initial budget of \$200,000 is expended. The funds could come from the ARPA funds set aside to address homelessness, the General Fund, or included in the FY 24-25 proposed budget.

ATTENDANCE:

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator