



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** State DLCD Farm and Forest Modernization Project Update

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

N/A—update only.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Oregon's zoning-based farm and forest land conservation programs have been in place since 1973. Over the past 10 years, interested parties, the courts, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development have identified a number of issues needing review. In 2024, the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) initiated the Farm and Forest Modernization Project, which included rulemaking and the appointment of a rules advisory committee. Rulemaking was intended to improve the clarity and consistency of implementing Oregon's farm and forest program across the state.

LCDC ultimately adopted new Oregon Administrative Rules on December 6, 2024, which became effective on January 1, 2025. The Community Development Department will initiate housekeeping amendments shortly. Staff is providing a general overview of the project.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

None

**ATTENDANCE:**

Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner

Will Groves, Planning Manager

Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director