



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Draft letter regarding ODF Wildfire Funding Proposal

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move Board signature of letter to AOC providing input on the ODF (Oregon Department of Forestry) Wildfire Funding Proposal.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On November 30, 2023, Commissioners received the following email from Association of Oregon Counties' staff member Branden Pursinger:

"Below is an update from Co-Chair Perkins who has been serving on a workgroup that was tasked with looking at the way we fund wildfire costs in Oregon. Especially the Landowner Ratepayer Offset issue from 2023. Please see his brief description below and the attached document. We are hoping that Commissioners will take a look at the document attached and pass along any questions, comments, concerns, etc. to myself and Commissioner Perkins as soon as possible. The information shared will then be taken to the next meeting of the workgroup for review and input into the final proposal coming."

The email attachment referenced is the "Sustainable Wildfire Funding" proposal which is attached to this staff report.

At the December 6, 2023 Board meeting, staff discussed the proposal with the Board. The Board provided input and directed staff to draft a letter for its consideration.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None.

ATTENDANCE:

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator
Kevin Moriarty, County Forester