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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

FROM: Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner

DATE: September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Deliberations on amending the Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan to add an exception to Goal 11 (Public Facilities and Services) to allow for sewers in unincorporated lands in southern Deschutes County; amend language to Newberry Country Plan to prevent upzoning; and add a Goal 11 map indicating affected tax lots (File 247-000308-PA)

BACKGROUND

The proposed amendments to the Deschutes County's Comprehensive Plan are to allow rural sewers in unincorporated lands in southern Deschutes County. The exception would allow the option of sewers at varying scales, but would not require them.

Additionally, the proposed amendment would amend Newberry Country: A Plan for Southern Deschutes County to add Policy 9.1(a) to prohibit upzoning based on a successful Goal 11 Exception. The amendment would also update a section in the Newberry Country Plan which had referenced a then-impending Steering Committee recommendation to instead identify the Steering Committee's recommendation to pursue a Goal 11 exception. Finally, a Goal 11 map would be added to the Comprehensive Plan which indicates the affected tax lots.

The Planning Commission (PC) held public hearings on July 23 at 2:00 and 5:30 p.m. in La Pine and on August 13 in Bend. At the conclusion of the August 13 public hearing, the PC closed the oral record and left the written record open until 5:00 p.m. on September 4.

OPTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 10 DELIBERATIONS

The Planning Commission has three basic options:

- Deliberate and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners based on the text amendment and mapped Goal 11 Exception area as proposed
- Deliberate and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners based on any PC-approved modifications to the proposed text amendment and/or mapped Goal 11 exception area
- Deliberate but continue the deliberations to a date certain