

Policy on Mineral Resources

Explanatory Note: A background report on mining, mineral and aggregate resources provided to the CAC for its February meeting recommended one policy statement and five strategies pertaining to mineral resources. This Farm, Forest and Rural Economy subcommittee discussed that language at its March 4, 2015 meeting and offered modifications and additions. A revised policy statement was brought back to the subcommittee for review on April 1. The subcommittee made further revisions to the policy at that time. The policy was then reviewed and discussed at the CAC meeting also held on April 1. The CAC directed staff to make additional revisions to the policy.

The following policy statement on mineral resources reflects all of the changes sought by the subcommittee and full CAC. Underlined text is new language from the policy as presented on April 1. ~~Struck-out text~~ is deleted language from the policy as presented on April 1.

POLICY

Protect and ensure appropriate use of mineral and aggregate resources of the County and minimize conflict between surface mining activities and surrounding land uses.

STRATEGIES

- A. The County shall protect significant mineral and aggregate resources consistent with Statewide Planning Goal 5 and Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 660, Division 16.
- B. Allow mining and the expansion of the significant goal 5 mineral and aggregate resources, in accordance with state rules, statutes and local conditional use permit requirements, to provide needed aggregate materials for the Portland Metropolitan Area.
- C. Require new or expanded mineral and aggregate extraction operations to develop programs based upon an economic, social, environmental and energy (ESEE) consequences analysis that will minimize any negative effects of mineral and aggregate-related activities on surrounding affected uses.
- D. Utilize the Protected Aggregate and Mineral Resources (PAM) Overlay and Mineral Extraction conditional use criteria to protect identified mineral and aggregate resource sites and to reduce potential impacts of resource extraction on ~~adjacent~~ uses within the overlay zone.

- E. Balance the need for aggregate materials with the protection of scenic views, streams, and wildlife habitat within the vicinity of significant goal 5 mineral and aggregate resources ~~with particular attention given to implementation~~ including implementing measures contained in past reconciliation reports for the Angell Brothers and Howard Canyon quarry sites.
- F. The county will coordinate its permitting and compliance monitoring processes for mineral and aggregate resources with the Oregon Department of Geologic and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) as applicable. For mining operations where the County has issued a land use permit, the County will initiate coordination efforts by conducting biennial compliance reviews with the regulatory agencies.
- G. Conditional use permits issued by the County for new, renewed, or expanded mining operations shall be reviewed every two years to determine compliance with the permit conditions.