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Governor Atiyeh Larry Sturholm

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SUBJECT: First Year Report

1. Herbicides

This issue provoked interest from the start of the Atiyeh administration. In early January, the Governor released a report on the economic effects of discontinued use of 2,4,5-T. Later EPA banned use of that herbicide. Information on both sides of the issues has been prevalent. The Legislature passed, however, the Pesticide Analytical Response Center associated with our Department of Agriculture this last session. This was a department bill. In September the Governor appointed Dr. David Charlton to sit on PARC. At the upcoming E-Board, in December of 1979, the Department of Agriculture, at the Governor's request, will present an informational letter. Attachment A, outlines our desire to have an effective, well-rounded study designed by experts in Atlanta to compare birth defects and miscarriages in Lincoln County with national averages and the use of 2,4,5-T throughout the state. This will be a scientific study with controls and case studies that we can use to make scientific decisions.

2. RARE II

On February 23, the Governor forwarded his wilderness recommendations to the President and simultaneously to Senator Hatfield, who subsequently introduced his Oregon Wilderness Bill in the Senate. This bill designated approximately 60,000 acres wilderness, while calling for release for non-wilderness use in those areas not designated wilderness. A bill has passed in the Senate with substantially more acreage, and at this point no action has taken place in the House. Oregon already has 1.3 million acres of wilderness.

3. Reforestation

The Governor has continued to urge the President and the Secretary of Agriculture to fund the Resource Planning Act levels for reforestation on forest lands throughout the country. Congress, under the leadership of our Delegation, did so in June of this last year.

4. Secretary of State's Audit Regarding Timber Sale Practices

In March, Governor Atiyeh, after receiving the Secretary of State's audit, asked Carl Stoltenberg and the Board of Forestry to review with the department, the practices associated with timber sales. Several actions were taken as a result of this: a) more recovery sales which is a procedure where you pay for the actual number of logs taken out of a harvest area;

b) less cash sales, which is paying for a blanket amount; c) department has hired an investigator to help improve security and prevent trespass on state lands.

5. Executive Order in December Calling for Coordination and Development of a Forest Resource Program for Oregon

This is the beginning of a long-term project which will coordinate the goals and objectives and programs of state agencies charged with the administration and management of Oregon's forest resources. All state resource agencies are involved. The goals are a) to establish a comprehensive and coordinated forest resource program for Oregon; b) to divine and coordinate basic goals and policy objectives with regard to balanced multiple use forest resources, including a definition of short- and long-term goals and quantified objectives for commodity and non-commodity forest resources; c) identification of conflicts among goals and objectives, and recommendation of alternate goals and objectives that minimize conflict. There is a copy of this, which is attachment B.

6. Soil and Water Conservation

Soil and Water Conservation Commission and DEQ signed a memorandum of agreement on June 8, on 208 Water Quality Projects. We also designated four projects of statewide concern, which have now been approved and funded. They are; Malheur County Irrigation Study, Tillamook Bay Agricultural Study, Dry Land Wheat Study on Nonpoint Source Pollution, and the Foothills Erosion Study.

7. Scenic Rivers

- a. On August 31 (to take effect September 1) we reinstated the Executive Order on the Scenic River Advisory Committee. As you know, we are looking at increased management on both the Deschutes and the Rogue.
- b. On July 2, 1979, you asked for a federal designation of the Illinois as a Wild and Scenic River. In doing so, you used the vehicle of Senator Henry Jackson's bill. This, as you know, precludes development of the dam at Buzzard Roost.
- c. In November and December you worked with members of the environmental groups who were interested in pursuing an initiative petition to include six new rivers into the scenic system. Now they will work "within the system" to help furnish data for river studies for potential inclusion.

8. Field Burning

In May, after working with both sides: the City of Eugene and the field growers, you signed the field burning legislation which increased acreage to 250,000. The Governor negotiated with the city and the seed-growers in July, and used special authority under the Clean Air Act to burn 180,000 acres rather than the 50,000 acres that are currently in the state implementation plan. You were the first Governor to use this unique authority. Discussions during and since that time with the City of Eugene and the seed-growers and DEQ have resulted in a memorandum of understanding.

This memorandum of understanding will preclude the city from filing a lawsuit. Both will work toward a smoke management program that will be based not on acreage, but rather on weather conditions that will minimize particulates in the Eugene area.

9. LCDC

- a. Landmark legislation creating a Land Use Board of Appeals was enacted at the Governor's request. This new board will hopefully alleviate some of the backlog faced by LCDC, and allow for more rapid review of draft plans.
- b. Passage of HB 3008, which defines the role of the Forest Practices Act in the forestry goal in LCDC will go part way to resolve some of the conflicts between these two agencies. We were instrumental in the passage of this bill.
- c. At the Governor's request, LCDC decided to embrace a "postponement policy" rather than merely approving or denying a comprehensive plan. LCDC now has the ability to give time extensions and approve portions of a plan, rather than denying the plan entirely.

10. Geology and Mineral Industries

- a. Last January the Governor reinstated the Map Advisory Commission. Since that time the Governor has written the Congressional Delegation and asked that Oregon's topographical mapping be brought up to date. Operating at past historic levels, it would take 30 years for the state to finish this project. With the Governor's help, the Congressional Delegation has gotten a commitment from the U.S. Geological Survey that Oregon's topo-mapping will be done by the mid-80's.
- b. Early in the session the reinstatement of the Map Advisory Commission transferred funding authority from the Water Resources Department to to Geology and Mineral Industries and consolidated the mapping functions.
- c. Natural Gas was discovered at Mist in late April and on May 1st it was verified that Mist was a substantial natural gas discovery.

11. DEQ

At the Governor's request the Environmental Quality Commission last month asked our office to instigate a programmatic and management study of DEQ. This ten month study will result in a clear understanding of the role of DEQ with other state and federal agencies, the role of their advisory commissions and their ability to serve the public.

12. Fisheries

- a. Salmon Season - Last year the Governor's relationship with Fish and Wildlife was primarily to serve as an intervener on behalf of commercial fishermen who were concerned that they were not given enough lead time to respond to Pacific Fisheries Management Council's decision to shorten the salmon season. At the Governor's request

after meetings with the commercial fishermen the Fish and Wildlife Commission held hearings on the subject. This activity took place the end of August and beginning of September, Memorial Day weekend to be exact.

13. Hazardous Wastes

- a. Coffin Butte "exploding landfill". On June 27th the Governor reported to the House Environment and Energy Committee on the findings of our investigation of the Coffin Butte landfill adjacent to Wah Chang. Our report indicated that while assumptions could be made about material buried at the site that specific information vis-a-vis a core sample could not be taken because of the pyrotechnique nature of the material when exposed to oxygen.
- b. PCB's. The Governor had confidential meetings with John Lobdell, Gene Kunkle as well as with Bill Young concerning PCB's in Oregon. At his request and investigation which will culminate soon has been undertaken to determine the amount of PCB transmitters and capacitors in the state, the proximity of these transmitters to food processing plants and the condition of these transmitters. Pat will have the assessment by the end of December, with recommendations on further actions that may be necessary. This may include incentives to motivate farmer to transmit to Chem-Nuclear in Arlington PCB's.
- c. Nuclear Waste flowing through Oregon. At the Governor's instigation and as a result of the Three Mile Island incident all nuclear waste that comes into the state is monitored when it enters the state as well as when it leaves. We started this process in March of this year.

14. Energy Facility Siting Council

- a. On February 14th the Governor announced the appointments to the Energy Facility Siting Council and one reappointment. This was done to legalize the terms of those members of the council. Bill Luchs' and John Thorpe's terms had expired. The Governor reappointed Marion Frank and appointed Harvey Risewick and K. J. O'Connell.

On March 9, K. J. O'Connell went before the Senate Energy and Environment Committee and revealed that he had stock holdings in major utilities. On March 14th the Governor accepted Mr. O'Connell's withdrawal. In May Walt Evans, Sr. was asked to sit on the council in place of O'Connell. In June Brother Raphael Wilson took the place of Chih Wang. All in all it took from February to June to straighten out the terms of office of that particular board. I'm sure this will bring back a whole flood of memories.

15. Energy Related Traumas

- a. Truckers Strike. In the second week of June we faced a truckers blockade at a number of the stations in the state. They were concerned that they were not priority users in rationing of diesel fuels. Many states faced substantial problems and violence. Oregon did not. On June 14th the Governor met with the truckers and called Senator Hatfield. At the Governor's request the Senator scheduled

a hearing the following Monday, June 18th, to meet with truckers from all over the country. As a result of this request and I am sure, others, transportation was declared a priority user and was served as an emergency user.

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