



STATE OF OREGON

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SUBJECT: Notes from Cabinet

Harvey Latham: The coast storm was really a disaster for commercial insurance companies. Not enough to go to SBA and ask for disaster declaration. Recommendation is it wouldn't fly and don't want to embarrass the Governor. Flooding starting this morning in Tillamook.

Robyn Godwin: Cigarette tax increase implemented. Property tax exemption deadline: getting complaints from those who didn't file on time. Can grant late filing under hardship statute, but ignorance of the law isn't recognized as a hardship.

Darrell Ralls: State Management Association: General Services administrators very critical of SMA. Concern is that SMA is continuing to develop into a union promoting economic concerns of individuals, not as an organization concerned with development of management skills. They continue to talk about issues that characterize a developing union. GS not impressed with the developmental opportunities that SMA has offered. Biggest criticism is that it has not come out as a positive force in working with Exec Department developing tools for administrators. GS has in past picked up dues and expenses; concerns, however, are not fiscal. Management development, Darrell says, is something that is needed now more than ever, and their department plans to put the money into some kind of program. After attending last meeting, Darrell's managers came to the conclusion that they would not have spent their own money to attend, that it was not worthwhile. Darrell proposes that employees pay one-half of dues and foot the bill for their own expenses. Wants to be sure that they aren't "under-cutting the Governor in going this direction."

Robyn Godwin: feels that too many are still thinking union and they are the vocal ones that are trying to get their member on the SMA board. As long as the rest of the membership like Darrell have input, SMA will move in the right direction.

Concern expressed that if SMA loses members who want to see SMA as an organization directed at development of management skills, then the true purpose of the organization will be lost.



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Darrell has told his staff that any requests for state phones in employes' homes must be approved by him. Getting more and more of these requests. Legitimate reason in many instances, but they are very vulnerable to abuse. No monitoring for in-state calls. Darrell plans to continue policy of not allowing telephones in employes' homes.

General Services took criticism that wasn't appropriate in the Coos Bay dry dock, but the contract was signed yesterday and dry dock should be on its way.

Columbia Park Hospital has requested change of status of loan. Darrell has told them conversion will be considered, but there may be conflict.

Jane Huston: Housing Division revenue bond sale scheduled next week. This will be about \$20 million to fund nine multi-unit projects waiting to be funded.

Jane has letter from consumer products safety office. Person who is contact with Oregon called Jane and said consumer services in her office used to be designated agent in state government whom they would contact and farm out things to be done. Consumer services no longer in Commerce. Jane thinks this is something that the Governor needs to look at and designate the Attorney General's office as channel.

Real Estate Division has gone through staff reduction of another 18 positions, down from 72 18 months ago to 34 based on the downturn in number of license renewels and people signing up to take real estate license exam. May not be the end of it.

Builders' board bonds -- can they be tapped when a builder goes bankrupt. Bond company suffering because the full bond is being tapped. Court is considering question of whether that bond is part of what is left after bankruptcy.

Three federal projects being built in Oregon where they are not cooperating with state permit requirements -- building going on which is against building codes, but they won't allow inspections.

John Williams discussed loss of revenues because of decrease in citations. 57,000 fewer citations during first two months which equates to over \$1 million down in revenues as a result cut in number of officers.

Changing policy in giving gasoline to motorists. Will give a slip to the person with an envelope so that people can repay the state for gasoline if they choose.

Received 20 calls over weedend on REDDI line. Resulted in 2 duii, 2 open container violations. Successful over weekend in getting speeding trucks with aircraft.