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TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration

PRESENTED BY: Steve Adams, Policy Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/ In the Matter of Appointing Commissioner Ryan Ceniga to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy

I. MOTION

Approve the appointment of Commissioner Ryan Ceniga to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to approve the appointment of Commissioner Ryan Ceniga to serve on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

In prior years, former Commissioner Bozievich served as the representative of Lane County on this task force.

B. Board Goals

Participation in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy aligns with Lane County's strategic priority for Vibrant Communities, particularly within the context of the Climate Action Plan. By participating in this task force, Lane County can actively contribute to fostering a healthy environment, which is a crucial component of vibrant communities. Through collaboration and consultation with the Bureau of

Ocean Energy Management, Lane County can ensure that potential renewable energy activities on the Outer Continental Shelf offshore Oregon are aligned with climate action goals outlined in the Climate Action Plan. Additionally, participation in the task force offers Lane County the opportunity to advocate for equitable access to renewable energy resources, furthering the intersectionality of economic development, equity, and environmental sustainability.

C. Analysis

Appointing a Commissioner to serve on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy would ensure Lane County's interests and priorities, particularly regarding environmental sustainability and economic vitality, are effectively represented and advocated for in decision-making processes related to renewable energy development offshore Oregon. Additionally, having direct representation on the task force enables Lane County to proactively engage with federal, state, and local stakeholders, fostering collaboration and alignment with broader strategic objectives.

D. Alternatives/Options

- a. Approve the order appointing Commissioner Ryan Ceniga to serve as the representative of Lane County on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy.
- b. Do not approve the order and provide additional direction to staff regarding representation from Lane County on the task force.
- c. Do not approve the order and elect for Lane County to be unrepresented on the task force.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the order and appointing Commissioner Ceniga to serve as Lane County's representative on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- a. Board Order 24-05-14-09
- b. BOEM Oregon OCS Renewable Energy Task Force Charter

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-05-14-09

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Renewable Energy

WHEREAS, a variety of committees, agencies, and task forces require the participation of a representative(s) from the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners routinely assigns and approves the appointment of representatives of such committees, agencies, and task forces;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

Commissioner Ryan Ceniga will formally represent Lane County on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and State of Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force in Marine Renewable Energy.

ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2024.

Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

**Renewable Energy Uses of the Oregon Outer Continental Shelf (OCS):
BOEM Oregon OCS Renewable Energy Task Force Charter
April 2011 (contacts updated April 2024)**

Introduction

In April 2009, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”), formerly the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (“BOEMRE”) and formerly the Minerals Management Service (“MMS”), promulgated a rule that governs the issuance of leases, easements and rights-of-way for renewable energy development activities on the OCS and regulates those activities. (*See* 30 C.F.R. Part 285.) The rule was developed under the authority of subsection 388(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (“EPAct 2005”) and as a result of a decision by MMS in 2007 to establish an Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program for renewable energy activities and the alternate use of facilities on the OCS. Under the regulations, BOEM may authorize commercial and research activities related to renewable energy activities on the OCS offshore the State of Oregon. The purpose of this charter is to establish the BOEM Oregon OCS Renewable Energy Task Force (hereafter, “Task Force”), an intergovernmental task force established to provide input into BOEMRE’s decision-making process on issues related to renewable energy activities on the OCS off the coast of Oregon.

Authority

Subsection 388(a) of the EPAct 2005 added subsection 8(p) to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCS Lands Act) (43 U.S.C. §1337(p)). Under 43 U.S.C. §1337(p)(7), BOEM must provide for the coordination and consultation with the Governor of any state or the executive of any local government that may be affected by a renewable energy lease, easement or right-of-way on the OCS. The Task Force provides BOEM a means to fulfill this mandate in its consideration of potential renewable energy activities on the OCS offshore Oregon. Membership and participation in the Task Force is restricted and is comprised solely of representatives of federal, state, local and tribal governmental bodies and is not chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Purpose

The Task Force is chartered by the BOEM’s Office of Strategic Resources to provide for coordination and consultation with respect to its consideration of potential renewable energy activities on the OCS offshore Oregon. Pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 285.102(e), BOEM may invite any affected State Governor, representative of an affected Indian tribe, and affected local government executive to join in establishing a task force or other joint planning or coordination agreement in carrying out our responsibilities under this part. A number of federal, state and local government agencies have independent statutory responsibilities related to the authorization of OCS renewable energy activities. To the extent practicable, the Task Force will provide input for the purpose of ensuring the

efficient, coordinated review of OCS renewable energy activities and projects.

Participation in the Task Force offers members the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input into BOEM's decision-making process. While BOEM will consider all Task Force member input, the Task Force is not a decision-making body. Membership or participation in the Task Force does not preclude any federal, state, local or tribal government from reviewing, commenting or making independent determinations regarding matters and issues addressed by the task force.

BOEM will work with interested agency and tribal partners to:

- ensure the appropriate governments/agencies (federal, state, local and tribal) are offered the opportunity to participate in the Task Force;
- share information about the regulatory authorities and policy objectives of the various agencies/governments and the processes each employs to fulfill its responsibilities, both generally and with respect to specific (or conceptual) activities or projects;
- coordinate approval, permit and review processes for OCS renewable energy projects;
- discuss and identify opportunities to overcome uncertainties in regulatory processes that may pose impediments to effective and efficient review of proposed activities or projects; and
- identify information needs that may benefit from further study and explore various means to obtain the needed information.

Membership

Task Force members and participants include federal and state agencies, tribes and local governments that have a role in approving, permitting, reviewing and/or regulating resources or activities that could be affected by or have an effect on renewable energy activities on the OCS offshore Oregon. The membership and/or participation in the Task Force may change over time. Nothing in this charter expands or alters the scope of the Task Force members' respective authorities, or creates any legal obligation on the part of any Task Force member or private right or cause of action for or by any person or entity.

BOEM will work with federal and state agencies, tribes and local governments to identify a primary point of contact for each body represented. These primary points of contact will be responsible for ensuring participation from relevant functional units within their respective organizations and cultivating an open exchange of information with Task Force members and participants.

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: On October 1, 2011, BOEMRE was re-organized and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) was created within the U.S. Department of Interior to manage development of Outer Continental Shelf energy and mineral resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

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