

CHARTER AND AGREEMENT

LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

This Charter and Intergovernmental Agreement is made and entered into this 30th day of November, 1971 (Amended 5/22/75), (Amended 12/10/81), (Amended 2/27/92), (Amended 9/25/97), (Amended 4/23/98), (Amended 6/26/14) by and between the agencies that adopted the associated resolutions.

ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT

The Lane Council of Government (hereinafter called the Council) is established by authority of ORS190.003 to 190.110 generally, and specifically ORS 190.010 (5), as currently existing and as amended hereafter, , and by this Agreement among its members.

This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements which established or provided for the governance of LCOG and its predecessor agencies. The Council established by this Charter and Agreement shall assume all assets, liabilities, obligations, functions, and authority heretofore vested in or assumed by the Lane Council of Governments.

ARTICLE II. NATURE OF AGREEMENT

The members hereby recognize the need to jointly plan for facilities, utilities, and services of an areawide, or multi-agency, nature within Lane County, Oregon, in order to strengthen local governments and better serve the public. The members also recognize the need to inform each other of proposals, plans, developments, and operations which have an areawide effect; and while recognizing that not all these activities need be jointly planned, the members hereby agree to bring all such to the attention of the Council for its review and recommendation.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Council is open to any public agency that has an operating budget, is located in Lane County, has a service area wholly or primarily in Lane County, and has a policy-level governing body comprised of officials elected directly to that body by popular vote.

Section 2. The governing body of any public agency may attain membership by adopting a resolution approving the Charter and Agreement and by defraying a portion of the expenses of the Council as determined by the Council.

Section 3. Representation: Each member agency shall be entitled to a regular and an alternate representative on the Council selected from the elected governing body, designated by and serving at the pleasure of the member government's governing body.

Section 4. Any member government may withdraw as a participating member in the Council under this charter and Agreement at the termination of the fiscal year (July 1

through June 30) by notifying each member at least six months prior to the end of the fiscal year of its interest to withdraw.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The governing body of the Council shall be the Lane Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Section 2. Each member shall be entitled to one representative and one alternate selected by and from members of its elected governing board to serve on the LCOG governing board. Alternates shall be voting alternates in the absence of the regular member. Non-voting members and alternates shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of voting members except the right to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS.

Section 1. There shall be a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. The voting members shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair in September of each odd-numbered year per the process outlined in the Bylaws. The term of office for each officer is two years; and each member is limited to serving in each office for two consecutive two-year terms.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be constituted, each year following the election of officers, an Executive Committee.

Section 2. The purpose and function of the Executive Committee shall be to address policy issues which require action between regular meetings of the Board, to provide counsel and direction to the Executive Director regarding administrative matters, and to address special tasks, as required by the Board.

ARTICLE VII. FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES

The Board of Directors has the following functions and duties:

- A. Upon request, and in cooperation with other advisory agencies, commissions, and boards, the Board of Directors may:
 1. Initiate, conduct, or cause to be conducted broad planning studies of areawide or multi-agency significance.
 2. Prepare, or have prepared, and adopt comprehensive plans, programs, or policies pertaining to multi-agency or areawide facilities, utilities, and services; and prepare and adopt plans, policies, and programs recommending the governmental and organizational devices or structures

necessary for providing or constructing such facilities, utilities, and services.

3. Prepare, adopt, and recommend policies and programs to alleviate areawide problems or to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of private, quasi-public, and public agencies.
 4. Prepare and propose policies, resolutions, ordinances, codes, laws, and regulations for submission to public and private agencies for the consideration.
 5. Render advice and technical assistance to public and private agencies and citizens.
 6. Review public and private agency policies, programs, and projects of an area-wide or multi-agency nature with respect to consistency with adopted policies, programs, or plans; and forward such findings to local, state, and federal agencies.
 7. Review the plans, programs, and planning activities of individual agencies and governments within Lane County; and make recommendations which will result in the coordination of such plans, programs, and planning activities, in conformity to adopted policies, plans, and programs.
- B. Enter into agreements with the United States, the State of Oregon, public or private agencies or corporations, and individuals for the purpose of obtaining financial aid or other participation carrying out the objectives, programs, and purposes of the Council.
- C. Own or lease equipment and other property in its own name.
- D. Adopt a budget in compliance with ORS 294.900 to 294.930 indicating the receipts and expenditures of the Council.
- E. Establish the amount of member dues to be paid by each member.
- F. Establish a Reserve Policy.
- G. Seek and accept grants, gifts, loans, and donations in the name of the Council, a member government or member governments, or other public or quasi-private agencies.
- H. Make, adopt, and amend bylaws consistent with this Charter and Agreement.
- I. Appoint, review, or remove the Executive Director.

- J. Retain consultants, or obtain the personal services of individuals or employees of other agencies.
- K. Establish advisory committees.
- L. Undertake any and all powers authorized by ORS 190.080.
- M. Take such other actions as are necessary to enable the LCOG to carry out its functions and duties.

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be the chief administrative officer of the Council and shall administer the business of the Council. The Executive Director is granted the authority to employ staff, execute contracts, and take other actions as may be necessary to carry out the work, consistent with the Articles, Bylaws, and the guidelines and directions of the Board.

ARTICLE IX. DURATION AND TERMINATION

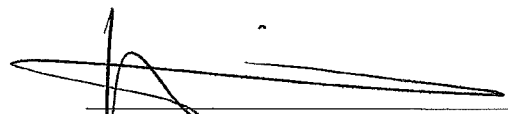
This Charter and Agreement shall continue and remain in full force, and the Council shall not be dissolved unless two-thirds of the members adopt and present Resolutions calling for termination of the Council. Any such dissolution shall not become effective until such time as any contracts to which the Council is a party have been fully performed or are no longer in effect. In the event of such dissolution, assets on hand shall be distributed to Lane County.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

This Charter and Agreement may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members.



Al King, Chair
LCOG Board of Directors



Brendalee S. Wilson
Executive Director

Date: June 26, 2014