



THE COLUMBIA CORRIDOR INFORMER

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CCA OPPOSES BAN ON MIXING ZONES

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As this newsletter was being prepared, your Association was working with other organizations and businesses to unite against Senate Bill 555 which would affect all companies and municipalities that discharge under a permit into rivers. This bill would remove an essential tool used by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to manage pollutant discharges under the current state water quality program.

The most alarming feature of the bill is that it has gathered considerable momentum without input from those most affected. Industry has worked long and hard with the DEQ and the state legislature to develop an effective and equitable program based on science that considers the health of each watershed. This bill would override the current program.

SB 555 would establish water quality limits at the discharge points by eliminating the mixing zone tool currently established by regulatory authorities. The only way to be exempted would be through studies to prove that the best control practices were in place. That process will likely be very expensive and costs could be passed on by municipalities to tax payers and water dischargers.

A key issue with the bill is the assumption that eliminating mixing zones will significantly improve water quality. These zones are controlled areas in water bodies where effluents are allowed to disperse without harm. They are established after close study by DEQ based on the specific impact to the water affected. Mixing zones vary, but are frequently less than 100 feet in diameter.

Another fact SB 555 ignores is that the majority of pollutants of concern don't come from point sources such as industry, but from non-point sources such as metals and oils from vehicles,

particulate from wood stoves and bacteria from agricultural runoff.

Since Oregon would be alone in banning all mixing zones, we would be competitively disadvantaged over other states and businesses would be hurt.

We reviewed the bill with key Association members and have joined the Association of Oregon Industries, the Oregon Metals and Industry Council and others in voicing our opposition. CCA believes the current program gives DEQ the tools they need to permit effluent discharges and minimize the environmental impact.

We feel it is unwise for such a radical change to be made to the state's program without input from all stakeholders and with so little consideration of the economic impact, the workability of the program and the apparently small benefit.

CCA has issued a letter that went to 12 key legislative leaders explaining our concerns with the bill, and offering our support for maintaining the

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March Forum

Buying and Selling Low Risk Brownfields

**Joe Hunt
EMS Portland**

March 16th

Radisson

April Forum

CCA's Annual Real Estate Trends and Forecasts

**April 27th
Riverside Country Club**



Portland Development Commission, Port of Portland
 Portland Office of Transportation, Portland Business Alliance
 Pacific Northwest International Trade Assn.
 Present

Distribution & Logistics Industry Breakfast

Governor Hotel, Library Room
 611 SW 10th Ave., 2nd Floor

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

\$10.00 per person

Please RSVP to 503-823-3323 or email rundm@pdc.us to reserve your seat. Seating is limited.

Portland Bureau of Development Services

Lunch and Learn Brown Bag Session

Land Use Training for Citizens: Understanding the Process

Friday, March 11, 2005, Noon - 1:30pm

1900 SW 4th Avenue Building, 2nd Floor Conf. Rm. 2500-A

- * What is a Land Use Review? What is a nexus?
- * What activities are allowed with & without a Land Use Review?
- * How can I effectively participate in the Land Use Review process?
- * Types of Land Use Review (I, II, IIX, III, IV) ~ What do they mean?
- * Questions and Answers with City Land Use experts

All are Welcome to attend this free event—Bring your lunch and join us ! (NO reservation required).

For more information, contact Martha Shonya, 503.823.7822.

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SCHEDULE OF CCA EVENTS

- ELU Committee Meeting
- Columbia Slough 101
- Marketing Committee Meeting
- Breakfast Forum: Low Risk Brownfields
- CCA Board of Directors Meeting



MARCH BREAKFAST FORUM ON BUYING LOW RISK BROWNFIELDS

Our four-person panel will discuss development issues for brownfields and transaction opportunities. You'll be surprised how much new information is available on this controversial topic.

Joe Hunt, Environmental Management Services
Mark Clemons, Group Mackenzie
Elissa Gertler, Portland Development Commission
Steve Kountz, Portland Bureau of Planning

7:30-9:00 am, Wednesday, March 16th
 Airport Radisson

Call Marissa for reservations: 503.287.8686 or
mking@columbiacorridor.org

CCA'S APRIL REAL ESTATE TRENDS & FORECASTS

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WELLS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC

It's that time of year. Don Ossey of Capacity Commercial Group will lead a panel on the future of Portland's real estate market. Sign up early for our most popular forum of the year!

7:30-9:00 am, Wednesday, April 27th

Riverside Golf & Country Club

Call Marissa for reservations: 503.287.8686 or
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ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE COMMITTEE

⇒ **7:30 am—9:00 am, Wednesday, March 2nd** at the Schwabe Law Offices, 1211 SW Fifth Ave., 19th Floor (Pacwest Center)

Improving the Portland Zoning Code's Tree Preservation Chapter

Portland's approach to tree preservation is one reason the city is as green and attractive as it is. However, there are some challenges for developers on commercial and industrial land with existing trees.

Come hear Eric Engstrom of the city planning staff, explain some of the problems posed by the existing city code and some of the currently available, if occasionally awkward, solutions to those problems. Then help make suggestions to improve the ordinance without changing its intent.

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The Columbia Corridor Association's mission is to provide services to and advocacy for businesses within Oregon's largest industrial sanctuary.

Please feel free to contact us with your questions and comments.

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REX BURKHOLDER SPEAKS ON TRANSPORTATION

The CCA February Breakfast Forum featured Metro Councilor Rex Burkholder. The topic of the month has been transportation funding, culminating with a trip to Washington D.C. to represent the needs of the Northwest.

The discussion ranged from busses to bridges. Councilor Burkholder pointed out that public transportation funding is usually not in competition with road improvement funding. In addition mass transit helps keep the number of

cars down and reduces congestion.

Toll roads were discussed as one of the possibilities for funding future projects. With voters rejecting gas taxes and more full-efficient cars on the road, new market-based funding approaches are being studied.

Not left out of the discussion was the need for improved rail transportation and the desperate need to improve the flow of traffic in the regions most con-

gested areas. Two of the most impacted areas are the I-84/I-5 interchange and the Delta Park section of I-5. The time spent sitting in traffic has an impact on our quality of life and a drain on our economy.

Our thanks to Councilor Burkholder for sharing his views and listening to our concerns and suggestions. In early March, Councilor Burkholder will travel to Washington D.C. to dig up as many transportation dollars as he can.

PORTLAND FREIGHT PLAN WORKSHOP WORKS FOR ALL SIDES

Bravo to the City of Portland for stepping up its efforts to communicate issues of freight mobility with residents and businesses. As advertised in our last newsletter, the City of Portland Office of Transportation recently held a Freight Master Plan workshop to share information and gather input for its developing Freight Master Plan.

In addition to learning about the city's planning process and current conditions for moving freight on Portland's streets, many participants identified

locations for needed freight improvements, policy issues, and "hot spot" areas where trucks impact residential neighborhoods.

The City of Portland will use this feedback to inform its ultimate Portland Freight Master Plan. The plan is quickly taking shape, with recommendations ready for consideration by Portland's Planning Commission and City Council this summer. Before then, you will have another opportunity to comment at the project's next open

house in late spring and during the public comment periods related to the plan adoption.

To learn more about the plan or to share your thoughts and concerns, visit www.portlandtransportation.org/Projects/FMP or contact project manager Deena Platman at 503-823-4736 or deena.platman@pdxtrans.org. Alternately, let Corky know what you think, and he will pass your comments on to the City of Portland.

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present program. CCA representatives spoke with and educated legislators who are responsible for the corridor constituents, including Sen. Shields, Rep. Dingfelder, and Sen. Courtney.

CCA intends to take additional action to help resolve this issue and possibly meet with the originators of the bill and its backers. We will reach out to those groups in the hopes of finding common ground in our shared concern for protecting our water resources and supporting our economy.

Contact Corky Collier for updates: 503.287.8686.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

**Pacific Northwest
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Columbia Slough 101

Rains, Drains and City Streams

Saturday March 5, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Multnomah County Drainage District #1

1880 NE Elrod Drive, Portland

Learn about the fascinating Columbia Slough watershed! This overview covers watershed history, hydrology, jobs, fish and wildlife and stewardship. Hands-on activities include: stream bug sampling, visiting onsite stormwater treatment facilities, climbing the levee, visiting a slough pump station, and learning about ecosystem restoration projects.

FREE.

Space is limited to 50 participants. Pre-registration is required:

Scott.Bradway@columbiaslough.org or (503) -281-1132

Sponsors: Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Multnomah County Drainage District #1, and Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services

Driving: Elrod Drive intersects NE 33 Avenue about .6 miles north of Columbia Boulevard at Riverside Golf and Country Club. Turn left (west) at the Ann Sacks Tile sign. Follow Elrod about one mile to the end of the road.

TriMet: Bus #10. Exit at NE 21st at Riverside. Cross the small waterway to Elrod Dr. Go west for 3 blocks.