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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: Associate State Director

Subject: State Budget Committee Membership

This memorandum reinforces the responsibilities and documents the turnover in the State Budget Committee (SBC) membership. The SBC has been in place now for nine years and has become an effective and important part of the Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) budget process. The SBC fosters interdisciplinary management and discourages decisions made in isolation to promote single program interests. It also enables us to accommodate shifts and focus of our resources to meet changing needs and priorities at all levels of the organization. The SBC provides guidance on statewide priorities and issues needing management direction, reviews overall cost target allocations, reviews and approves the statewide off-the-top funding, as well as helps in the development of our out year budget strategies and submissions.

To provide continuity to the SBC from one year to the next, each SBC member will serve a three-year term with one-third of the SBC turning over each year. The turn over rate this year is higher than normal due to retirements and new assignments for existing members. New members will begin their term with the 2006 Issue Identification exercise. The revised SBC membership, with the new members showing in bold, is as follows:

Associate State Director, Charles E. Wassinger
Chief, Management and Budget, Darwin Priebe
Chief, Branch of Physical Sciences, Nancy Diaz
Deschutes Resource Area Manager, Robert Towne
Suprv Operations Specialist, Tom Terry
OSO Forester, Lyndon Werner
Salem Associate District Manager, Jose Linares
OSO Fire Program, Brenda Howerton
OSO Computer Specialist, Bonnie Zimmerman
Medford Budget Analyst, Roger Viets
OSO Associate Deputy State Director, Management Services, John Keith

Burns District Manager, Tom Dyer
Staff Support - Program Analysts, Donna Buchanan, Karen Corson and Myrna Davis

State Budget Committee meetings and associated work needs to take priority over day-to-day activities. To insure continuity and SBC background knowledge, "actings" are not used for this committee. Therefore, it is important for members to attend as many meetings as possible.

At this time, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have participated on the SBC and have now reached the end of their term, retired, or moved on. My special thanks go to Bennie Hobbs, Dede Domingo, Paul Fredericks, Lynda Boody, and Ed Shepard. Your participation and dedication as a SBC member has been very much appreciated.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this IB and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

Signed by
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