

**NINE STEP PLANNER  
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS WORK SESSIONS**

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the board **before** a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY: Clark County Community Planning

1. **TOPIC:** Critical Areas and Scenic Area code updates

2. **WORK SESSION:**

Staff members to present and attend the work session include:  
Gary Albrecht, Sharon Lumbantobing, Gordy Euler, Oliver Orjiako

3. **TIME FRAME:**

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: 1 hour

DESIRED DATE: To be determined.

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: To be determined.

4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:**

Critical areas: CCC Chapter 40.420 Flood Hazard Ordinance. FEMA has updated the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the Washougal River. Clark County has until January 19, 2018 to adopt this updated map as best available science. CCC Chapter 40.410 Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARA) is a periodic review to include Best Available Science. The county's CARA ordinance was last updated in 2009.

Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Columbia Gorge Commission adopted revisions to the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area to respond to the Oregon Court of Appeals' decision in Friends of the Columbia Gorge v. Columbia River Gorge Commission. These revisions included changes to general management area guidelines and changes to Special Management Area guidelines that the U.S. Forest Service previously adopted. On August 4, 2016, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, through his designee, concurred with the revisions. In accordance with Sections 7 (b) and 8 (h) of the National Scenic Area Act, Clark County is required to adopt these revisions by mid-April 2018.

5. **DESIRED RESULTS:**

Is a work session desired for updating the Flood Hazard and CARA ordinances?

Is a work session desired for updating Chapter 40.240 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Districts ordinance?

6. **IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):** The Board should hear about this because Clark County is required to take legislative action for updating the FIRM panel map and revisions to Chapter 40.240 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Districts. The Growth Management Act requires Clark County to periodically review its Critical Areas Ordinances.

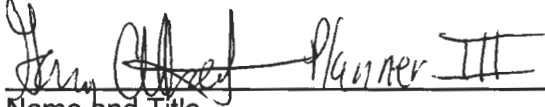
7. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Growth Management implications exist for the FIRM panel update and Chapter 40.410 update as a requirement of using Best Available Science. Updating Chapter 40.240 will ensure compliance with the Columbia River Gorge Commission and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:** None.

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt proposed changes to best available science for the flood hazard and CARA ordinances. Adopted the requested modification to the county's scenic area ordinance.

**APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING:**

Signature of requestor:

  
Name and Title

DATE: 9-25-17

  
Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning Director

DATE: 9-25-17