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Commissioner Don Hampton

Dear Commissioner Hampton:

Thank you for your email (which I received through Carol Heinkel) regarding the status of the Region 2050 process. As I expressed in my local visit with the Policy Advisory Board members last May, the state supports the Region 2050 process and believes that there is real promise in the opportunities available through the collaborative regional problem solving process. It is important to note that the process is voluntary by statutory definition and any regulatory solutions have to be developed by the local participants and concurred with by the State Land Conservation and Development Commission. To my knowledge, there are no proposed plan amendments at this time, so there is nothing for the department or the Commission to approve or disapprove, but I will say again that we support the regional effort, and want it to succeed.

As you know, we have had a transition of commission members since the Region 2050 process was last before the Commission for an information briefing. Only Commission chair John Van Landingham remains as a commissioner well versed about your project. We believe that it is very important for the success of your process that the Commission be kept informed about the project. The department has reviewed our upcoming Commission agendas and intends to make time available on the afternoon of February 2, 2005, for Region 2050 and your other partners, such as state agency and public utility participants, to come and share your project and speak with the Commission about issues, concerns, and potential solutions that may be developing from your efforts.

We hope you and other representatives of the project will be able to join us for this presentation. I think it would be very worthwhile, both for you and for the Commission.

Please let us know about your availability on that date, and contact your regional DLCD representative, Marguerite Nabeta, at (541) 682- 3132, for any help you might need in preparing for the presentation.

Thank you again for getting in touch with me. I look forward to seeing you in February.

Yours very truly,

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Director

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