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The county is running out of money and one of the largest properties owned by the county is completely isolated with no access, no water, no perc, surrounded by swamp, at ground zero for a tsunami with only scrub timber. Yet somehow you have a willing buyer, willing to pay Fair Market Value for 90 acres right now. This should be a no brainer deal.

And the best part - if you can demonstrate to Oregon Parks an ability to work with them, they will include you in developing their Master Plan – This could yield additional or complete transfer of the remaining Floras Lake Property. That is the immense value a unanimous vote today.

Last March Oregon Parks and Recreation Department made a principled offer based on appraisals which established that relative property values matched. You had a counter offer by Commissioner Boice gaining additional benefits to the county. And you have a letter from Oregon Parks accepting the counter offer.

Offer, Counter Offer, Acceptance – That should be the deal.

Yet the challenges remain... to conserve in perpetuity the one of a kind nature experience that is Floras Lake – something we all agree on - while monetizing the counties 500 acres for the benefit of all the citizens of Curry County – something we all agree on.

If it were easy it would have been completed several decades ago when it was first discussed. If it were easy ten years of chasing big deals would have filled the county coffers. If it were

easy McVay Park would have been swapped four years ago. A lot of intelligent men and women on numerous commissions tried for the big deal.

It is time to commit to a “little deal and that in fact would be a big deal.” Please - Start the dominos falling with this 90-acre deal today.

Oregon Parks is already well aware of the next domino. The parcel listed in alternative 2 considered suitable for a conservation easement. Close this first deal and use the second parcel as the center piece for continued discussions to acquire McVay Park. A second domino falls.

Complete deals as part of Oregon Parks Master Plan and you will be free of a completely isolated parcel with no access, no water, no perc, surrounded by swamp, at ground zero for a tsunami with only scrub timber. You will have placed the land with a competent steward for future generations of citizens. And you will hold properties with a myriad of potential for generating income for Curry County.

Commissioner Paasch vote yes and you can be the first to step out of your car along Highway 101 and pound in a For Sale sign at the Port Orford Wayside - IF Oregon Parks Commission approves the deal in September.

Make this deal and a check for \$200,000 made out to the county is just down the road; while preserving a piece of what is special about Floras Lake the very Soul of Langlois.

Return a unanimous vote today and demonstrate through your actions that you are a partner that Oregon Parks can work with.

Thank you.