

1 Carlton, within a former railroad right of way.¹ Notice of Intent to Appeal
2 (NITA), LUBA No. 2020-033, page 1. The 2.82-mile segment of the proposed
3 Trail crosses three drainages that will require construction of three bridges or
4 culverts.

5 In LUBA No. 2020-032, petitioners appeal a January 16, 2020 board of
6 county commissioners' order (Order 20-25) authorizing the county to enter into
7 the Construction Agreement.

8 **BACKGROUND**

9 The county's proposal to develop the Trail has been the subject of three
10 prior LUBA decisions: *Van Dyke v. Yamhill County*, 78 Or LUBA 530 (2018)
11 (*Van Dyke I*); *Van Dyke v. Yamhill County*, ___ Or LUBA ___ (LUBA No 2019-
12 047, Oct 11, 2019) (*Van Dyke II*); *Van Dyke v. Yamhill County*, ___ Or LUBA
13 ___ (LUBA Nos 2019-038/040, Oct 11, 2019) (*Van Dyke III*).

14 In *Van Dyke I*, we remanded a 2018 board of county commissioners'
15 decision to adopt Ordinance 904, which amended the county's comprehensive
16 plan to acknowledge county ownership of a 12.48-mile segment of a former
17 railroad right-of-way, and to authorize construction of a 2.82-mile segment of
18 that right-of-way into the Trail. We concluded that constructing the Trail required

¹ The Construction Agreement requires the contractor, for \$564,812, to construct "a prestressed voided slab bridge" as well as "trail approaches, and other items detailed in the plans and specifications," to be completed "no later than May 1, 2020." NITA, LUBA No. 2020-033, Exhibit 1, pages 2, 8.

1 conditional use permit approval, including application of land use approval
2 standards implementing ORS 215.296 for sections of the Trail within lands zoned
3 EFU.² The county instituted remand proceedings, and in March, 2019 the board
4 of county commissioners approved a conditional use permit for the Trail.
5 Petitioners appealed that decision to LUBA and that decision was the subject of
6 *Van Dyke II*.

7 In *Van Dyke II*, we remanded the county’s decision to approve a
8 conditional use permit for the trail for further proceedings. In a related set of
9 appeals resolved in *Van Dyke III*, we dismissed two appeals of a board of county
10 commissioners order authorizing the county to enter into an agreement for the
11 design and consulting services, and the agreement itself, related to the three
12 proposed bridges along the Trail, including the bridge over Stag Hollow Creek
13 that is the subject of the Construction Agreement. That agreement covered what
14 is generally referred to as “Phase 1” of the trail project. Response to Motion for
15 Stay, Exhibit 5, and Exhibit 7. We agreed with the county that the agreement for
16 design and consulting services was not a land use decision because it did not
17 authorize “the use or development of land.” *Van Dyke III*, ___ Or LUBA ___
18 (LUBA Nos 2019-038/040, Oct 11, 2019) (slip op at 15). For that reason, we also

² ORS 215.296 generally requires that the applicant for certain non-farm uses in EFU zones demonstrate that the proposed use will not force a significant change in accepted farm practices on surrounding farm lands or significantly increase the cost of such practices.

1 concluded that the agreement did not have any significant impacts on land use
2 and therefore did not qualify as a significant impacts land use decision under *City*
3 *of Pendleton v. Kerns*, 294 Or 126, 653 P2d 992 (1982). *Id.*, ___ Or LUBA ___
4 (slip op at 17-19). The services at issue in the design contract that was appealed
5 in *Van Dyke III*, as well as the construction of the bridge and Trail improvements,
6 are funded at least in part through a grant from the Oregon Department of
7 Transportation (ODOT)'s Connect Oregon grant program and using federal
8 highway funds, and through funds provided by the Oregon Parks and Recreation
9 Department (OPRD).

10 According to petitioners, the county has not taken any action on remand of
11 our decision in *Van Dyke II* to address the remanded issues or approve a
12 conditional use permit for the Trail. Motion for Stay 5. However, in January
13 2020, the board of county commissioners adopted Order 20-25 authorizing the
14 county to enter into the Construction Agreement, and the commission chair and
15 county administrator subsequently signed the Construction Agreement on behalf
16 of the county. Preparations for construction of the bridge commenced in February
17 2020 and construction commenced in March 2020.

18 On April 9, 2020, petitioners filed a Motion for Stay of the challenged
19 decisions pursuant to ORS 197.845(1) and OAR 661-010-0068.³ In an order

³ OAR 661-010-0068 provides, in relevant part:

1 dated April 10, 2020, we granted an interim stay pending the county’s response
2 to the motion. The county filed a response to the motion for stay, petitioners filed
3 a reply to the response, the county filed a sur-reply to petitioners’ reply, and the
4 parties continued filing responsive and additional pleadings. For the reasons
5 explained below, we now grant a stay of the decisions pending our resolution of
6 the appeals.

7 **MOTION FOR STAY**

8 LUBA is authorized to stay a land use decision pending LUBA’s review if
9 a petitioner demonstrates (1) a colorable claim of error in the appealed decision,
10 and (2) that petitioner will suffer irreparable injury if the stay is not granted.

“(1) A motion for a stay of a land use decision or limited land use decision shall include:

“* * * * *

“(c) A statement of facts and reasons for issuing a stay, demonstrating a colorable claim of error in the decision and specifying how the movant will suffer irreparable injury if a stay is not granted; [and]

“(d) A suggested expedited briefing schedule;”

“* * * * *

“(5) The Board shall base its decision on the stay, including the right to a stay, amount of undertaking, or conditions of any stay order, upon evidence presented. Evidence may be attached to the motion in the form of affidavits, documents or other materials, or presented by means of a motion to take evidence outside the record. See OAR 661-010-0045.”

1 **A. Colorable Claim of Error**

2 The requirement to demonstrate a colorable claim of error is not
3 particularly demanding. *Rhodewalt v. Linn County*, 16 Or LUBA 1001, 1004
4 (1987). A petitioner need not establish that it will prevail on the merits. *Thurston*
5 *Hills Neigh. Assoc. v. City of Springfield*, 19 Or LUBA 591, 592 (1990). Provided
6 a petitioner’s arguments are not devoid of legal merit, it is sufficient that the
7 errors alleged, if sustained, would result in reversal or remand of the challenged
8 decision. *Barr v. City of Portland*, 20 Or LUBA 511 (1990). “In order to establish
9 evidence of a colorable claim of error, it is not necessary to show that the
10 petitioner will prevail on the merits. It is necessary to show the errors alleged are
11 sufficient to result in reversal or remand of the decision if found to be correct.”
12 *Dames v. City of Medford*, 9 Or LUBA 433, 438 (1983), *aff’d*, 69 Or App 675,
13 687 P2d 1111 (1984).

14 In the present appeals, petitioners intend to argue that in making the
15 challenged decisions, the county failed to follow procedures applicable to land
16 use decisions and that the decisions fail to comply with applicable provisions of
17 Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance (YCZO) 402.04(N), YCZO 702.05 and
18 YCZO 703.05. The county does not really dispute that the colorable claim of
19 error prong is met. The county does, however, argue that the challenged decisions
20 are not “land use decisions” within the meaning of ORS 197.015(10)(a), and filed
21 a preliminary motion to dismiss the appeals along with its response to the motion
22 for stay.

1 We conclude that petitioners have therefore satisfied the colorable claim
2 of error prong of ORS 197.845(1)(a).

3 **B. Irreparable Injury**

4 In order to satisfy the irreparable injury prong of ORS 197.845(1)(b), the
5 following five requirements must be met:

- 6 (1) the movant must adequately specify the injury that he or she
7 will suffer;
- 8 (2) the injury must be one that cannot be compensated adequately
9 in money damages;
- 10 (3) the injury must be substantial and unreasonable;
- 11 (4) the conduct the movant seeks to bar must be probable rather
12 than merely threatened or feared; and
- 13 (5) if the conduct is probable, the resulting injury must be
14 probable rather than merely threatened or feared.

15 *Butte Conservancy v. City of Gresham*, 47 Or LUBA 604, 609 (2004); *City of*
16 *Oregon City v. Clackamas County*, 17 Or LUBA 1032, 1042-43 (1988).
17 Generally, a movant may meet these requirements only by demonstrating that the
18 development will “destroy or injure unique historic or natural resources, or other
19 interests that cannot be practicably restored or adequately compensated for once
20 destroyed.” *Roberts v. Clatsop County*, 43 Or LUBA 577, 583 (2002).

21 **1. Injury to Protected Resources**

22 The Motion for Stay alleges that if the stay is not granted, irreparable injury
23 from construction authorized by the county in the Order and Construction
24 Agreement will occur to (1) wetlands; (2) spotted owl habitat protected under the

1 Endangered Species Act (ESA); and (3) a salmonid bearing stream, Stag Hollow
2 Creek. The county responds that wetlands are not present in the area of
3 construction, and maintains that the bridge is being constructed with oversight by
4 ODOT and consulting engineers hired by the county and that construction is
5 occurring “in compliance with all state and federal environmental laws.”
6 Response to Motion for Stay 5-6.

7 In support of its response, the county cites Exhibit 7 to the response.
8 Exhibit 7 to the response is a November 2019 Document entitled “[Federal
9 Highway Administration] FHWA and Oregon ODOT [Programmatic Categorical
10 Exclusion] PCE Approval Document” for Phase 2 of the Trail (the Approval).
11 The Approval states that no wetlands were found in the project area, although
12 regulated wetlands are located in the vicinity of the project area. Response to
13 Motion for Stay, Exhibit 7, page 1. However, in the section of the Approval
14 addressing the ESA, the Approval states “the FAHP [Federal Aid Highway
15 Program] Completion Report *for Phase 2* will need to address whether a
16 temporary work bridge with footings above *the regulated area* was required.” *Id.*
17 at 2 (emphases added). The county provides no assistance on this point and no
18 detailed explanation of Exhibit 7, and we cannot tell whether the ESA section of
19 the Approval refers to the jurisdictional wetlands in the vicinity of the bridge
20 construction, or whether it refers to regulated areas that provide habitat for
21 protected species, or both. Accordingly, we cannot agree with the county that no
22 construction is occurring in regulated wetlands and that no wetlands will be

1 harmed by the construction of the bridge and associated trail improvements,
2 particularly given the requirement for Phase 2, bridge construction, to address
3 construction near the regulated wetlands or an area containing protected species
4 habitat.⁴ The Approval recognizes that wetlands are present in the vicinity of the
5 project area but no detail or exact location is provided. Accordingly, petitioners
6 have established that irreparable injury may occur to regulated wetlands and/or
7 regulated habitat if a stay is not granted.

8 With regard to protected species, the Approval also states that an ESA
9 determination of no effect for protected species, “except Streaked Horned Lark
10 covered by a separate USFWS Biological Opinion,” was prepared in 2015 for
11 Phase I, and that no changes to the determination “are anticipated unless there is
12 a change in species status or additional issues arise.” *Id.* Petitioners maintain that
13 Exhibit 7 only provides evidence that approximately five years ago, no
14 environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act was

⁴ We also note that in the Approval’s “Land Use” section, the Approval states that the board of county commissioners approved a conditional use permit for the trail in March, 2019. Response to Motion for Stay, Exhibit 7, page 1. In the “Public Outreach” section, the Approval states: “Yamhill County LUBA oral arguments (2019-047) – 8/20/2019.” Response to Motion for Stay, Exhibit 7, page 3. However, the Approval does not reference LUBA’s subsequent remand of that March 2019 decision on October 11, 2019 in *Van Dyke II*.

After a land use decision is remanded, it is no longer effective. *NWDA v. City of Portland*, 58 Or LUBA 533, 541-42, *aff’d*, 229 Or App 504, 213 P3d 590 (2009); *Western States v. Multnomah County*, 37 Or LUBA 835, 842-43 (2000).

1 required because no protected species would be affected, but that Exhibit 7 does
2 not provide evidence that there has not been a change in species status or that no
3 “additional issues” have arisen. While we tend to agree with petitioners that the
4 age of the ESA determination has some effect on its evidentiary value, petitioners
5 do not point to any change in species status or additional issues that call into
6 question the findings in the 2015 ESA determination. Petitioners have not
7 established that irreparable injury to any protected species will occur if a stay is
8 not granted.

9 **2. Injury to Petitioner Ben Van Dyke’s Interests**

10 The Motion for Stay also alleges irreparable injury to petitioner Ben Van
11 Dyke (Van Dyke) due to the presence of construction workers adjacent to the
12 Van Dyke farm and other areas that Van Dyke farms.

13 **a. Prevention of Spraying**

14 The motion alleges irreparable injury from the presence of construction
15 workers and the consequent prohibition on Van Dyke spraying pesticides on
16 certain areas of his farm due to pesticide labeling requirements. Motion for Stay
17 20. Petitioners also allege that Van Dyke has already been and will be further
18 harmed by litter and trash from construction activities adjacent to his farmed
19 areas entering those areas, contaminating his hazelnut crop, and jeopardizing
20 USDA food safety certifications. Motion for Stay 21. Petitioners’ assertions are
21 supported by a Declaration, a Supplemental Declaration, a Second Supplemental

1 Declaration, and a Third Supplemental Declaration (together, the Declarations)
2 of Van Dyke.

3 In the Declarations, Van Dyke asserts under penalty of perjury that he
4 farms the property adjacent to the construction site, that due to construction
5 activities and the presence of construction workers, his farm employees are
6 prevented from spraying fungicides and pesticides with construction workers
7 present, and that during the week of April 1, 2020 he was forced to spray at night
8 and hire a spotter to watch for trespassers. Van Dyke asserts that if he is unable
9 to spray, his hazelnut trees may die due to Eastern Filbert blight, or that at a
10 minimum lack of ability to spray will result in reduced yields.

11 In its response, the county disputes that Van Dyke farms close enough to
12 the construction site to be prohibited by fungicide and pesticide labeling laws
13 from applying those products to his hazelnut trees. The county maintains that the
14 location of the bridge is at the mid-point of the county's right of way, which we
15 understand the county to maintain is 80 feet wide at that location, and, relying on
16 aerial photos, alleges that Van Dyke's hazelnut trees are at least 150 feet from
17 the construction site.⁵ Response to Motion for Stay 2, Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3.
18 The county also disputes that the labels prevent him from applying the products
19 even assuming that construction is occurring within 100 feet of the trees. The

⁵ The county-owned property is generally 60 feet wide. *Van Dyke II*, slip op 4.

1 county then submitted a declaration from a county parks employee that, as we
2 understand it, declares that he measured the distance from what he determined to
3 be the southern end of the construction site to the nearest hazelnut trees to the
4 southeast and the southwest and the distance does not exceed 63 feet. Petitioners
5 then submitted a Third Supplemental Declaration from Van Dyke that takes the
6 position that Van Dyke does not spray only the trees but sprays to his property
7 boundary, which is closer to the construction site where workers are present than
8 the closest trees that were measured.

9 Although it is a reasonably close question, we conclude that petitioners
10 have established for purposes of the motion for stay only, through the
11 Declarations, that Van Dyke's farm is close enough to the construction site that
12 the presence of construction workers prevents him from applying certain
13 pesticides and fungicides to his trees when construction workers are engaging in
14 construction of the bridge. The county's response concedes that the bridge is
15 located at the mid-point of the county's 80-foot wide right-of-way, or
16 approximately 40 feet from the property line of the county's right-of-way, and
17 the aerial photographs do not conclusively establish that Van Dyke's trees or
18 farmed areas are located at a distance that is far enough from construction

1 activities that are obvious from photographs submitted by petitioners that label
2 requirements or the federal application exclusion zone are not triggered.⁶

⁶ We note here that in *Van Dyke II*, we sustained petitioners’ subassignments of error that argued that county’s findings regarding setbacks required by pesticide and herbicide labels were inadequate, and failed to demonstrate compliance with the farm impacts test:

“We conclude that remand is necessary for the county to adopt more adequate findings regarding any setback or buffer required by pesticide or herbicide labeling. In doing so, the county will likely have to make specific factual findings about specific setbacks required by particular chemicals on particular farming operations on surrounding farmlands, and whether operation of each setback would force a significant change in farm practices. Specifically, the county must adopt findings addressing application of Gramoxone, Lorsban, Yuma 4E and any other pesticide, herbicide, etc., identified in the record that may require a setback of some kind from the Trail. The setback for Gramoxone appears to be most problematic, as it does not provide a numeric setback, but instead prohibits application ‘around’ recreational areas, which the county understood to mean in ‘close proximity to.’ The county will likely need to conduct further fact-finding to determine what is an appropriate setback for those farms using Gramoxone.

“Based on the labels cited in the record, the appropriate width of setbacks for those pesticides and herbicides with numeric setbacks depends on several variables, including application rates and method of delivery. Some of the farms adjoining the Trail apparently use aerial application, which generally requires a larger setback, while others use ground sprays from booms, or other methods, which require smaller setbacks. As we acknowledged above, applying pesticides in a manner that causes overspray or drift onto adjoining properties is not an accepted farming practice for purposes of ORS 215.296(1). The setback from sensitive uses that is required on individual farms, based on pesticide label restrictions,

1 Regarding the first three factors in *City of Oregon City*, we conclude
2 petitioner Van Dyke has adequately specified the injury he might suffer -- the
3 loss of a valuable crop -- if he is forced to stop spraying his crop located adjacent
4 to the construction area due to the presence of construction workers. We also
5 conclude it is not an injury that could be compensated adequately in money
6 damages. *See Cossins v. Josephine County*, 77 Or LUBA 564 (2018) (petitioners
7 adequately specify injury that cannot be compensated in money damages if they
8 are forced to cease farming marijuana and lose their Oregon Liquor Control
9 Commission licenses to farm when a county ordinance prohibiting marijuana
10 farming in the rural residential zone takes effect); *Meyer v. Jackson County*, 72
11 Or LUBA 462 (2015) (petitioners adequately specify injury that cannot be
12 compensated in money damages if they are forced to relocate or close asphalt
13 batch plant operation, or pay fines for remaining open, due to loss of revenue and

therefore must be determined based upon application methods which avoid overspray and drift. The county will likely need to conduct further fact-finding on these points to determine the appropriate setbacks for different farm operations, and to gather the information needed to determine whether the appropriate setback forces a significant change in farm operations.” *Van Dyke II, Id.* at slip op 31-32.

As noted, the county has not taken action on remand. However, we note here that the construction site is significantly wider than the 12 foot wide trail that the county proposes for the 60 (or 80) foot right of way, and our conclusion that petitioners have established that the presence of construction workers prevents Van Dyke from spraying his trees and property is dependent on the significantly wider construction area than the proposed 12-foot wide trail.

1 loss of customer base); *Barr*, 20 Or LUBA at 511 (harm to business reputation
2 and loss of business goodwill not losses which can be adequately compensated
3 by money damages).

4 In addition, we understand the county to respond that it intends to proceed
5 with construction if LUBA does not grant a permanent stay because the county
6 believes that construction of the bridge in the EFU zone does not require any land
7 use approval. Given that response, we agree with petitioners that the conduct is
8 probable, and the resulting injury is also probable.

9 **b. Food Safety Certifications**

10 Van Dyke also asserts that irreparable injury to his food safety
11 certifications will occur due to the presence of litter from the construction site
12 that has entered his farm.⁷ The county disputes Van Dyke's assertion that litter
13 from the construction site that blows onto his farm fields will jeopardize the
14 farm's food safety certifications, and additionally faults Van Dyke for not
15 addressing the litter problem directly with the contractor or construction workers,
16 or with the county. Response to Motion for Stay 4-5. We agree with petitioners
17 that the evidence provided by petitioners supports a conclusion that Van Dyke
18 will suffer injury if litter is allowed to enter his farm fields. That evidence

⁷ Our decision in *Van Dyke II* also sustained petitioners' assignments of error that argued that the county had failed to adequately consider the impacts from litter and debris entering adjacent farms and jeopardizing food safety certifications. *Van Dyke II*, slip op 50-51.

1 includes the Declarations, and a letter from a local hazelnut packer that states that
2 under its quality control system standards, the product must be

3 “free from foreign material. Trash in field and/or in delivered
4 product poses a food safety liability issue. Trash can carry vectors
5 that can cause food borne pathogens.” Petitioners’ Reply to
6 Response to Motion For Stay, Exhibit 14, Supplemental Declaration
7 of Ben Van Dyke, Exhibit F, page 2.

8 Based on that evidence, we conclude that petitioners have established that the
9 first three *City of Oregon City* factors are met. In addition, in its response the
10 county offers that the solution to unmonitored litter is “simple – the county
11 instructs the contractor to be more careful disposing of lunch bags and
12 construction ‘detritus.’” Response at 5. However, we do not understand that
13 response to be an offer by the county to assume responsibility for ensuring that
14 litter will not travel onto Van Dyke’s farm (as would be the case if fencing or
15 some other barrier was already installed, for example). Absent any promise or
16 offer by the county to address litter, we conclude that the conduct is probable and
17 the resulting injury is also probable.

18 3. Future Removal of Improvements

19 Finally, petitioners address LUBA’s case law generally holding that an
20 injury is not “irreparable” if the offending construction could be removed and the
21 property being developed returned to its former state if LUBA concludes that
22 development was not properly authorized. *See Von Lubken v. Hood River County*,
23 17 Or LUBA 1150, 1153 (1989) (no irreparable injury to the petitioner when the

1 property being developed as a golf course could be returned to farm use if the
2 petitioner prevails); *Roberts*, 43 Or LUBA at 583. However, petitioners argue
3 that the circumstances surrounding the board of commissioners’ order
4 authorizing the county to enter into a contract to begin construction of the bridge
5 on county-owned property require a different analysis than if the developer was
6 a private individual or corporation. At the heart of those circumstances is the
7 undisputed fact that funding for the construction of the Stag Hollow Creek bridge,
8 the costliest of the three bridges included as part of the Trail, has been provided
9 almost entirely by other public money from ODOT, OPRD, and federal highway
10 funds. In that circumstance, petitioners argue, an assumption that the
11 improvements can be removed if LUBA concludes that the construction was not
12 properly authorized is not warranted, because the county will be required to repay
13 the public funds, and because other public entities that funded the project may
14 object to its removal.

15 We agree with petitioners. Indeed, the county’s response appears to
16 validate petitioners’ concern that once the bridge is constructed, it will not be
17 easily removed and the property returned to its former state. In its response, the
18 county argues:

19 “The county is the only party to this proceeding harmed by the stay.
20 Half of the bridge construction funds have been spent (\$283,678.60
21 as of March 31, 2020). If the bridge is not completed the county will
22 need to discuss with ODOT how to proceed, but someone will have
23 paid nearly \$1,000,000 for an incomplete bridge. The costs to
24 demobilize, protect the site during a stay and remobilize to complete

1 the bridge are unknown at this time. Those costs are potentially
2 substantial and unfair to impose on the county, which can now cross
3 the bridge, but cannot use it for fire maintenance and control in its
4 current condition. The competing equities in this matter are that the
5 county faces substantial potential damages and costs, while the
6 petitioners have made no reasonable claim of any sort of injury from
7 allowing the bridge to be completed and used by the county solely
8 for access from one part of its property to another part of its
9 property.” Response to Motion for Stay at 8-9.

10 At a minimum, the county’s position demonstrates that improvements already
11 constructed will not easily be removed without protest from the county.

12 In sum, petitioners have established a colorable claim of error and that at
13 least one petitioner will suffer irreparable injury if a stay is not granted.
14 Petitioners’ motion for stay is granted.⁸

15 **RECORD OBJECTION**

16 The record transmitted by the county includes the Construction
17 Agreement. Record 1-7. Petitioners object that the record fails to include
18 materials that are incorporated by reference into the Construction Agreement.
19 Record 1. The county responds that none of the items identified by petitioners are
20 “relevant” and none of the materials were “placed before” the decision maker.

21 OAR 661-010-0025(1)(b) provides that the record shall include:

22 “All written testimony and all exhibits, maps, documents or other
23 materials specifically incorporated into the record or placed before,
24 and not rejected by, the final decision maker, during the course of

⁸ Petitioners have previously filed an undertaking, in the amount of \$5,000, as required by ORS 197.845(2) and OAR 661-010-0068(4).

1 the proceedings before the final decision maker.”

2 The Construction Agreement provides:

3 “This Agreement includes by reference the following Contract
4 Documents that are part of the Project: [list of documents omitted].”
5 Record 1.

6 It is clear that the Construction Agreement “specifically incorporated” the
7 Contract Documents. Therefore, the county’s response that the Contract
8 Documents were not “placed before” the decision maker does not answer the
9 question. Petitioners’ objection is sustained.

10 Not later than Wednesday, April 29, 2020, the county shall transmit to the
11 Board and petitioners a paginated supplemental record that includes documents
12 (A) through (Q) described on page 1 of the Construction Agreement.

13 **EXPEDITED BRIEFING**

14 Petitioners’ motion for stay proposed an expedited briefing schedule, in
15 accordance with OAR 661-010-0068(1)(d). *See* n 3. In its response to petitioners’
16 motion for stay, the county filed a preliminary motion to dismiss the appeals on
17 the basis that the challenged decisions are not “land use decisions” within the
18 meaning of ORS 197.015(10)(a). The county requests “additional briefing, on a
19 normal schedule,” regarding the jurisdictional question. Response to Motion for
20 Stay at 19.

21 Petitioners have filed a preliminary response to the county’s preliminary
22 motion to dismiss and a combined response to the county’s preliminary motion
23 to dismiss. However, the parties’ pleadings up to this point in these appeals

1 address the motion for stay, jurisdictional issues and, to some extent, the merits
2 of the appeal, and are presented in an unfocused manner. We conclude that
3 focused briefing that addresses both the jurisdictional issues and the merits of the
4 appeals, which are intertwined in this case, will assist the Board in resolving the
5 jurisdictional question and, if we conclude we have jurisdiction, the merits of the
6 appeal in an expedited manner consistent with our issuance of the stay.

7 Accordingly, the petition for review shall be due 14 days from the date of
8 this order, and the response brief due 28 days from the date of this order. Any
9 reply brief filed by petitioners shall be due not later than May 26, 2020. In
10 addition, on the date of filing both parties shall also transmit a courtesy copy of
11 their briefs by email to LUBA at LUBASupport@dsl.state.or.us, and to the other
12 parties' email address.

13 Oral argument in these appeals is hereby scheduled for May 27, 2020 at
14 11:00 a.m. by telephonic conference. The Board shall issue its final opinion and
15 order as soon as possible thereafter.

16 Dated this 24th day of April, 2020.
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22 Melissa M. Ryan
Board Member