



August 30, 2017

Judge Gary Thompson
P.O. Box 365
500 Court Street
Moro, OR 97039

Dear Judge Thompson:

The Board of Directors of the Mid-Columbia Council of Governments met on August 23, 2017, to consider the future of the organization and its component programs and services. At the conclusion of that meeting, the Board determined "...that the Mid-Columbia Council of Governments cease providing services under all programs and contracts, and staff is directed to notify the appropriate parties and agencies in accordance with the relevant agreements. Further, ...MCCOG shall continue to provide all services until such time that the appropriate processes and transitions may be undertaken by the parties in the best interest of the public, programs, employees and the organization as a whole."

This letter serves as our official notice that MCCOG will terminate provision of Building Code Services. The relationship whereby MCCOG has provided those services to Sherman County dates back to 2005, when MCCOG assumed the program and employees from the State Building Code Division (BCD). Within the last year, however, Sherman County executed an agreement with BCD to assume independent authority to provide Building Code services. Since there is no formal agreement between MCCOG and Sherman County for those services, there is no time frame for program transition to occur. We therefore ask that, through communication and collaboration, we arrive at a termination time frame that is mutually acceptable. Toward that end, and in keeping with the second part of the MCCOG Board's direction, we will continue to provide services to the best of our abilities during the transition period, and will work with you and the other member counties to determine the most seamless and appropriate process.

Please know that every effort is being made to consider the needs of our partners as well as providing quality public services in the region, and I look forward to working with you as we determine the best path forward. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact me at 541-298-4101 ext. 1001, or email at David.Meriwether@mccog.com, and that you include Cecilia Lamas-Guiney on any correspondence at Cecilia.Lamas-Guiney@mccog.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Meriwether', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

David Meriwether
Interim Executive Director
Mid-Columbia Council of Governments

cc: Commissioner Tom McCoy