

Please pass SB 530.

Climate change/disaster is real. We need to do everything we can to preserve our natural environment. We do want our children and grandchildren and future generations to have a livable earth.

The book Doom, The Politics of Catastrophe by Niall Ferguson is a “must read.”

I have made public comment about climate change before the Washington County Commissioners many times. Following are the ideas of my email Jan 30, 2023, to Chair Kathryn Harrington and Commissioners:

From Bloomberg press by Carly Wanna: “Amazon deteriorating too fast for species, climate to adapt.” The story begins with: “Two new articles by international teams of researcher paint a bleak picture of the state of the Amazon rainforest. The critical ecosystem is being damaged at an unprecedented pace, they warn, which may usher in a qualitative different global climate regime with grievous effects on biodiversity and human welfare...”

I have given over 45 books titled Footprint, a Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Extinction by John Patterson to q Washington County Commissioners, administrators and sustainability manager; the Mayors of Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Forest Grove and others. Patterson explains many ways that we as individuals and as organizations can change our behavior and conserve energy and maybe not go extinct.

What can we do to help preserve biodiversity and human welfare?

Washington County Citizen Action Network (WC CAN) proposed that the Wildlife Habitat Assessment Guidelines be established before proceeding to adopt clear and objective land use Goal 5 policies in Ordinance 869B.

WCCAN understands that Goal #1 of the land use laws encourages citizens to participate in every stage of the land use planning process.

In order to understand what has happened in the past, WCCAN requests to be allowed to compare the original and revised Wildlife Habitat Assessment Guidelines that have been used over the past decades. This will help us comment on the new 2023 Habitat Assessment Guidelines.

Thanks,
Dale Feik, Chair, WC CAN