

Exhibit D

Edmunds Well Property Purchase

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received as of
October 10, 2018**





August 24, 2018

ODFW Planning Commission
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

ODFW Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to you as an individual Commissioner. The Lake County Board of Commissioners will each be expressing their own beliefs in regards to the Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary acquisition. As a representative of the people of Lake County, I personally decided to represent the consensus of the Summer Lake Community and all indications have shown the Community is not in favor of the this purchase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Shoun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Shoun
Lake County Commissioner

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: F&W Commission meeting 11th & 12th of October_ Edmunds Well Property

From: Ken Kestner <kkestner@co.lake.or.us>
Date: October 3, 2018 at 4:36:05 PM PDT
To: "trevor.m.watson@state.or.us" <trevor.m.watson@state.or.us>
Subject: F&W Commission meeting 11th & 12th of October_ Edmunds Well Property

Good afternoon, Trevor –

I note on the agenda that the Edmunds Well Property Acquisition subject is posted as being on Friday the 12th at the Running Y outside of Klamath Falls.

I do plan on being in attendance and state my position.

Would you provide me with an estimated time of day such would be discussed on the 12th, please, so that I can ensure adequate travel time from Lakeview.

My position is supportive for transfer of Edmunds Property to the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, with conditions stated at the end of this e-mail.

I might well be stating my position contradictive to my two fellow commissioners; Commissioners Winters and Shoun.

Their position in opposition is based primarily on siding with the wishes of the 'majority' of local residents/property owners of the Summer Lake Basin.

During a visit by Carol Edmunds to our Commissioners meeting, I offered to my two fellow commissioners that the Board of Commissioners place the subject on a public agenda, publicly discuss the merits, and make a public Board decision on supporting or not supporting the acquisition by ODF&W of Edmunds Property.

My two fellow commissioners publicly declined to bring the subject forward for public discussion and decision by the Board.

**** Consequently, there is no formal decision in favor or opposition by the Board of Lake County Commissioners. There are only individual commissioner's decision; not a Board decision. ****

The desire of a majority of landowners in Summer Lake Basin is one factor, and important factor, of consideration for any county commissioner.

Though I appreciate and take into account that one factor for decision-making, I hold other factors to weigh together in my decision.

Overall public good is one of several factors that I must take into consideration.

Of public good is the educational opportunity for our youth of the State; the generation that will be our community leaders of tomorrow.

With that said, as a county commissioner other factors interplay in my decision-making process.

1. I am a strong supporter of private rights.

In this case, that means that a property owner has a right to sell or not sell to whomever the property owner so wish.

Within this argument there are sub-factors to consider, one of which is:

- Does the selling of private property adversely & grossly impact other property owners. I am not convinced such would be the case with this subject.

2. As a general rule, I am not overly supportive of lands going out of private ownership and into governmental ownership. That's a 'general rule' on my behalf.

On the surface this general rule would conflict with my first statement of being a strong supporter of private rights.

This is where 'overall public good' interplays.

The Edmunds put their devotion and life into creating a wildlife sanctuary as overall good for public wildlife, and just or more importantly for youth's education.

These two goals (*beneficial for our wildlife and beneficial for our youths*) and private rights weigh to my support for the Edmunds property being transferred to public ownership.

I do understand that property transferred out of private ownership and into public ownership would likely be for perpetuity.

In this scenario, such is the apparent wish of current property owner, Ms. Edmunds, and her private property rights to do so.

With above said on my favor of Edmunds Property being transferred to public ownership, I do have several conditions for my support.

- a. The Commission's commitment to maintaining the property open to education of our youth of the state.
- b. The Commission's commitment to adequate funding & personnel to achieve the educational goal.
- c. The Commission providing adequate assurance that resources of the property not be applied in future of a manner which would conflict with other private properties and enterprises within the Summer Lake Basin.

One noteworthy example would be assurance that the resources of the property not be applied in a manner which could or would conflict with the interests of privately-owned fish hatchery in the basin.

Respectfully,

Ken Kestner

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October 4, 2018

Elizabeth Quinn and Edward Schmidt
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Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
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Attn: Trevor Watson

Dear Commissioners:

As full-time residents in Summer Lake, we fully support the Summer Lake Wildlife Area acquiring the Edmunds Well property.

We believe the wildlife area is a local area resource and value to our community. Edmund's Well would expand this value by offering opportunities for education, engagement and outreach.

We encourage the Commission to support the proposal.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Quinn
Edward Schmidt

Roxann B Borisch

From: Carol Edmunds <cjedmunds42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2018 2:22 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Trevor M. Watson
Subject: Support for Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary Acquisition
Attachments: ODFW Letter for Commissioners 10-12-18 meeting.docx

Dear Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter of support for the acquisition of the Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary in Summer Lake, OR.

Sincerely,
Carol J. Edmunds, TTE
Donald R. Edmunds Trust

October 7, 2018

FROM : Carol Edmunds
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TO: Oregon Department of Fish And Wildlife Commissioners

SUBJECT: Support for the Acquisition of Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary, Summer Lake, OR

Dear Commissioners: Finley, Akenson, Buckmaster, Bittle, Wolley, and Webber,

In 1987 Don and Carol Edmunds purchased their first 160 acres of land in the Summer Lake Basin in Lake County Oregon. The original plan was to make a duck hunting club. Ponds were dug, and a 980 foot artesian well was drilled to supply water to the ponds. The plan then changed to develop a wildlife sanctuary instead. We continued to purchase 160 acre adjoining parcels until we had a full section of 640 acres. Don's profession was an excavation contractor in Bend. Since 1978 he had experienced several bouts with cancer. In June of 1995 he was struck with septic shock that left him a bilateral amputee, and took his kidney, and most of his fingers. After a miraculous recovery, and three months in the hospital, and having renal dialysis twice a week the plans changed once again. He could no longer professionally compete in the construction business for a living. Don moved all of his excavation equipment to the Summer Lake property and started digging ponds, roads, dikes, and canals. Don operated the excavator, backhoe, and drove the dump truck. I ran the dozer and operated the laser for grade checking. Twice a week he travelled to Bend for dialysis for 4 ½ years until he received a kidney transplant. He was a man with a mission and a dream. He was carving a man made wetlands from the Summer Lake Desert. His "new dream" was to make a wildlife sanctuary that would be a safe haven for wildlife, disadvantaged youth, and that nature lovers.

We formed a 501-c-3 non profit called Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary. We received enough donations to build a Lodge that sleeps 12 and an Activity Center where arts, crafts, and lectures could take place. Every year between Spring Break and Labor Day we had about 200 youth visit and stay at the Sanctuary at no cost. There were also bird watchers, fee fishermen, hikers, and nature lovers who visited the Sanctuary. Please visit our website, www.kidssanctuary.org for more information and pictures about the Sanctuary.

Don and Carol Edmunds have done all of the development. Don invested close to a million dollars of his money on the Sanctuary development. We have received assistance since inception from Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's Access and Habitat program, United States Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, and Oregon Wetlands and Wildlife Association. These organizations have contributed around \$120,000. All of these people and organizations saw real value

and worthiness in this project. Marty St. Louis, manager of the Summer Lake Wildlife area for ODFW, and Craig Foster of the Lakeview ODFW office have helped us and worked with us for the past 30 years. Marty St. Louis and his ODFW employees have worked with us as a team continually. They have trapped and tagged ducks, have helped with habitat development, and helped with bird counts. Edmunds Well Wildlife does many of the same functions as the SLWA. Oregon State University Fish and Wildlife Department have had accredited courses on the Sanctuary.

October 7, 2007, Don Edmunds passed away. For the past eleven years I have managed all aspects of the Sanctuary. At my age and with recent health conditions, I feel that the Sanctuary is too much for me to take care of. A little over 3 ½ years ago, I asked ODFW if they would be interested in purchasing Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary from the Donald R. Edmunds Trust. Don Edmunds wanted his dream Sanctuary to remain a wildlife sanctuary in perpetuity.

What would ODFW receive if they purchased Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary? They would acquire 560 acres of a man made wetlands carved from the alkaline dry desert of the Summer Lake Basin. They would acquire four artesian wells that gravity feed 20 ponds that range from 2 to 35 acres with approximately 300 acres of water influenced and riparian areas. They would receive miles of self-engineered ditches, culverts, installed PVC pipe, and dikes. They would receive established nesting, feeding, and resting areas for local and migrating water fowl and wildlife. They would receive deer and antelope residency. They would receive a desired destination place for birdwatchers, fly fishermen, visiting youth groups, hikers, and those who appreciate the facility. They will receive land that is similar in function as the SLWA.

In 1995 after a near death experience, Don Edmunds knew that he was here for only a limited time. He wanted to build something that was great and would be left for humanity to enjoy and appreciate. He wanted to be remembered for something after he was gone. Now that he is gone, he wanted this Sanctuary to remain in perpetuity.

I wish to thank all of the ODFW staff who have helped during this acquisition process. This acquisition is very important to Don, his family, and Sanctuary supporters.

I hope that you the ODFW Commissioners will vote in favor of ODFW purchasing the Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary from the Donald R. Edmunds Trust.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol J. Edmunds, Trustee,
Donald R. Edmunds Trust