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Re: Public Comment on Jordan Cove LNG Federal Consistency Review

Mr. Rue,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project. The League of Women Voters of Lane County asks that the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) find the project NOT consistent with the State of Oregon's Coastal Management Program.

The League of Women Voters natural resources position states: "Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with the maximum protection of public health and the environment." The Jordan Cove project would not meet statewide land use planning goals, in particular Goals 6 and 7 addressing improvement of air, water and land, and planning to reduce planning to reduce risks to people and property from natural hazards, such as floods, wildfires, tsunamis, landslides, and earthquakes.

The Jordan Cove project would be one of the largest dredging operations in Oregon history, altering tidal currents, cultural resources, and the aquatic resources of the bay necessary to support commercial and recreational crabbing, fishing and shellfish industries. Additionally, the LNG export terminal would be constructed in an area at risk for a high magnitude earthquake and tsunami—and it would impact endangered species.

We are Oregon residents concerned about the potential harm to coastal communities, natural resources, habitat, people, and plant and animal life. Like many others on the coast and across the state, we believe the risks posed by the Jordan Cove project are too great.

Sincerely,

Gary Harmon, Keli Osborn, Jeanne Taylor League of Women Voters of Lane County