



February 2, 2021

For More Information Contact:  
Travis Knudsen, Public Affairs Manager  
541-736-1056 ext. 217  
[Travis@LRAPA.org](mailto:Travis@LRAPA.org)

*For immediate release...*

## **LRAPA Board of Directors seek public and stakeholder feedback on three finalists for the Executive Director position**

LANE COUNTY — The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) Board of Directors has selected three candidates for the position of Executive Director: Kris Tucker, Max Hueftle, and Steven Dietrich.

LRAPA is hosting a virtual “Meet and Greet” style public meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. PST. Each candidate will have one-hour to introduce themselves and engage with the public and stakeholders.

This is an opportunity to ask questions of these candidates and hear their responses. Feedback forms will be provided for participants to complete and return to the Board for consideration. Following these interviews, the Board will meet and determine their top choice to replace retiring Director Merlyn Hough.

The meeting’s agenda is available on LRAPA’s website here:

<https://www.lrapa.org/AgendaCenter/Board-of-Directors-2/?#02092021-152>

The order of each candidate’s appearance over the three-hour public meeting is as follows:

1. (9:00 a.m.) Candidate Kris Tucker

Kris Tucker is currently the CEO/President of Ingenious Pursuits, which provides consulting and grant writing assistance in areas including environmental policy, research, and strategic planning. He also has prior experience in town management and economic development. He has a BS in Environmental Science and Government Affairs, and a Masters in Natural Resource administration and Management.

2. (10:00 a.m.) Candidate Max Hueftle

Max Hueftle is currently the Deputy Director/Permit Section Manager for the Lane Regional Air

Protection Agency. He has been with the Agency for 22 years, beginning as a Permit Writer. He also has prior private sector experience as a Laboratory Technician and possesses a BS in Chemical Engineering and is a registered professional engineer (P.E.).

3. (11:00 a.m.) Candidate Steve Dietrich

Steven Dietrich is currently an Air Quality Manager for Oregon DEQ and has worked for both the Wyoming and Virginia Departments of Environmental Quality. He has over 28 years of experience in public and private sector air quality/environmental executive level management and administrative positions. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering and is a registered professional engineer (P.E.).

###