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Prineville Review

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*Re: Order on Petition to Review Public Record Request*

To Whom it May Concern:

**I. Relevant Background**

On September 8, 2026, Mr. Alderman, Prineville Review, submitted a Petition for a Public Records Appeal ("Petition") seeking review of a Public Records Request submitted by Prineville Review to Crook County Vector Control District ("District"). The Petition asserts that Mr. Alderman submitted Public Records Request (PR260723A) to the District on July 23, 2026. The public record request sought the following documents:

1. A copy of the district's FY2026-2027 budget message.
2. A copy of all newspaper notices for the district's budget message and meetings for FY2026-2027, as made pursuant to Oregon budget law.
3. All conflict of interest disclosures for district officials pursuant to ORS 244.120, including that of district manager Cliff Kiser, from January 1, 2023 to the present. This includes notices sent to OGEC pursuant to ORS 244.130.

The Petition further alleges that the District did not acknowledge the request or provide the requested records.

The Petition was submitted September 8, 2026 via email. The District and its legal counsel, Jered Reid, were included in Mr. Alderman's email in which he submitted the Petition. On September 8, 2026, I sent an email to the parties setting forth the deadline for the District to respond to the Petition on September 11, 2026. However, the District did not respond. On September 11, 2026, counsel for the District advised he had not heard back from the District on the matter.

**II. Legal Analysis**

ORS 192.324(2) requires a public body to acknowledge receipt of a public records request within five business days unless the public body completed the response to the request within that time.

ORS 193.329(1) requires a public body complete its response as soon as practicable and without unreasonable delay. ORS 193.329(5) further states:

“As soon as reasonably possible but not later than 10 business days after the date by which a public body is required to acknowledge receipt of the request under ORS 193.234, a public body shall:

(a) Complete its response to the public records request; or

(b) Provide a written statement that the public body is still processing the request and a reasonable estimated date by which the public body expects to complete its response based on the information currently available.”

Under ORS 192.407, a public body that fails to provide the response required under ORS 192.329 shall be deemed to have denied the public records request.

In this case, the records request was made on July 23, 2026. The deadlines for compliance with the request have well passed. Therefore, the failure to respond will be considered a denial of the request.

If a public body denies a requester the right to inspect a public record, the requester may petition the District Attorney for an order compelling the disclosure of the records. ORS 192.411(1). On September 8, 2026, Mr. Alderman submitted a Petition for my review, but stipulated an extended deadline of September 18, 2026 for an order, as opposed to the seven days allowed by statute to issue an order on a petition. There is no legal authority for an extension, absent agreement by the parties.

Following a review of the Petition, (and having received no response from the District to date), **I find the District has failed to respond to the public records request as required.**

**I hereby order the District to disclose any nonexempt records to the requestor within 7 business days from the date of this order. I am denying the request to impose a \$200 penalty, however, the District may not charge any costs to compile the requested records as a sanction in this matter.**

Either party has a right to appeal my decision to the Circuit Court.

Regards,



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