Exhibit S

Petition included as Exhibit J

July 27, 2015

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City of Medford Planning Department
Attention: Joe Slaughter
Lausmann Annex
200 S. Ivy St.
Medford, OR 97501

Re: Urban Growth Boundary Amendment
File no. CP 14-114

Joe Slaughter,

Enclosed you will find our testimony that we plan to address at the hearing on August 6th. I have also enclosed the signed petition that was sent to you back in June of this year as we will give testimony on this matter as well.

We truly appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns over the Urban Growth Boundary Amendment.

Thank You 541-821-0633 Matt Sekreta

Residence of Starlite Lane and S. Stage Road.

July 27, 2015

Re: The City of Medford Urban Growth Boundary Amendment. File No. CP 14-114

To: City of Medford Planning Department, City Councilors & The Mayor.

My name is Matt Sekreta. I am one of the property owners of the proposed expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary. I live on S. Stage Rd & Starlite Lane. I plan to give testimony at the public hearing schedule on August 6th. The issues I plan to address are as follows.

- Designated wetland
- Have animals, horse, sheep goats chickens etc.
- Don't want taxes raised as many are on fixed income.
- Protect our wells from contamination from pollutants. We all live opposite of the proposed site that would be developed.
- Preserve what we have for future generations, quality of life and simplicity of the area.

We are on a wetland area. They just did a study and the results show areas to be included are all wetlands. Why would you want to build or develop in a area like this?

Your time on this matter and allowing me to express my concerns are greatly appreciated.

Matt Sekreta

July 27, 2015

Re: The City of Medford Urban Growth Boundary Amendment.

To: The Mayor and City Councilors of Medford, and to the City Planning Department.

The testimony I intend to give at the public hearing scheduled for August 6th, will be as follows:

Under the section Annexation, in Appendix H Proposed Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments, the statement is clearly made that "*Generally, a majority of the registered voters and/or property owners within the area to be annexed must agree to the annexation, except in cases where the area is surrounded by land already under city jurisdiction.*"

What could be more clear?

The sole exception to this general rule of annexation, which *requires* a majority agreement, is plainly restricted *specifically* to those areas surrounded by land already under city jurisdiction. And because Star Lite Lane, Reeds Lane, and the affected South Stage properties are not, in point of fact, already surrounded by such city land, and given the fact that the majority of the owners of these properties *do not agree* to annexation - as is clearly demonstrated in their petition (exhibit J) - the legitimate right of the property owners of Star Lite Lane, Reeds Lane, and the affected South Stage properties to refuse annexation is self-evident, and any decision to the contrary would accordingly be unjust.

Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council: The above quoted annexation restriction was obviously written in order to justify the good faith the honest citizens of the city place in their government to protect private property. Why make the question of the annexation of Zone 6 into a problem it plainly ought not to be? Allow us to remain in the Urban Growth Reserve, as the majority of us wish, and by so doing go that much further to simplify the complex and serious deliberations you are presently struggling with.

Being your friend and fellow citizen, in all sincerity, I am

Robert Broadway

I, Elena Broadway am one of the affected property owners of the proposed expansion of the medford urban growth boundary. I moved to to Star Lite Lane 29 years ago so that I could have a small farm, and still be close to town. Over the years I have raised horses and other livestock, and maintain a large garden and a large number of fruit trees to provide fresh healthy food for my family and friends. I am so happy that I bought this property 29 years ago and have developed it into the small farm that it has become. Living on Star Lite Lane with my animals and garden have been a gratifying way of life.

One of the main criteria for inclusion into the urban growth boundry was supposed to be looking for larger parcels of land so that development would not occur as a patchwork, but a larger contiguous development. Star Lite Lane is comprised of 13 houses on lots from approximately 1/2 acre to 2 1/2 acres. There is a large cow pasture between Star Lite and Reed Lane of approximately 30 acres, and then Reed Lane another street with individual homes on small acreage. This makes our street look like what the planning department was trying to avoid for development. Several of us have extensive gardens, and livestock making our property fit with the agricultural land surrounding our neighborhood on three sides. To drop a commercial development in the middle of this would be incongruous. With EFU land on two sides the rules providing for a buffer from the adjacent EFU land appear to take up a large amount of the land available. In the context of this report it shows buffers of 200 to 300 feet from EFU, or other mitigating structures. This proposed land is rather long and narrow, and much of it would be used just providing a buffer zone.

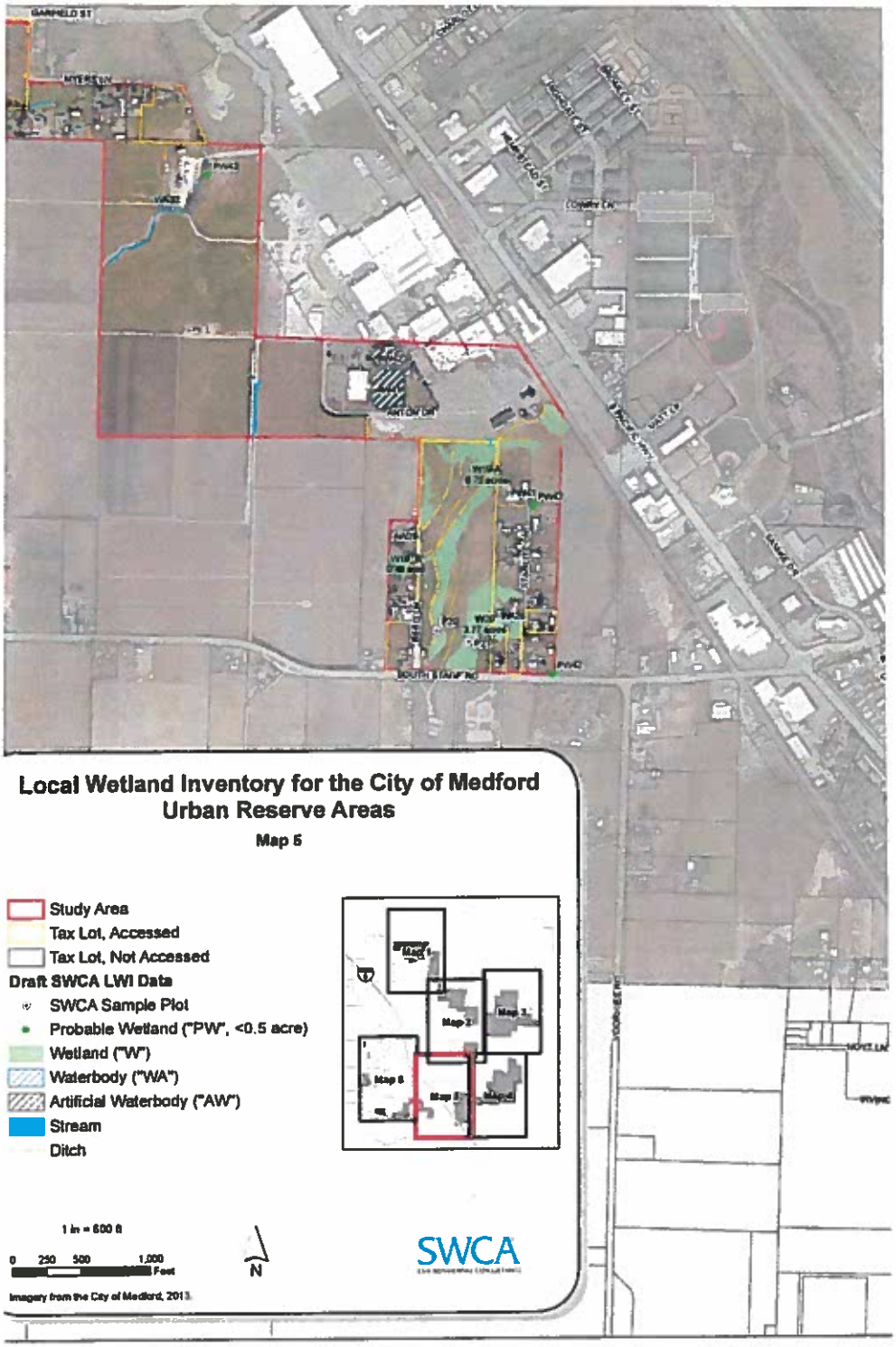
There are large tracts of wetland that are dispersed in the parcel being recommended by the planning dept., and a adjacent migratory bird pond, just outside of the planned commercial development. This would require expensive and extensive mitigation to do any development and should also raise the ire of environmentalists wanting to maintain an avian flyway.

Appendix H Proposed Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments under the section Annexation states "Generally, a majority of the registered voters and /or property owners within the area to be annexed must agree to the annexation, except in cases where the area is surrounded by land already under city jurisdiction." Star Lite, Reed and the affected South Stage properties are not already surrounded by city land. Our petition, exhibit J clearly shows that nearly all of the residents do not wish to be annexed. Most, but not all of the residents are property owners. The only one we did not approach for this petition is the owner of parcel #4800 as they have already shown their desire to be annexed.

In the Medford Mail Tribune on April 20 was a story by Damian Mann, which included "Timber Products, Boise Cascade and Harry & David have expressed concern that annexation would require paying additional taxes. Medford city councilors say they wouldn't support annexation at this time because of concerns that the finical impact on the large corporations could jeopardize family-wage jobs..." These additional taxes would also be a huge burden to the majority of residents of Star Lite Lane, many of whom are retired or on disability.

I have been on Star Lite Lane 29 years, and several of my neighbors have been here much longer. It is a quiet family neighborhood where the children can cross the road safely to play at the neighbors. People meet and talk in the street and in their yards to compare notes on the day, animal husbandry questions and garden tips. Yards are large enough to provide privacy so one neighbor does not have to listen to anthers stereo or television in their home. We are requesting you exclude us from the proposed expansion of the Medford City limits and allow us to keep our scenic, quite, family neighborhood.

Elena Broadway
2400 Star Lite Lane
Medford OR 97501



Local Wetland Inventory for the City of Medford
Urban Reserve Areas

Map 5

- Study Area
- Tax Lot, Accessed
- Tax Lot, Not Accessed

Draft SWCA LWI Data

- SWCA Sample Plot
- Probable Wetland ("PW", <0.5 acre)
- Wetland ("W")
- Waterbody ("WA")
- Artificial Waterbody ("AW")
- Stream
- Ditch

1 in = 500 ft

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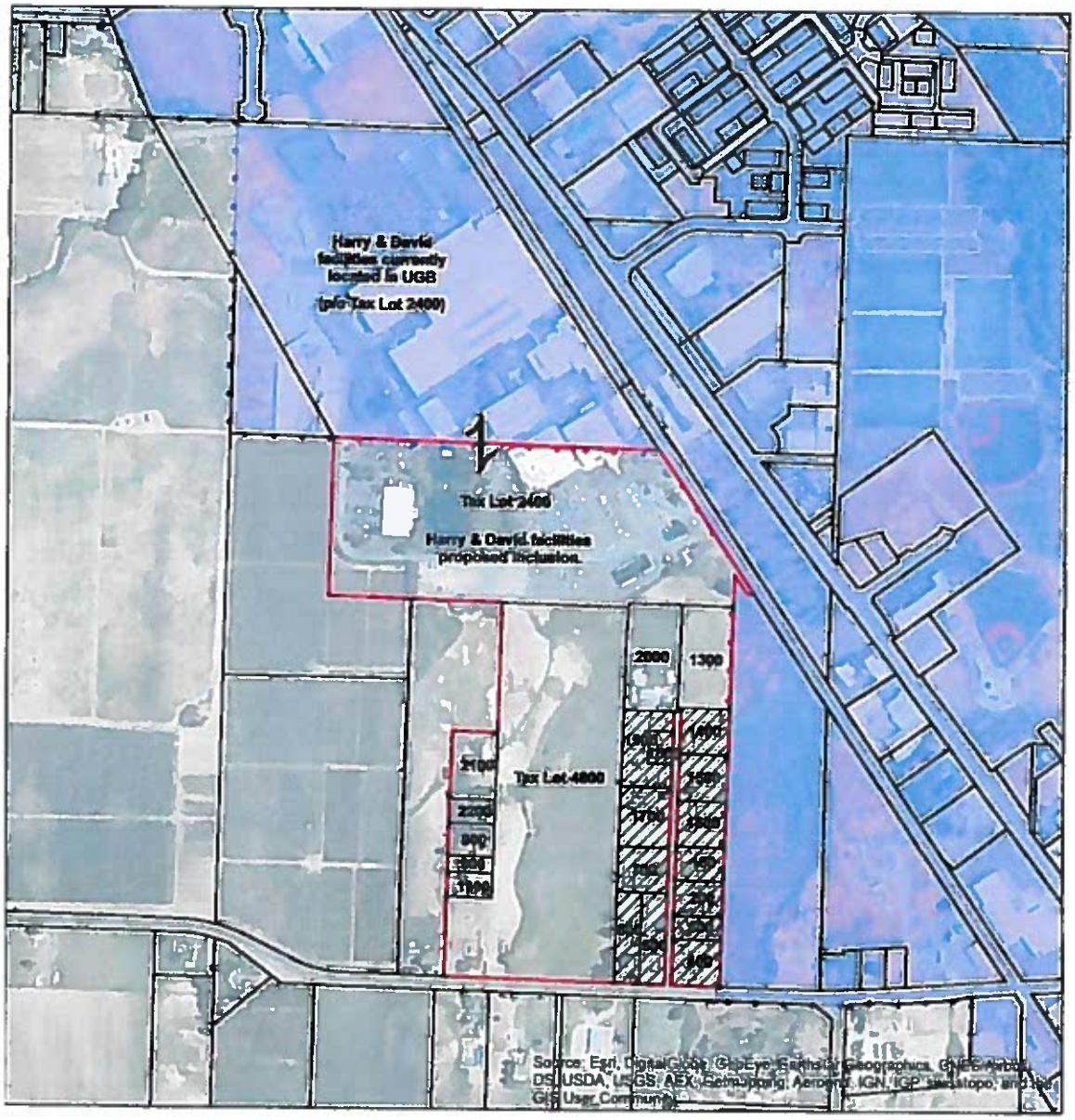
SWCA

Imagery from the City of Medford, 2013.



MD-6 Inclusion Lands

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Legend

- Proposed Inclusion (~71 Acres)
- Petition Exclusion Lands (~12 Acres)
- Current UGB

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1 inch = 600 feet

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