

**OREGON REAL ESTATE AGENCY
COMMISSIONER'S BULLETIN
APRIL 2008**

What's new at the Oregon Real Estate Agency?

WORK CONTINUES ON AGENCY RULE REVIEW

Agency staff has reviewed the comments from the brokerage/licensing rule review survey. The Brokerage/Licensing Rule Review Work Group will be notified if further meetings are needed.

The Property Management Rule Review Work Group met April 14 to discuss a proposed legislative concept for the 2009 legislative session. Their next scheduled meeting is May 7. Watch the Agency's website, www.rea.state.or.us, for the agendas.

The Escrow Rule Review Work Group is scheduled to meet May 5. Watch the Agency's website, www.rea.state.or.us, for the agenda.

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The April 7 Real Estate Board meeting was held at the offices of the Eugene Association of Realtors. The June 2 meeting will be in Florence hosted by the Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors. Watch the Agency's website, www.rea.state.or.us, for the meeting location and agenda.

RULE HEARING NOTICES FILED

The Real Estate Board has approved moving forward with permanent rulemaking on the now-temporary advertising rule (OAR 863-015-0125) and on the new rules defining the criminal background check process for license applicants. The temporary advertising rule is scheduled to expire July 15 and must be replaced with a permanent rule. The background check rules implement House Bill 2157 from the 2005 Legislative Session. Both hearings are scheduled for May 21. Check out our website, www.rea.state.or.us, for more information.

CONSUMER INFORMATION ON FORECLOSURES

There is a link on our website to the Department of Consumer and Business Services information regarding foreclosure help for consumers. Visitors to our website, www.rea.state.or.us, can access the information by clicking "Consumer Information" on the left-hand side of our home page.

SHORT SALES & FORECLOSURES

An article on real estate broker disclosure obligations when listing a "short sale" can be found on our website, www.rea.state.or.us, under "Topics of Interest."

REGULATION DIVISION MANAGER LEAVING

Becky Osborne, who has been the Regulations Division Manager for the last four years, has accepted a position with the Judicial Department. Her last day at the Agency is April 29. We wish Becky success in her new job.

AGENCY RECRUITING FOR NEW REGULATIONS MANAGER

Vacancy announcement LE080151 for a new Regulations Division Manager can be accessed at our website, www.rea.state.or.us, by clicking on "Job Announcements." The announcement closes May 9, 2008.

If you have any questions, please call us at 503-378-4170 or email us at orea.info@state.or.us.

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