



**REGIONAL
SOLUTIONS**

Mid-Valley Region
Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
(Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties)
January 8, 2026
1:30-3:30 pm
Chemeketa Community College, Bldg. 9, Rm. 128, Salem

X	Committee Members	Role
	Jessica Howard	Convener
	Craig Pope	County Representative
	Kenna West	City Representative
	Philip Higgins	Business Representative
	Kim Hanson	Philanthropy Representative
	Chris Mercier	Tribal Representative
	Miriam Vargas Corona	Community-Based Organization Representative
	Committee Staff	
	Beth Wytoski	Regional Solutions Coordinator

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1:30 p.m.	Welcome and Agenda Review	<i>Jessica Howard</i>
1:35 p.m.	Adoption of October Meeting Minutes	
1:40 p.m.	Public Comment	
1:45 p.m.	Natural Resource Stewardship Introduction of Panelists	<i>Beth Wytoski</i>
1:50 p.m.	Benefits of the Forest Sector Oregon Forest Resource Institute	
2:05 p.m.	Sustainable & Economical Forestry Zena Forest Products	
2:20 p.m.	The Challenge of Building Near Resource Lands City of Independence	
2:35 p.m.	The Balance of Conservation and Development Department of State Lands	
2:50 p.m.	Oregon's Working Lands: Ranchers and Farmers as Stewards Department of Agriculture	
3:05 p.m.	Water Management & Quality Oregon Water Resources Department	
3:20 p.m.	Debrief by Natural Resource Policy Expert Chandra Ferrari	
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn Meeting	<i>Jessica Howard</i>