



RS EXCHANGE REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

Monday, June 1st, 2026

Upcoming RSAC Meetings

Southern (Jackson and Josephine Counties)

Tuesday, June 2nd from 12:00-2:00pm

155 N 1st St, Central Point, OR 97502

[Virtual Link](#)

Central (Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties)

Monday, March 30th from 12:00-2:00pm

Redmond City Hall; Executive Conference Room 141

[Virtual Link](#)

Mid-Valley (Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties)

Thursday, January 8th from 1:30-3:30pm

Chemeketa Community College (Salem); Building 9, Room 128

[Virtual Link](#)

Take Our Survey, Please!

Every two years, Regional Solutions conducts a survey to assess our performance and the services provided by the Regional Solutions Coordinators and state agency Team members. The survey also includes an opportunity to highlight issues and opportunities that your local Regional Solutions Advisory Committee and Agency Team should consider as they work to advance community and economic development priorities and move projects forward.

[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

The Regional Solutions Program continues to dig into challenging projects and support exciting opportunities in communities of all sizes. We greatly enjoy working with you and are grateful for the many collaborations with all kinds of partners, all over the state.

The survey will be open through July 3rd. Please take a few minutes to share your perspective about how we can better work together in the future!

Regional Updates

South Coast — Jessica LaBerge

North Bend Family Housing: This South Coast housing development is cause for celebration – not only are they the first to bring large scale affordable housing to the south coast in 40 years, but they are also ahead of schedule and soon Phase I will deliver 105 affordable units! Formerly the Bangor School site in North Bend, the project includes permanent supportive housing with attached services such as project-based vouchers and options for families and individuals who have struggled to find stable housing on the south coast. This work is led by the [North Bend City Coos-Curry](#)



[Housing Authorities](#), and supported by many community partners, service providers and leaders who have stood alongside the Housing Authority to make this a reality.

[From the Housing Authority's website](#): Phase I will make 105 affordable housing units available, serving individuals and families earning up to 60% AMI, 30 units designed for households earning 30% AMI and below; and 20 units designed for permanent supportive housing with on-site services provided by Coos Health and Wellness.

Phase II will add an additional 48 units, together Phase I and Phase II will create a 153-unit affordable housing campus designed to strengthen housing stability and expand long-term housing opportunities on Oregon's South Coast. Developed in partnership with Oregon Housing and Community Services and regional partners - we are excited to celebrate this moment with the CCNB Housing Authorities!

Metro – Kathy Hyzy

Groundbreaking at tumwata village: I joined Governor Kotek and First Lady Kotek Wilson to celebrate the groundbreaking of tumwata village at a heartfelt ceremony hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and attended by many community leaders, local elected officials, and agency staff. This groundbreaking marked a major milestone in the Tribe's ongoing



efforts to restore and revitalize the culturally significant site, and launches construction of a transformative development on the banks of the Willamette River near Willamette Falls.

"This moment is about recognizing that Oregon's future is stronger when tribal

nations thrive, when ancestral lands are healed, and when Indigenous voices are heard," Governor Kotek said. "tumwata village will demonstrate that economic growth and environmental stewardship can walk side by side."

"tumwata has always been a place of deep cultural and spiritual significance for our people," Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "As a Tribe, our roots are here. As the great granddaughter of Chief Wacheno, who lived at this village, my roots begin here. Today, we took a meaningful step in honoring those who came before us, ensuring those roots remain strong, and building something lasting for future generations."

Regional Solutions has a history with this site, originally engaging with what was then the Willamette Falls Legacy Project back in the early oughts. When the Grand Ronde purchased the 23-acre property in 2019, they brought new leadership and vision to the site. Since 2021, the Tribe has been conducting archaeological and brownfields testing and remediation work and demolishing dangerous buildings on the property. Central to the project is restoring public access to Willamette Falls and the site as well as a commitment to environmental healing; Regional Solutions has helped to ensure \$12.5 million in state funds intended for this public access are accessible for the project.

In addition to the economic and cultural benefits of tumwata village, The Tribe is undertaking significant restoration efforts to improve habitat, restore native landscapes, and enhance water quality along the Willamette River. The project represents a long-awaited opportunity to reclaim and steward ancestral lands that have been central to tribal life for generations, and it is so exciting to see the strong partnerships between the Governor's Office, state agencies, Oregon City, and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde really work to support the Tribe in returning home.

Onsemi Site Visit: I joined Business Oregon and the City of Gresham's Economic Development team for a site visit to onsemi, a semiconductor fab with a twenty year history in Oregon. The 80 acre site is home to several large fabrication buildings, and employs roughly 600 in shifts that work around the clock. It was great to learn more about this well-established semiconductor company, which works closely with its hundreds of customers to craft exactly the chip they need for their specific product. There is strong demand for the niche they fill, and they are interested in both growing Oregon's Silicon Forest and their footprint in it. A big thanks to Gresham for their help in setting up the visit, and to onsemi for showing us around!

Tribal Cluster Meeting: I joined this quarter's State-Tribal Economic Development and Community Services Cluster meeting virtually. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted the gathering, which brings together agencies and tribes to network, share information and resources, and strengthen intergovernmental engagement. The meeting began with a song of welcome from elementary school students at the tribal school, and

included several presentations on tribal economic development programs. All eyes were on the Department of Forestry's detailed presentation on the fire forecast. Oregon Department of Energy also shared a presentation on their Building Energy Reduction Incentive program, which is offering grants to support eligible entities, including tribes, in work to identify potential energy savings in existing buildings. It was a great meeting!

Eastern — Courtney Crowell

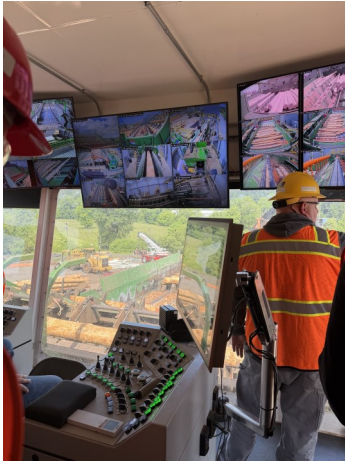
Harney Groundwater Collaborative Project: Attended the second meeting of the Oregon Solutions project to scope out a longer-term Harney Basin Groundwater Implementation Collaborative. Overall, the conversation is moving along nicely, and we are moving forward on the collaborative structure. These tables and ongoing collaboration are becoming key communication spaces for information to be shared among stakeholders and forwarded to OWRD to aid in the implementation of the rules. We had a good discussion about the need for community engagement around the allotment process methodology and how OWRD could meaningfully engage the community. This isn't in the true scope of the Oregon Solutions project but we are finding this table is a good place to raise issues, workshop them a bit and then send them back to the entities who are leading that work. We plan to have two more in-person meetings in June and then transition this work to High Desert Partnership for the long-term collaborative table.

City of Boardman Housing Development Project: I'm working with both the City of Boardman and ODOT on moving a 240-unit housing project forward while also addressing the safety concerns that the increased traffic and development within the city are placing on the freeway interchange in Boardman. I'll continue to engage with both entities to see how we can ensure safety on the interstate system while also allowing housing and economic development opportunities to move forward.

Mid-Valley – Beth Wytoski

SEDCOR Happy Hour: SEDCOR is bringing back their summertime happy hour opportunities to connect, discuss shared experiences, and lay the groundwork for improvements to the region. Gatherings will occur on the fourth Thursday in June, July, and August. TopWire Hop Project in Woodburn will provide a beer garden setting on June 25th. Root & Rye Hop Farm & Brewery in Carlton will offer local farm-grown and brewed goodies on July 23rd. Salt Creek Cider House in Dallas boasts a pond-side setting with small-batch ciders. All gatherings are 4-6pm. All attendees cover their

own tab. Please [RSVP](#) to SEDCOR so that each venue can prepare an appropriate space.



Hampton Lumber Visit: I had the privilege of visiting Hampton Lumber in Willamina and was blown away by their innovative use of technology and focus on waste management. In terms of technology, each log is scanned to be evaluated for 'best use' cuts, to minimize any waste, then it is propelled through saws, rollers, and more scanners to check the work. But of course, logs are round and purchasers are looking for straight, flat, squared up beams - so they have systems to create chips,

dust, and other products to make sure nothing goes to waste. We even visited the basement and saw the catch basins that collect the fines and reuse them in productive ways. It was powerful to see this traditional local industry with a new look and exciting to see how we plan to keep building Oregon's future.



Detroit Marinas: The Detroit and Kane's Marinas, located at the Detroit Reservoir, will begin removing material which has accumulated. This project is intended to improve access and navigation for recreational operations while improving the natural habitat of the lower Breitenbush River. Excavation is expected to extend the depth of the lakebed approximately 20 feet below its current level. In addition to depth changes, buried root wads will be added to enhance in-water habitat which has recreational and ecological benefits. Material removal is scheduled to begin in September with excavation and essential fish habitat construction concluding in March of 2027.

South Valley/Mid-Coast – Courtney Flathers

SVMC Regional Solutions Team visits Tangent: The South Valley/Mid-Coast Regional Solutions team visited Tangent on Friday, May 22nd. Our visit focused on the city's key priorities including their drinking water system and opportunities to improve water security, wastewater system updates, and the city's recently updated Transportation System Plan. We



also discussed the city's interest in downtown development and toured a brownfield site located on Hwy 99E the city would like to see put to better use. Our visit and discussion generated several new ideas about strategies and programs the city could pursue to move their projects forward. Many thanks to Tangent for hosting the Regional Solutions Team!

North Central – Nate Stice

RST Visit to The Dalles: The North Central Regional Solutions Team met with City of The Dalles leadership to review several active and emerging city priorities. The city highlighted downtown and transportation investments including the nearly completed 10th Street Safe Routes to School project, interest in future support for a 7th Street Safe Routes project, the First Street streetscape project, Federal Street Plaza, Columbia Gorge Bike Hub connections, and the West Side Renaissance Master Plan supported by a TGM grant. The city also identified the 6th Street Bridge as an emerging priority; the historic bridge is beyond its useful life, has experienced weight-rating downgrades, and is a critical east-west connector for emergency response.



The discussion focused heavily on The Dalles' long-term water system planning. The city is taking a comprehensive approach that includes watershed protection, the recently completed Dog River Pipeline replacement, future replacement of its 75-plus-year-old water treatment plant, replacement of aging transmission lines, aquifer storage and recovery, and long-term Crow Creek Reservoir storage planning. The city is also pursuing a 3,400-acre watershed acquisition for source protection and conservation benefits. Many thanks to The City of The Dalles for the discussion and tour of their water treatment facility.

Southern – Jessica LaBerge

4D Recovery Center Grand Opening: Regional Solutions was in attendance and representing the Governor on May 15th for the grand opening and celebration of the 4D Recovery Center, a new community resource for young adults in the Rogue Valley. 4D Recovery's mission is to provide, in partnership with systems, communities, and individuals, comprehensive services that help adolescents, young adults and families recover from substance use disorder. [Visit their website for more information](#) and share the [link to Jackson County referral](#) if you know a young person struggling with addiction. [Young adult addiction recovery center grand opening - KOB-TV NBC5 / KOTI-TV NBC2](#)

Central – Scott Aycock

City of Madras/ODOT Partner on Significant Downtown Transportation/Safety/Stormwater Project: ODOT has begun construction work on the US97: Earl Street to Colfax Lane Project a project – a partnership between ODOT and the City of Madras. This project will provide safety improvements for pedestrians by infilling sidewalk and bringing ADA ramps up to grade, and installing 4 Rectangular Rapid

Flashing Beacons, all through the downtown US97/OR26 corridor in Madras. The project will also fix the stormwater system, which was paid for in part with a federal Economic Development Administration Grant that the regional Council of Governments (COIC) also helped with. Additional scope of the project includes upgrading the existing lights in town to a radar system, which will allow traffic to flow better through town, and resurfacing the pavement on OR26 and US97. This project has been long in development and all partners are



excited to have it under way! For more on this project, see: [Oregon Department of Transportation : Project-Details : Projects : State of Oregon](#)

Resources and Opportunities

OHA Emergency Preparedness Training for Community Leaders on June 2nd

The Oregon Health Authority is hosting a collaboration and partnership focused training designed to equip community leaders with essential skills to handle emergencies effectively. This course covers practical tips, planning strategies, and teamwork techniques to help your organization collaborate with emergency management agencies and stay safe and ready when it matters most. This course provides an overview of relevant principles of emergency management for non-emergency management individuals who may be tasked with leadership responsibilities during a disaster. This includes elected officials, private sector partners, faith-based groups, volunteer agencies, non-profit organizations and company managers.

Covered Topics Include:

- Incident command 101 - learn the language of disasters
- How prepared is your agency for a disaster?
- Leadership during disasters – not business as usual
- Command and control – who's in charge?
- Unified command – working with your EM
- Disaster coordination and collaboration
- Avoiding pitfalls and hazards
- Surviving the disaster – business continuity

WHEN: June 2nd, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

WHERE: Virtual training. Zoom link will be sent after submitting your registration [here](#).

UGB Expansion Area Planning Grants Open for Applications through June 5th

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development is offering Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion Area Planning Grants to support local governments in completing comprehensive planning for land within a city's urban growth boundary that is not yet annexed and requires annexation to facilitate development. The final grant application packet and materials can be found on [DLCD's Grant and Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

The following types of work will be funded:

1. Analysis to address applicable Statewide Land Use Planning Goals within the unannexed area, including natural and cultural resources, hazards, parks, transportation, and public facilities;
2. Identification of specific land use designations in the unannexed area;
3. Community engagement; and
4. Adoption of comprehensive plan amendments, zone designations, and provisions for annexation within the unannexed area.

For questions, please contact Housing Accountability and Production Office Housing Navigator Kieran Turnbull, Kieran.TURNBULL@dlcd.oregon.gov.

Funds for Affordable Housing and Shelter Providers Available Through June 14th

Property and liability insurance costs have risen sharply in recent years, straining the budgets of affordable housing providers and shelter operators across Oregon. Oregon's new *Affordable Housing Premium Assistance Program*, established under Senate Bill 829 (2025), provides financial assistance to help eligible organizations offset insurance costs and maintain coverage.

Organizations that own or operate eligible affordable housing or shelter facilities in Oregon and are paying property and/or liability insurance premiums on those properties are eligible to apply. Reimbursements are capped at the lesser of 40 percent of annual insurance premiums or \$30,000 per organization. Priority will be given to organizations experiencing significant financial hardship due to insurance costs.

[Apply online by June 14th and learn more on the Oregon.gov website.](#)
Email DFR.HousingPremiumAssistance@dcbs.oregon.gov with questions.

Apply for ODOT Carbon Reduction Funding by June 30th

ODOT has about \$2.5 million in grant funding available from the federal Carbon Reduction Program for projects in small urban and rural areas of Oregon that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. The application period is open through **June 30, 2026**.

The grant opportunity is open to counties, cities, Tribal governments, and local transportation agencies representing urban and rural areas with populations under 50,000 people.

In general, projects are eligible if they meet any of these criteria:

- Shifts vehicles to more efficient fuels or technologies.
- Improves or encourages non-driving options.
- Invests in or expands technology that makes the transportation system more efficient.
- Manages demand on the transportation system.

[Visit the Carbon Reduction Program webpage](#) for the online application link and other resources. You can also view online PDFs of past funded projects for more examples: [2024 funded project list](#) and [2023 funded project list](#).

The [Carbon Reduction Program](#) is a federal competitive grant program created by the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program will provide Oregon \$82 million over five years to fund projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. This is the third grant funding opportunity for the program.

Apply for ReOregon Temporary Rent and Utility Assistance Funding by June 30th

The deadline for [Intermediate Housing Assistance \(IHA\)](#) for survivors of the 2020 Labor Day wildfires and straight-line winds is coming soon. Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) administers IHA, which provides temporary rent and utility assistance for renters who lived in the disaster-affected counties of Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, or Marion at the time of the wildfires and have a verified loss.

Survivors have until June 30 to apply for the program, which has expanded eligibility, including higher incomes, so more households can get help. Assistance may last for up to 24 months or until the program's funding is fully spent.

OHCS encourages any interested folks to reach out to a local [community action agency](#) to find out more and get started on an application.

IHA is part of a suite of wildfire recovery programs called ReOregon intended for survivors of the 2020 Labor Day Disasters and is funded by a \$422 million Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. To learn more about IHA and other ReOregon programs, visit the [OHCS website](#).

Goal 5 Cultural Area Rule Guidance Available for Local Governments

For local governments in need of rules guidance for Goal 5 Cultural Areas,

the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has shared [updated guidance](#) and a [frequently asked questions document](#) on [the agency's website](#).

The Land Conservation and Development Commission adopted [these rules](#) on December 4, 2025. They will go into effect January 1, 2027.

Local government and Tribal representatives are invited to join monthly drop-in sessions or reach out to the [regional representatives](#) to schedule individual technical assistance work sessions.

Upcoming session dates are below - [pre-registration is required](#).

- June 30, 2026, 10-11 a.m.
- July 28, 2026, 10-11 a.m.

For questions, please contact DLCD Natural Resources Specialist Amanda Punton at 971-718-3245 or Amanda.punton@dlcd.oregon.gov, or Deputy Director and Tribal Liaison Kirstin Greene at 971-701-1584 or Kirstin.greene@dlcd.oregon.gov.

Mobile WorkSource Oregon service centers bring free career help to rural Oregonians:

[WorkSource Oregon](#) has launched three mobile service centers – vans outfitted with workstations, computers, and secure internet access – to bring free career support directly to job seekers in rural and frontier communities across the state. Job seekers can check the [public schedule](#) to learn when the mobile centers make regular stops in the following areas:

- **Western Oregon:** Alsea, Clatskanie, Estacada, Grand Ronde, Mill City, Molalla, Monroe, Vernonia
- **Central Oregon:** Chiloquin, Christmas Valley, Condon, Lakeview, La Pine, Maupin, Warm Springs
- **Eastern Oregon:** Boardman, Elgin, Halfway, Heppner, Huntington, Jordan Valley, Mission, Vale

The Oregon Employment Department (OED) worked with Oregon's nine local workforce development boards and local workforce service providers to add these communities to the mobile service schedule.

A key consideration was the distance from one of the state's 37 physical WorkSource Oregon centers. For some rural Oregonians, the average round trip to visit a center is four hours. The goal is to reach people in communities that do not have a brick-and-mortar WorkSource Oregon center nearby or experience other barriers to accessing OED's service.

Each mobile center visits the communities on their routes two days a month, for two to seven hours at a time. Everyone is welcome to drop in for assistance. Appointments aren't required. The WorkSource Oregon staff who drive the vans provide job seekers with personalized support finding employment and preparing for long-term career success.

Veterans will receive priority access to services in the mobile centers, just as they would at any other WorkSource Oregon center. This support includes referrals to veteran-specific programs and additional services to help veterans achieve their employment goals.

Some of the many services available at a mobile center include:

- One-on-one career coaching
- Workshops on resumes and interviewing
- Information on which regional industries and local employers are actively hiring
- Access to free training to advance professionally or learn skills for a new occupation
- Information about paid internships, apprenticeships, on-the-job training, GED programs, and college classes
- Referrals to benefit programs that help job seekers with transportation, childcare, internet access, tuition, textbooks, school fees, identification, work clothes and tools, food, and more

The mobile centers are sponsored by OED in partnership with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). Oregonians who receive food benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Oregon and who have received an Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) notice from ODHS can access free employment and training through the mobile WorkSource Oregon centers to meet the work requirements and stay eligible for SNAP. People who receive an ABAWD notice must complete 80 hours a month of work or other activities like volunteering to keep their SNAP food benefits for more than three months.

ODOE Incentive Program for Building Owners Available through July 10th

Applications are **open through July 10th** for a second round of [**Early Compliance Action and Planning Program**](#) incentives. This is one of the Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) two incentive programs available to help building owners comply with HB 3409 from 2023. That legislation created the Oregon Building Performance Standard (BPS), which requires covered commercial buildings to enhance energy management practices and

implement efficiency measures to reach energy use targets starting as soon as 2028.

The agency has approximately \$1.2 million for this round of incentives to help building owners offset costs associated with compliance, such as energy benchmarking and reporting or performing an energy audit. Incentives will be awarded on a competitive basis and structured to reflect the various compliance requirements and actions.

BPS incentive program details can be found at [BPS Incentives](#) or contact ODOE at: Oregon.BPS.ECAPP@energy.oregon.gov

New Global Trade Desk at Business Oregon to Serve Business and Global Partners

During Oregon Trade Week in late May, Governor Kotek announced the launch of the [Global Trade Desk](#), a new statewide resource that serves as a single point of contact for Oregon businesses and global partners. The Global Trade Desk builds on Business Oregon's existing suite of international services, adding coordinated, personalized support for companies at every stage of their export or investment journey. It also hosts a dedicated Korea Trade Desk, staffed by bilingual professionals with in-market expertise to help Oregon companies navigate and succeed in one of the state's key international markets.

The Global Trade Desk advances Oregon's broader economic development strategy—expanding the state's exporter base, deepening international relationships, and positioning Oregon as a competitive partner in the global economy.

Businesses and partners can connect with the Global Trade Desk online [here](#), by email at globaltradedesk@biz.oregon.gov, or by phone at 503-229-5009.