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Cascade Locks South

Deschutes County Fairgrounds

3800 SW Airport Way

Redmond, OR 97756

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## Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

| ITEM | TIME                 | AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC   | PRESENTER  |
|------|----------------------|---|--|
| 1    | 3:30 PM<br>(30 mins) | <b>Welcome and Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll Call/Introductions</li><li>• Review and approval of December 2025 minutes</li></ul> | <b>Elin Miller, Chair</b><br>State Board of Ag   |
| 2    | 4:00 PM<br>(45 mins) | <b>ODA Director's Report</b>  | <b>Lisa Charpilloz</b><br>Hanson, ODA Director   |
| 3    | 4:45PM<br>(60 mins)  | <b>ODA Budget and Legislative Updates - 2026 Short Session</b>  | <b>Jonathan Sandau,</b><br>ODA Deputy Director<br><b>Adam Crawford,</b> ODA<br>COO<br><b>Lindsay Eng,</b> ODA<br>Deputy Director |
| *    | 5:45 PM<br>(15 mins) | <b>BREAK</b>  |  |
| 4    | 6:00 PM<br>(30 mins) | <b>Deschutes Land Trust - Solar Mitigation and Conservation Easement Work in Central Oregon</b>   | <b>Rika Ayotte -</b><br>Executive Director,<br>Deschutes Land Trust  |
| *    | 6:30 PM              | <b>Dinner - Provided for the Board and ODA Staff</b>  |  |

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## Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

| ITEM | TIME                  | AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC   | PRESENTER   |
|------|-----------------------|---|---|
| *    | 8:00 AM               | Coffee with the Board of Ag and the Oregon FFA State Officers   |   |
| *    | 8:30 AM               | <b>Welcome and Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call/Introductions</li> </ul>                          | <b>Elin Miller</b> , Chair<br>State Board of Ag   |
| 5    | 8:45 AM<br>(30 mins)  | OSU College of Agricultural Sciences – Dean’s Updates   | <b>Staci Simonich</b> , Dean,<br>Oregon State University  |
| 6    | 9:15 AM<br>(60 mins)  | Regional Food and Ag Business Centers   | <b>Jim Cupples</b> , ODA<br>Regional Food Systems Coordinator<br><b>Amy Gilroy</b> , ODA<br>Farm to School Coordinator<br><b>Erick Garman</b> , ODA<br>Trade Development Manager<br><b>Lindsay Eng</b> , ODA<br>Deputy Director |
| 7    | 10:15 AM<br>(20 mins) | Recent rulemaking at ODA  | <b>Sunny Summers</b> ,<br>ODA Senior Policy Advisor   |
| 8    | 10:35 AM<br>(10 mins) | Public Comment – General Topics   |   |
| 9    | 10:45 AM<br>(45 mins) | <b>Board Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SWCC Updates – Barbara Boyer</li> <li>2026 Meeting Schedule</li> </ul> |   |

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|     |                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Resolution Process Discussion Decision</li> </ul>   |   |
| *   | 11:30 AM<br>(30 mins) | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |
| 10  | 12:00 PM<br>(60 mins) | <b>Governor’s Natural Resources Team Update</b><br><i>Brief Overview of Recent Executive Orders</i>  | <b>Geoff Huntington,</b><br>Governor’s Office<br><b>Chandra Ferrari,</b><br>Governor’s Office<br><b>Amy Schlusser,</b><br>Governor’s Office                             |
| 11A | 1:00 PM<br>(30 mins)  | <b>ODA Pesticide Program Updates – Spanish Testing and Training Materials</b>  | <b>Gilberto Uribe Valdez,</b> ODA<br>Pesticide Registration & Certification<br>Program Manager<br><b>Isaak Stapleton,</b> ODA<br>Natural Resources<br>Division Director |
| 11B | 1:30 PM<br>(15 mins)  | <b>Public Comment – ODA's Pesticide Program</b>  |   |
| 12  | 1:45 PM<br>(45 mins)  | <b>Oregon’s Native Seed Strategy</b>   | <b>Troy Abercrombie,</b><br>ODA Natural<br>Resource Protection<br>and Sustainability<br>Manager   |
| 13  | 2:30 PM<br>(20 mins)  | <b>Board Business (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates to include in Ag Quarterly from the Board</li> <li>Board Resolution Review</li> </ul> |   |
| *   | 2:30 PM               | <b>Adjourn</b>   |   |

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| * | 4:00 PM | <b>FFA Foundation Partnership Dinner</b><br><i>Board Members will attend the FFA Partnership Dinner</i><br><i>Location: Cascade Lakes North Finals Stage</i>                     |  |
| * | 7:00 PM | <b>FFA State Convention Opening Session</b><br><i>Board Members will attend the opening session of State Convention</i><br><i>Live Stream - Cascade Lakes North Finals Stage</i> |  |

## Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

| ITEM | TIME    | AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC   | PRESENTER |
|------|---------|---|-----------|
| *    | 8:30 AM | <b>OR FFA Convention</b> - <i>Board Members will participate in the OR State FFA Convention</i> |           |

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# Oregon State Board of Agriculture Minutes

| DATE               | LOCATION   | START TIME    | END TIME |
|--------------------|--|---------------|----------|
| December 3-5, 2025 | Best Western Plus, Hood River Inn – Hood River, OR | 5:00 PM       | 12:30 PM |
| FACILITATOR        | CONTACT EMAIL                                      | CONTACT PHONE |          |
| John Boyes         | BoardAgriculture@ODA.oregon.gov                    | 503.986.4552  |          |

## Meeting Recording:

December 3 – Meeting recording Part 1 – [https://youtu.be/eRldli\\_YyX4](https://youtu.be/eRldli_YyX4)

December 4 – Meeting recording Part 2 – <https://youtu.be/u8HeFY2j19o>

December 5 – Meeting recording Part 3 – <https://youtu.be/CyzuXY79gyU>

## Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

### Agenda Item 01 – Welcome and Introductions (Timestamp: 0:00:50)

Chair Elin Miller called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Introductions of board members followed. John Boyes, Board Coordinator, called the roll of board members.

| Board Members:   | ODA Staff Present:  | Others Present:   |
|--|---|---|
| <p><b>Present:</b><br/>Elin Miller, Chair<br/>Chad Allen, Vice-Chair<br/>Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson<br/>Eric Orem<br/>Kirk Maag<br/>Mike Dill<br/>Ellie Norris (Virtually)<br/>Ty Kliewer<br/>Josh Zielinski<br/>Dean Staci Simonich</p> <p><b>Absent:</b><br/>Miguel Lopez<br/>Barbara Boyer</p> | <p>Lindsay Eng<br/>Jonathan Sandau<br/>Rusty Rock<br/>Isaak Stapleton<br/>Karla Valness<br/>John Boyes<br/>Charlotte Campbell<br/>Erick Garman<br/>Amy Gilroy<br/>Jim Cupples<br/>Naaman Smith<br/>Andrea Cantu-Schomus</p> | <p>Krystyna Wolniakowski<br/>Lisa Naas-Cook<br/>Kris Schaedel<br/>Jennifer Euwer<br/>Lesley Tamura<br/>Kyle Odegard<br/>Mike Omeg<br/>Jim Carmack<br/>Three-Rivers Audio Visual</p> |

Roll call confirmed that a quorum (minimum of 6 voting members) was met and that the meeting could continue.

### Agenda Item 01B – Columbia River Gorge Commission (Timestamp: 00:04:52)

Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director for the Columbia River Gorge Commission, and Lisa Naas-Cook, Climate Programs Manager for the Columbia River Gorge Commission, provided the Board with an overview of the Columbia River Gorge Commission’s history, current programs, and overlaps with the agricultural and working lands within the National Scenic Area.

**Agenda Item 01C – Local Industry Panel ([Timestamp: 00:36:49](#))**

Hood River County Commissioner and orchardist Jennifer Euwer led a panel discussion with local agriculturists from the Hood River region. Panelists were:

- Lesley Tamura, Chairperson of Columbia Fruit Growers
- Ian Chandler, Chair of the Oregon Sweet Cherry Commission
- Adam McCarthy, Member of the WA & OR Canned Pear Association & Fresh Pear Committee

Panelists discussed ongoing challenges to the agricultural industry in and around the Hood River Valley. Key highlights included ongoing labor cost challenges, disparity of regulatory costs across state lines, and the need for accessible government services and licensures for agricultural workforce members who do not speak English as a first language. The panel provided the Board with literature from Oregon State University (available in the meeting materials) documenting the regulatory compliance costs of fruit operations of various scales in Oregon.

Chair Miller recessed the meeting at 6:30 pm and invited the meeting attendants to join the Board for a reception downstairs.

**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Welcome and Introductions ([Timestamp: 00:00:05](#))**

Chair Elin Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Introductions of board members followed. John Boyes, Board Coordinator called the roll of Board members.

| <b>Board Members:</b>  | <b>ODA Staff Present:</b>  | <b>Others Present:</b>   |
|--|--|--|
| <p><b>Present:</b><br/>Elin Miller, Chair<br/>Chad Allen, Vice-Chair<br/>Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson<br/>Eric Orem<br/>Kirk Maag<br/>Mike Dill<br/>Ellie Norris (Virtually)<br/>Miguel Lopez (Virtually)<br/>Ty Kliewer<br/>Josh Zielinski</p> <p><b>Absent:</b><br/>Barbara Boyer</p> | <p>Lindsay Eng<br/>Jonathan Sandau<br/>Rusty Rock<br/>Isaak Stapleton<br/>Karla Valness<br/>John Boyes<br/>Charlotte Campbell<br/>Erick Garman<br/>Amy Gilroy<br/>Jim Cupples<br/>Naaman Smith<br/>Andrea Cantu-Schomus<br/>Adam Crawford<br/>Nick Sirovatka<br/>Sunny Summers (Virtually)<br/>Laura Passage (Virtually)</p> | <p>Kris Schaedel<br/>Lesley Tamura<br/>Adam McCarthy<br/>Amanda Hoey<br/>Lauren Kuenzi<br/>Phone Caller (ending in 2506)<br/>Three Rivers Audio Visual</p> |

Roll call confirmed that a quorum (minimum of 6 voting members) was present, and the meeting could continue.

**Agenda Item 2: Board Business ([Timestamp: 00:05:29](#))**

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Approval of minutes**

Draft minutes from the September 3-5, 2025, Board Meeting were presented for review and approval.

**MOTION:**

Ty Kliewer moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Chad Allen seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote by: Ty Kliewer, Chad Allen, Elin Miller, Kirk Maag, Mike Dill, Eric Orem, Miguel Lopez, Ellie Norris; no votes in the opposition or abstentions. Barbara Boyer was excused.

**Agenda Item 3A: Director's report (Timestamp: 00:06:12)**

Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson highlighted work done by the Oregon Department of Agriculture since the September 2025 meeting. Her highlights included:

- Overview of updated guidance related to reductions in state agency spending, including stopping out of state agency travel and developing 2.5-5% agency-wide budget reduction lists at the direction of the Legislative Fiscal Office.
- Overview of the international trade mission led by Governor Kotek to Japan and South Korea.
  - The Ag Delegation focused on pesticide residue issues, market access issues, and expanding foreign markets for Oregon Commodities.
- Updates to the paused rulemaking efforts for farm stands and farm stores, indicating that resolutions would likely have to come from the legislature.
- Outlining policy implementation standardization at the agency.
- Brief overview of Governor Kotek's announcement regarding the Prosperity Council and the Prosperity Roadmap.
- Highlighting the success of the ODA Agricultural Services team, who are sharing resources and cross training staff to provide continued, stable service delivery across program areas in rural parts of Oregon.
- Rulemaking, led at ODA by Senior Policy Advisor, Sunny Summers, who continues to refine and streamline rulemaking processes at ODA.
- Sharing positive feedback received for the Ag Water Quality.
- Acknowledging the Trade Development team and Farm-to-School team, including:
  - Erick Garman's work in the EU to help market Oregon seafood abroad.
  - Amy Gilroy's work in advancing Farm-to-School efforts.
- Ongoing work in the Brands Program continues to undergo revisions to its operations, following a fee increase.
- Onboarding a safety officer, Jenn Blow, who continues to help build a culture of safety at ODA.
- Gallup Employee Satisfaction surveys showed improvement across the board.

Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Communications Director for ODA, provided an overview of ODA's effort to promote the work of women agriculturists in Oregon, detailing outreach plans and coordination across communities. 2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer.

Chair Miller asked if there was an opportunity for the Board to engage with the Prosperity Council and the Prosperity Roadmap outlined in Governor Kotek's December 3<sup>rd</sup> announcement. Director Charpilloz Hanson identified that this may be an opportunity to send a letter to the Governor. Chair Miller tabled the discussion on the Prosperity Council until the Board Business section.

### **Agenda Item 03B – Updates from ODA’s Marketing and Development Teamd ([Timestamp: 00:30:26](#))**

The Board received updates from Lindsay Eng, Deputy Director at ODA, on current work of the Ag Economic and Trade Development Team, including:

- History of Food & Agriculture in Oregon, including indigenous peoples, the Oregon Trail, cheese making, canning seafood and specialty crops, maraschino cherries, and food processing innovations.
- Program highlights, including achievements in Farm-to-School, International Trade, and economic development grant programs.
- A preview of the Regional Food & Agriculture Business Centers.

### **Agenda Item 03C – Budget & Legislative Updates ([Timestamp: 01:47:52](#))**

Adam Crawford, COO, and Jonathan Sandau, Deputy Director, provided the Board with an update to budget and legislative initiatives at ODA, including:

- Budget reduction exercises as directed by the Legislative Fiscal Office to outline potential cuts at 2.5% and 5% of agency-wide budget that maintained current staffing levels and mitigated impacts to core programs and services.

### **Board Business – Moved from Agenda Item 10 ([Timestamp: 02:37:16](#))**

Chair Miller addressed several Board Business agenda items given the meeting was ahead of schedule.

Chair Miller started with 2026 Meeting Date reviews.

- December 2026 will be virtual only, given ongoing budget constraints.
- March 2026 will coincide with the Oregon State FFA Convention, and the Board will attend events and participate in volunteer opportunities at the Convention.
- Reconsidering the September 2026 meeting dates, given the overlap with State Fair and Back-to-School.

Chair Miller raised the Board Newsletter, Board Resolution 000, and the overall Board Resolution review process for consideration. Discussion included:

- Discontinuing the quarterly newsletter from the Board and writing something in the Ag Quarterly to provide updates from the Board.
- Updating the Board Resolution Process to discontinue the mandatory 3-year resolution review period established to ensure resolution review adds value to Board Meetings and minimizes agency resources expended during the review process.

Chair Miller tabled the discussion about the Board Resolution process until the Board Business Section on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Agenda Item 04 – Oregon Department of Energy – Energy Strategy Update ([Timestamp: 02:59:15](#))**

Janine Benner, Director of the Oregon Department of Energy, and Jessica Reichers, Technology and Policy Manager, provided an overview of the Oregon Energy Strategy and the methodology used to develop its least-cost pathways (available in the Meeting Materials).

### **Agenda Item 05 – Public Comment ([Timestamp: 03:50:03](#))**

Chair Elin Miller called for public comment at 12:20 pm. Public Comments were received from the following individuals:

- Kris Schaedel – Language Accessibility for Pesticide Licensing
- Lesley Tamura – Language Accessibility for Pesticide Licensing
- Adam McCarthy – Labor and Crop Protection

The Board received one submission of written comments prior to the meeting and reviewed them (available in the Meeting Materials):

| Submitter:     | Organization/Affiliation: | Topic:                            |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Isabela Mackey | N/A                       | Pesticide Licensing Accessibility |

Chair Miller recessed the Board Meeting until Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

**Site Visits:**

The Board and ODA Staff visited the following sites around Hood River:

- Diamond Fruit Growers – Odell, OR
- Mid-Columbia Agricultural Research and Extension Center – Hood River, OR
- USDA APHIS – Hood River, OR

Friday, December 5th, 2025

**Welcome and Introductions (Timestamp: 00:00:03)**

Chair Elin Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. John Boyes, Board Coordinator called the roll of Board Members.

| Board Members:  | ODA Staff Present:  | Others Present:                            |
|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Present:</b><br/>                     Elin Miller, Chair<br/>                     Chad Allen, Vice-Chair<br/>                     Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson<br/>                     Eric Orem<br/>                     Kirk Maag<br/>                     Mike Dill<br/>                     Ty Kliewer<br/>                     Josh Zielinski<br/>                     Miguel Lopez (Virtually)</p> <p><b>Absent:</b><br/>                     Barbara Boyer<br/>                     Ellie Norris</p> | Jonathan Sandau<br>Rusty Rock<br>Isaak Stapleton<br>Karla Valness<br>John Boyes<br>Charlotte Campbell<br>Andrea Cantu-Schomus<br>Nick Sirovatka<br>Sunny Summers (Virtually)<br>Laura Passage (Virtually) | Jed Arnold<br>Brian Pearson<br>Amanda Hoey |

Roll call confirmed that a quorum (minimum of 6 voting members) was present, and the meeting could continue.

Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson introduced her new Executive Assistant, Charlotte Campbell. Director Hanson recognized Karla Valness for her logistical support with the trade missions.

**Agenda Item 06 – OSU College of Agriculture Dean’s Updates (Timestamp: 00:06:10)**

*DRAFT – December 2025*

Staci Simonich, Dean and Reub Long Professor of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station at Oregon State University provided the Board with updates from the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS). She shared CAS student enrollment and detailed enrollment increasing over the last 20 or so years, research expenditure and funding availability projections for the future.

**Agenda Item 07A – Rulemaking for the Central Oregon Protection District (COPD) for rapeseed and Brassica Crops ([Timestamp: 00:23:02](#))**

Sunny Summers, ODA’s Senior Policy Advisor, provided the Board with an update and background of the rulemaking efforts related to Central Oregon Protected Districts for rapeseed/Brassica crops. ODA has received requests to repeal the Central Oregon Protected District in whole or part, and the Board will be involved with future rulemaking related to this protected district.

**Agenda Item 07B – Public Comment for COPD Only ([Timestamp: 00:47:10](#))**

The Board heard verbal comments from:

- Alice Morrison – Friends of Family Farmers

The Board received no written comments related to COPD rulemaking.

**Agenda Item 07C – General Public Comment**

The Board did not receive any requests for verbal comments during this available time slot.

Chair Miller recessed the Board for a 10 minute break.

**Agenda Item 08: Columbia River Intertribal Fish Council (CRITFC) ([Timestamp: 01:01:17](#))**

Elaine Harvey, Watershed Program Manager for the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Council, gave the Board an overview of CRITFC’s with the four Treaty Tribes along the Columbia River. She also shared with the Board an overview of CRITFC’s Tribal Energy Vision.

**Agenda Item 09A – Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA) Rules ([Timestamp: 01:48:31](#))**

Isaak Stapleton, Natural Resources Division Director, and Nick Sirovatka, IWRS and LUGWMA Lead for ODA, provided the Board with an update to rule changes for the LUBGWMA nitrate reduction rulemaking. Nick highlighted changes to irrigated acreage size criteria for an operation, discussed concerns received from public input about monitoring techniques identified in the rules, and provided an updated timeline for rulemaking and implementation.

**Agenda Item 09B – Public Comment for LUBGWMA Only ([Timestamp: 02:29:23](#))**

The Board received verbal comments from:

- Dani Lightle – Oregonians for Food and Shelter
- Ryan Krabill – Oregon Farm Bureau

**Agenda Item 10 – Board Business ([Timestamp: 02:50:43](#))**

The Board discussed including highlights from the panel discussion in updates in the Ag Quarterly.

**Oregon Agriculture Heritage Program Nominations**

*DRAFT – December 2025*

Miguel Lopez nominated Gary Wade to be the Board's nomination to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission. Motion was seconded by Ty Kliewer. Mike Dill nominated John Deck to be the Board's nomination to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission. Miguel Lopez and Mike Dill provided their insight behind their nominations.

**VOTE (Timestamp: 02:58:35)**

Gary Wade: 2 votes (Miguel Lopez, Ty Kliewer)

John Deck: 6 votes (Mike Dill, Josh Zielinski, Chad Allan, Eric Orem, Elin Miller)

Barbara Boyer and Ellie Norris were absent.

By vote, John Deck was selected as the nominee for the OAHC vacancy.

**Resolution Review Process (Timestamp: 03:00:00)**

The Board discussed next steps for adjusting the Resolution Review process to help minimize workload demand and address issues timely. Board members provided perspective. The consensus was to annually review a summary of each Board Resolution and stop reviewing resolutions on the three-year cadence currently in place.

Chair Miller raised the collection of land use Board Resolutions for consideration and tabled consideration of those until after legislative session.

**MOTION**

Ty Kliewer moved to accept the framework for Board Resolution Review as discussed, including putting together a high-level summary and stopping the three-year review cadence. Motion was seconded by Chad Allan. Motion passed by unanimous vote by Elin Miller, Chad Allan, Josh Zielinski, Kirk Maag, Ty Kliewer, Eric Orem, and Mike Dill; no votes in the opposition; Ellie Norris and Barbara Boyer were absent.

**MOTION**

After some brief discussion about engaging with the Governor's Office via written letter from the Board, Ty Kliewer moved that the Board of Agriculture write a letter to the Governor requesting representation for Food and Agriculture on the Prosperity Council. Chad Allan seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote by Elin Miller, Chad Allan, Josh Zielinski, Kirk Maag, Ty Kliewer, Eric Orem, and Mike Dill; no votes in the opposition; Ellie Norris and Barbara Boyer were absent.

Chair Miller discussed the current budget environment and floated the idea of holding a special call during legislative session depending on prospective legislative initiatives.

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item number 2: *Director's Report*

### I. Introduction

The Board will receive an update from ODA Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson about recent agency work, legislative outcomes from the 2026 Short Session, and rulemaking progress. Director Charpilloz Hanson will address:

- ODA's progress on its 2024-2027 Strategic Plan
- Agency activities
- Updates on International Year of the Woman Farmer
- OneODA I.T. Modernization project updates

Also included for Board review is:

- Progress report for ODA in achieving the Governor's Expectations of state agencies.
- Updates from each of ODA's Program areas over the last quarter.

# GOVERNOR’S EXPECTATIONS

In January of 2023, Governor Tina Kotek issued a letter to the Executive Branch agencies outlining 11 expectations for state agency leaders. These expectations serve as guideposts for the Executive Branch’s work with Oregonians and drive system improvements to help serve individuals and families in all corners of the state.

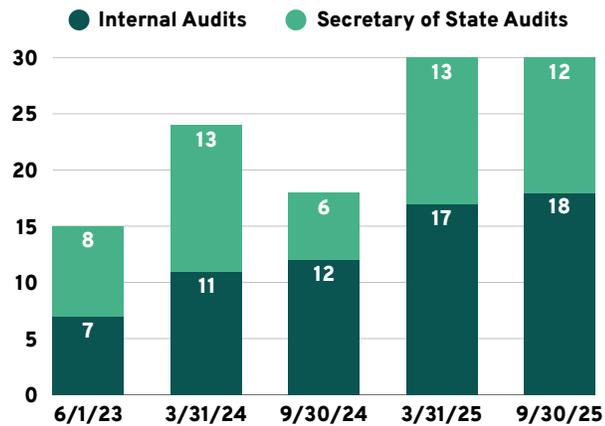
## Completed Expectations

| Expectation and Goal  | Update  |
|---|---|
| <u>Strategic Planning</u><br>Agencies will develop and follow a strategic plan that also aligns with priorities set forth by the Governor’s Office.   | ODA completed its 2024-2027 Strategic Plan in 2025.           |
| <u>Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)</u><br>Agencies will maintain and annually update a COOP.   | Submitted in 2024 with 96% completeness; last updated in 2025 |
| <u>DEI Planning</u><br>Agencies will maintain a biennial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) plan and will report Affirmative Action progress every even-numbered year.                      | DEI Plan embedded within ODA’s 2024-2027 Strategic Plan       |
| <u>Technology Planning</u><br>Agencies will maintain a business-driven and enterprise-aligned information technology (IT) strategic plan that supports the organization’s strategic priorities. | Completed in 2024; Revised in 2025 with an annual update      |
| <u>Succession Planning</u><br>All agencies will develop and submit an annual succession plan.   | Completed in 2024 with updates annually                       |
| <u>Leadership</u><br>Each agency director will receive a 360 review every two years.  | Review completed with next review scheduled for April of 2027 |

# Expectation Updates and Metrics

## Audit Response

Agencies will implement recommendations from internal audits and from Secretary of State audits, reporting to DAS on status by May 31 and November 30 of each year.



## Employee Engagement

All agencies with more than four full-time equivalent employees will annually administer the Gallup Q12 survey to measure employee engagement and satisfaction.

| Metric                                      | As of 3/31/25 |
|---|---------------|
| <b>% Employees that responded to survey</b> | <b>57%</b>    |
| <b>Engagement score</b>                     | <b>3.80*</b>  |

\*Ratio of engaged employees to not engaged employees.

## Workforce Development

All agencies will have all new employees complete an agency orientation and DAS Customer Service Fundamentals training within 60 days of hire and attend an Uplift Your Benefits session.

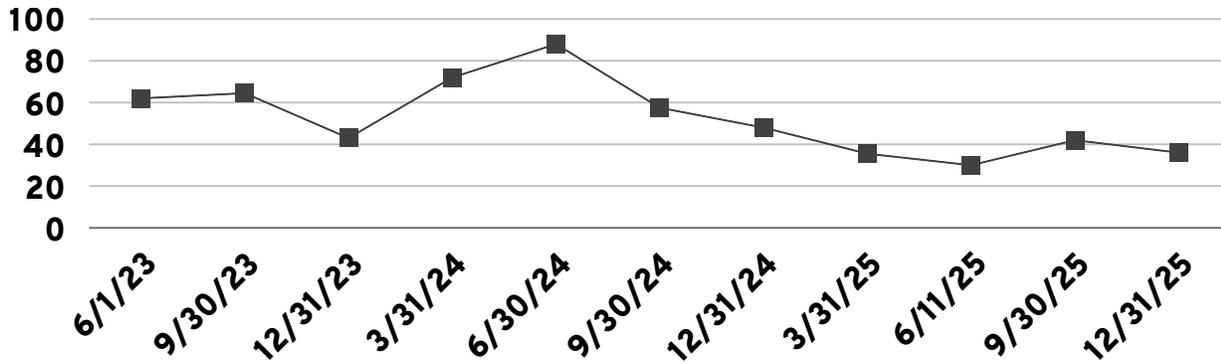
| Training   | 12/23 | 3/24 | 6/24 | 9/24 | 12/24 | 3/25 | 6/25 | 9/25 | 12/25 |
|--|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| <b>Customer Service</b>                          | 100%  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 83%  | 100% | 100% | 100%  |
| <b>Foundational</b>                              | *     | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100%  | *    | *    | 100% | 100%  |
| <b>Performance Accountability &amp; Feedback</b> | 100%  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100%  | *    | *    | 100% | 100%  |
| <b>Uplift Your Benefits</b>                      | 88%   | 90%  | 100% | 100% | 71%   | 50%  | 100% | 60%  | 100%  |

\*Indicates no data available in the applicable quarter.

# Expectation Updates and Metrics

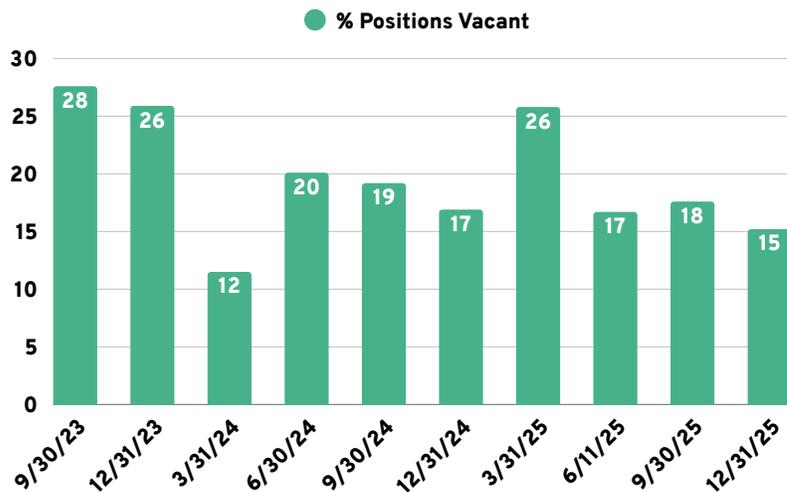
## Days to Fill Vacant Positions

Agencies will aim to fill vacant positions in 50 days or less



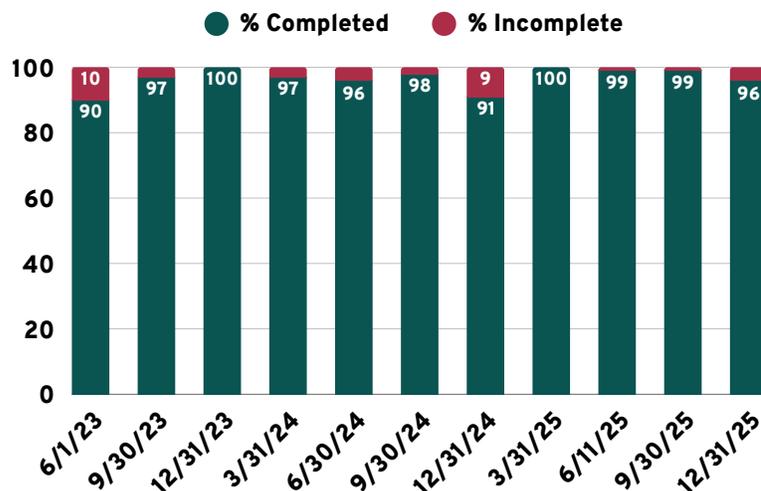
## Filled Positions

Each agency will maintain an average of 50 or fewer days to complete open competitive recruitments and will actively manage vacancies, reporting quarterly the reasons for each.



## Employee Feedback

Each agency will complete 90+% of its required manager and employee performance feedback check-ins each quarter.



Oregon Department of Agriculture Program Reports  
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**Food Safety, Animal Health, and Lab Services**

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**Food Safety General Update**

- Food Safety program staff continue to reduce the inspection backlog. Inspections are considered overdue if they are more than 90 days past due. The backlog has dropped from a peak of 4,943 in July 2021 to 1,547.

**Retail and Manufactured Foods**

- ODA has started the FDA 2025-26 contract work, which include:
  - 105 Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) inspections,
  - 42 full-scope Preventative Controls (PC) inspections,
  - 8 acidified food inspections, and
  - 10 seafood HACCP inspections.
  - We have completed approximately 25% of the contract work so far.
- The Retail Food Program is in the process of updating the Retail Food Code with an anticipated adoption in 2026. Rule advisory committee meetings are scheduled to begin the last week of February 2026.

**Shellfish and Crab Program**

- Food Safety shellfish program staff participated in the Oregon Mariculture Future Forum held in Coos Bay at the end of 2025. The goals of this forum were to identify mariculture development priorities for the next 1 to 3 years, identify funding pathways for mariculture, and facilitate partnerships to move the mariculture sector forward in Oregon. A follow up virtual meeting was held in February to address the role ODA could have in the development of mariculture, and more broadly aquaculture, in Oregon.
- ODA Food Safety shellfish inspectors performed 26 shellfish re-certification inspections of shellfish distributors and processors in Oregon in December. These re-certification inspections are required to permit Oregon shellfish dealers to ship, as well as to receive shellfish from around the country.

**Dairy Program**

- The Dairy Program is expanding its sampling efforts through collaboration with staff from other ODA division programs. To support this initiative, staff will be cross-trained across multiple programs, including Brand, Shipping Point, Produce Safety, and Plant Health. This cross-training model enhances operational flexibility, strengthens program resilience, and maximizes the effective use of available resources.

- The initial phase of cross-training will focus on duties related to dairy, water, and glycol/coolant sampling to ensure staff are fully trained to meet immediate program needs and regulatory requirements.
- As cross-utilization of staff from other ODA programs (collectively referred to as Agricultural (Ag) Services) continues to grow, additional cross-training will expand to include responsibilities such as egg grading, shellfish beach postings, milk tank truck inspections, and other related activities. This phased approach supports strategic program growth while maintaining consistent service delivery and regulatory oversight.

### **State Meat Inspection (SMI)**

- The staffing structure for the State Meat Inspection (SMI) Program remains the same: one (1) Meat Inspector, one (1) Meat Specialist, and one (1) Veterinarian position. The Veterinarian role continues to be supported through a shared arrangement among three veterinarians, ensuring consistent oversight and regulatory coverage throughout the state.
- At the end of 2025, our Meat Inspector retired following his dedicated service to the SMI program. Subsequently, a new Meat Inspector was hired to fill the vacancy and has been a strong addition to the team. He is currently completing a structured onboarding and training process, which is anticipated to take approximately two to three months to ensure full competency in his assigned duties. This position is currently designated as limited duration pending legislative action to make the position permanent.
- To enhance field operations and address increasing workload demands, we have initiated recruitment for a part-time position and hope to onboard the position by the end of March 2026. This position will be based in the Klamath Falls area and is intended to strengthen regional coverage for the SMI facilities in Lakeview and Burns areas. The part-time Ag Services/Meat Inspector position will also be established as limited duration pending legislative approval for permanent status.

### **Animal Health**

- The program continues to see sporadic cases of High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI) in backyard flocks across the state. We have expanded our response capabilities by training Ag Services employees to assist in geographically strategic locations to both speed responses and minimize program costs.
- The United States is currently free of New World Screwworm. The ODA AH program continues to actively prepare for the potential from cases reported in both Central America and Mexico in 2025. Mammals and birds are potential hosts to NWS, including humans. In Oregon, it is possible for outbreaks to occur from an actively infested animal traveling from endemic areas. Outbreaks of any origin may significantly impact the livestock industry, economy, and food supply chain.
- The AH program is staying busy with [rule making](#) related to the following: Animal Remedies, Pharmaceuticals, and Veterinary Biologicals; adopting 2025 AAFCO publication & enforcement framework for commercial feeds; permanent disease controls related to livestock exhibitions; import restrictions for areas infested with New World Screwworm.

### **Lab Services**

- The lab is working on implementing a new LIMS by bringing on-line analytical areas one at a time. Currently, dairy, pesticides, domoic in crab viscera are live. Next in line Food, Shellfish, Fertilizer, then Cannabis.

- A new fee schedule was developed to the Animal Health Lab to bring charges more in line to cover costs.
- Cannabis Reference Laboratory (CRL) continues to work OLCC on Cannabis issues. The CRL is currently wrapping up audit testing vape cartridges for potency, heavy metals and residual solvents.
- The ODA lab received FDA NSSP approval for performing *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* using PCR. The lab is the first state lab to gain approval for this test. The only other approved laboratory is FDA's Dauphin Island, AL facility. The Pesticide group I backlog continues to be worked on as well as participation in several proficiency sample sets. Proficiency samples are used to document analyst competency.

## **Agriculture Services Division**

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The Agriculture Services Division was established to bring ODA's field service programs together at the urging of industry across the state. This structure supports greater collaboration among existing programs, improving efficiency and customer service, and creates positions that can work across program and division lines. The following programs are part of Agriculture Services Division: Certification, Livestock Identification, Plant Health, Produce Safety, Seed Regulatory, Shipping Point Inspection, Smoke Management, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and Weights and Measures.

### **Shipping Point Inspection**

- The program is working with partners to raise fees consistent with service levels.
- Crop movement is slow overall

### **Seed Regulatory Program**

- The program is currently investigating multiple claims under the Slow Pay No Pay Law. Slow Pay No Pay refers to a set of statutes that were implemented to prevent "slow payment" or "non-payment" to grass seed growers by seed dealers for their crops. It puts in place a set of minimum contract standards, deadlines for seed payments, and a process for the department to investigate claims and make determinations about payment.
- In 2025, the program investigated 22 claims and issued 11 Notices of Payment Demand against one company that underpaid growers for 2024 crop tall fescue. To date in 2026, the program has received 8 complaints.
- The program will undertake rulemaking to address industry concerns about the Slow Pay No Pay investigation process.

### **Weights and Measures/Motor Fuel Quality**

- The program continues to test devices and conduct inspections of approximately 65,000 weighing and measuring devices licensed for commercial service in Oregon.

## Natural Resource Division

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The following updates are organized by operating process in our process management system and cover all Natural Resource Division (NRD) programs.

### Fostering Collaboration

#### *Pesticides Program:*

- During the Winter of 2025, the program continued to participate in meetings to help with communication, coordination, and to help increase awareness around pesticide regulations.
  - In December the program met with representatives of Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC), Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Oregon State University (OSU) to discuss school IPM law, and to provide feedback to OSU as they planned for the 2026 school IPM trainings.
  - During the winter the program collaborated with Oregon OSHA and other participating agencies to help plan for an inter-agency meeting in March 2026 to discuss emerging issues and challenges relating to pesticide regulations and to promote coordination and communication between agencies.
  - In January the program participated and presented at the annual EPA Region 10 Directors meeting.
  - After receiving multiple drift related complaints (nine cases initiated after May 2025) relating to vineyards the program met with multiple stakeholders during the Winter to look for collaborative opportunities to increase awareness around the usage of broadleaf herbicides.
- Program staff continue to work with partner agencies and organizations to extend Worker Protection Standard outreach; partnering with agencies that have established relationships with agricultural groups, as well as industry groups such as the Oregon Association of Nurseries to explore partnership opportunities.
- The ODA Certification and Licensing team continues to work closely with OSU and other organizations to update study materials and track the development of other materials that can be made available for use by Oregon applicators.

#### *Ag Water Quality Program (AgWQ):*

- Strategic Plan – The Ag Water Quality Program Strategic Plan and 2025-2026 fiscal year operating plan is finalized. The Strategic Plan will guide the development of Annual Operating Plan's for the years 2025 to 2029. It defines priority work, staffing resources and needs, and milestones for 2025 (year 1), 2027 (year 3), and 2029 (year 5) for the WQ Program's 10 Initiatives. Each of the WQ Program's Initiatives and milestones align with ODA's Strategic Goals of Organizational Excellence, Modernization, and Customer-Focused Service. The Strategic Plan provided a framework for completion of the Water Quality Program's 2025-2026 FYOP. The FYOP lays out all priority work for this year.
- Digitized Reporting – The AgWQ HUB for development of the 2025-2027 biennium for SWCD Scopes of Work and reporting of work is live. Staff have input data for the last three biennia related to the Scope of Work and for Strategic Implementation Area work. The HUB was used by SWCDs for their bi-annual reporting in January of 2026. In addition, ODA staff have used the HUB to provide data for reporting for biennial reports and for two TMDL Implementation Plan annual reports due in February 2026.

- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plans – Water Quality program staff are coordinating with DEQ for the Willamette, Coos/Coquille area, Umpqua, Rogue, John Day, Snake, and Miles Creek basins for upcoming TMDL processes. Water Quality Program Staff are conducting public outreach for the Willamette TMDL Implementation Plan with SWCD staff, SWCD Directors and Local Advisory Committee members on November 21 and December 11, 2025. Additional public meetings are scheduled for March 12 and 18 for the general public and on March 20 for Environmental Groups and advocates. Water Quality Program staff are in the process of setting meetings with the Oregon Seed Council, Oregon Association of Nurseries, Hazelnut growers, Christmas Tree growers, and Farm Bureau.
- Partner Coordination – The Water Quality Program lead team met with a new OSU Extension Agricultural Water Quality Technical Advisory Program contact to coordinate program priorities. The AgWQ Program coordinated with OWEB to update the existing MOA related to the SWCD Capacity Grants.
- Soil and Water Conservation District program – AgWQ and SWCD staff continue to work with SWCDs to ensure Boards and staff have necessary trainings and ensure tasks within the scopes of work are completed. AgWQ and SWCD staff have worked with OWEB staff to start preparing for rulemaking related to OWEBs rules related to SWCD and Watershed Council capacity grants. An initial Webinar with SWCDs and Watershed Councils was held on February 4, 2026. Listening sessions are scheduled in March, April, and May with rulemaking to start in the late summer/fall of 2026.

## **Permits, Registrations, and Notifications**

### *Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO):*

- The public comment period for the draft Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit ended on January 21, 2026 and CAFO staff are currently writing responses to those comments. We expect to finalize this permit and begin to notice existing operation to this permit in the first part of 2026.

### *Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance (ADCM):*

- The 2025 Legislative Report was completed for submission to the Legislature. Only two notices were submitted in 2025. The report can be found on our website here, <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/Documents/Publications/NaturalResources/ADCM-Legislative-Report-2025.pdf>

### *Pesticides Program:*

- The ODA Pesticides Registration team is made up of three full time staff. During the renewal season for 2026 registrations, the team had two vacancies to fill. Other members of the Pesticides Program filled in to provide support while new staff are hired and onboarded. As a result, there is a slight backlog in routine registrations, Special Local Need registration processing, and other activities associated with product registrations. The team is fully staffed as of February 11, 2026, but will take time to fully train the new staff.

## **Providing Compliance and Technical Assistance**

### *Ag Water Quality Program:*

- The LUB GWMA draft rules were filed with the Secretary of State and public hearings were held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The public comment period was open through December 22, 2025. Response to public comments have been completed and the LUB GWMA rules will soon be filed as permanent rule.

- In September 2024 DEQ, OWRD, OHA, and ODA worked to develop a nitrate reduction plan to address nitrate pollution in the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA). This plan has specific short to long term actions that prioritize clean drinking water and mitigation of additional nitrate pollution to groundwater. A quarterly report of progress related to implementation of the Nitrate Reduction Plan was completed in October of 2025. A copy of the nitrate reduction plan can be found here <https://www.oregon.gov/deg/wq/documents/qwp-oregonnitratereductionplan-2024.pdf>. The agencies completed the [annual report](#) in January of 2026.
- The Ag Water Quality Program works with the SWCDs to provide technical assistance to landowners. Each SWCD (45) has a Scope of Work that outlines work that they will do to help implement the Ag Water Quality Program as a Local Management Agency. Quarterly, Ag Water Quality Program staff review a quarterly report from the SWCDs showing the work that was completed as the Local Management Agency for the Ag Water Quality Program. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission met on February 19, 2026.
- Since 2014, the Ag Water Quality Program has initiated 52 Strategic Implementation Areas (SIA). Through the SIA process, over 1,750,000 acres and over 8,000 stream miles have been evaluated. The Ag Water Quality Program has reached out to over 8,000 landowners to inform them of the Ag Water Quality Program, Water Quality Rules, and work with the landowners to address any water quality concerns that were observed during evaluations in the SIAs. As part of the Willamette Mercury TMDL the WQ Program has developed a different form of a SIA that is called focused ag solutions. For these areas, there will be 4 years of education and outreach with compliance work afterwards. There are focused ag solutions (FAS) areas starting in 2024 (Polk – Salt Creek), 2025 (Yamhill), and 2025 (Washington). The Salt Creek FAS remote evaluation was completed.

*Pesticide Program:*

- Children are more sensitive than adults to the potential toxic effects of pesticides. To protect our children, Oregon law requires extra precautions and restrictions when pesticides are used on a school campus. In recent years, non-compliance rates have been high in our school Integrated Pest Management (IPM) focused inspections, when compared to other types of inspections that we conduct. To help address the non-compliance the Pesticides Program has had an increased emphasis on compliance assistance and increasing partnerships.

In December, ODA investigative/enforcement staff presented on the school IPM law at the final 2025 OSU School IPM Coordinator Training in Jefferson, Oregon. In 2025 the team attended and presented eleven trainings around the state. In addition, the Team continues to work on a special project, as time allows, creating “school IPM law modules” (basically short ~5-10 minutes, narrated PowerPoints focused on the law requirements).

Due to workload in other areas the project had to be temporarily paused earlier in 2025, but the team is back working on the project and is hoping to continue production of an additional two modules that they are hoping to have published in the near future. These modules are posted on YouTube for school IPM coordinators and other school staff. The goal is to provide short, recorded free trainings so they will be able to access them all year round (e.g., refresher or say new staff start/onboarding).

The Team is also working to have the videos available in Spanish. As of February 2026 four modules have been published to date in both English and Spanish. The modules may be viewed at:

<https://oda.fyi/IPMSchoolsPlaylist>

- Pesticides program staff continue to answer technical assistance questions from the public on licensing requirements, label interpretations, school IPM law, and other pesticide related questions via phone and email. During the Fall and Winter months, the program has conducted a number of in-person and remote presentations. More specifically in the fourth quarter of 2025 (Sept 1-Dec 31), staff conducted seventeen presentations to over 1000 people. Common topics that were presented on in the quarter included the ODA Updates, ODA Lessons Learned/ Case Studies, WPS, school IPM and utilizing drones for pesticide applications.
- For more information of recent Pesticides Program newsletters, bulletins and advisories see: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/pesticides/pages/pesticides-current-issues.aspx>

#### *Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO):*

- Annual Reports from permitted CAFOs were due March 16, 2026. Blank forms were mailed out with the CAFO recordkeeping calendars in December and email reminders were sent via GovDelivery on February 20 and March 9, 2026. Late receipt of a CAFO's Annual Report will result in a Notice of Noncompliance.
- Blank Water Supply Plan (WSP) forms were mailed to all CAFOs on the NPDES permit along with the Annual Report forms and calendars in December (those on the WPCF permit submitted their WSP in 2025). Once these are received, they will be reviewed by CAFO staff and then sent to Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) watermasters for approval. The WSP is a new requirement from the 2023 Senate Bill 85 and will need to be received back from OWRD before a facility will be allowed to register to the new Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit.
- The CAFO Program had a booth at the March 9-10, 2026 Oregon Dairy Farmers Convention to help operators complete their Annual Report and Water Supply Plan forms. Operators not attending this event are encouraged to reach out to their CAFO inspector for assistance, if needed.

## **Conducting Inspections, Investigations & Enforcement**

### *Pesticides Program*

- The Pesticides Enforcement Program continues to follow-up on misuse complaints to investigate possible violations of the state's Pesticide Control Act. The number of complaints typically slightly decreases in the Fall/ Winter and the program shifts to conducting more compliance monitoring inspections. Compliance monitoring activities include marketplace inspections of retailers and distributors (ensuring products are registered for sale or distribution in Oregon, labeled properly, and not being offered for sale in leaking/broken packages), record inspections of pesticide applicators and pesticide dealers (e.g. ensuring complete records, products used properly, and correct licensing for activity), and school IPM inspections to ensure compliance with Oregon's school IPM law.  
The program's Citizen Liaison continues to regularly fulfill public records requests, plus helps citizens answer questions about the investigation process and assists them in locating resources that may be outside of the scope of the Pesticide Enforcement Program.

### *Ag Water Quality Program*

- The Ag Water Quality Program conducts investigations based on complaints, agency notification, and observations of concerns to address potential violations of the Agricultural Water Quality Rules. In 2025, Ag Water Quality staff completed 59 investigations; 11 of these were either ODA observation or via the Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) process, 24 were public written complaint, and 24 were referral from other agencies. This included 121 compliance actions (27 in compliance, 20 fix-it letters, 57 water quality advisories, 12 notices of noncompliance, 2 civil penalties, and 3 settlement agreements).

### *Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO):*

- In the 2025 calendar year, CAFO inspectors performed 638 inspections on permitted and non-permitted facilities. Routine inspections of permitted CAFOs, performed every 10 months, accounted for 497 of those inspections and had a compliance rate of 99.2%.

## **Providing Customer Support and Resolving Inquiries**

### *Pesticides Program:*

- The Pesticides Program continues to work on increasing the number of outreach materials and application forms available in Spanish and is also undergoing an internal review of existing materials to help prioritize timely reviews and translations into the future since the team has increased in the number of bilingual staff within the program during the past year.
- During the Winter the program reviewed and updated its brochure titled “Preventing pesticide drift when using Broadleaf Herbicides” and also had it translated into Spanish. These are available on the web at:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/Documents/Publications/PesticidesPARC/BroadleafHerbicideBrochure.pdf>  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/Documents/Publications/PesticidesPARC/Broadleaf-Herbicide-Brochure-SPA.pdf>

- **PESTICIDE BILINGUAL EXAMS AND STUDY MATERIALS**

The ODA Pesticides Licensing and Certification Program manages 27 pesticide applicator exams, 23 study manuals, and 29 other study resources. Two of these exams are offered in Spanish: the Private Applicator and Laws and Safety exams. Due to the large number of exams and materials to oversee, the team has been working to make targeted improvements to the exams and study materials with the highest demand and need. Over the past couple of years, the Program has developed a statistical approach to identify problematic exam questions to improve quality and address accessibility concerns.

### **Paper-Based Exams**

The Program is currently in discussions with its exam contractor and conducting internal planning to offer paper-based exams on a trial basis, due to the additional resource demands. The initial rollout will focus on the Private Applicator License Exam (English and Spanish), with an evaluation of demand, pass rates, and travel patterns to determine future expansion, if needed.

To implement paper-based exams, the Program must address several operational needs:

- Update security protocols for exam storage and handling;

- Acquire equipment to scan and grade exams;
- Identify and contract with proctors willing to administer paper exams;
- Update the online booking system to include paper-based exam options; and
- Develop a system to reintegrate paper exam data into the current databases for continued trend analyses.

### **Spanish Language Exams and Study Materials**

Becoming a certified Private Applicator in Oregon allows an individual to:

- Use restricted use pesticides (RUPs) on agricultural land, including farmland, ranches, forestland, nurseries, and orchards owned by the individual or their employer;
- Supervise co-workers or employees using RUPs;
- Provide required Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training to agricultural workers and pesticide handlers.

RUPs are not available for general public use due to their potential to cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment and human health. These products are classified as RUPs by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

One of the Program's goals is to ensure that licensed applicators understand their responsibilities, state regulatory requirements, and how to minimize risks to themselves, others, and the environment. With this in mind, the Program has been updating exams and study materials to balance competency standards, accessibility, and staffing resources.

The Spanish-language Private Applicator Exam has been a particular focus due to historically low pass rates. While awaiting a national manual and its translation (see below), the Program has completed the following for both Spanish-language Private Applicator and Laws and Safety exams:

- Conducted statistical analyses to eliminate or revise poorly performing questions;
- Ensured English and Spanish versions of the exams are equivalent in content and difficulty;
- Reviewed study materials for alignment with exam content and consistent terminology;
- Native Spanish speaking staff have reviewed the exams for appropriateness and accuracy.

The Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC), with a five-year cooperative agreement between the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and the University of California, Davis, in collaboration with Oregon State University, has been developing national pesticide education resources. These include materials for worker protection and applicator exams, which are freely available for non-profit use.

During its last funding cycle, PERC worked to update the National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core Manual (3rd Edition) and create a corresponding exam question bank. The plan included translating both into Spanish. However, EPA funding cuts allowed completion of only the English versions. The Spanish translation and question bank had been on hold due to a \$50,000 funding shortfall. The ODA Pesticides Program, with the OSU PSEP, and the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) worked to make funding available and allow work to continue for this national resource.

The Program continues to focus its resources on targeted improvements to exams and study materials until the completed manual and exam bank are made available.

## **Other Accessibility Assessments**

**Exam Time** - All test-takers are allowed up to three hours to complete an exam. Most finish within two hours. Because testing centers offer multiple types of exams, they default to two-hour scheduling. If needed, proctors can extend time up to three hours, depending on availability. The Program is continuing to analyze data to identify exams that routinely require more than two hours and will work with the contractor to adjust scheduling, where possible.

**Testing Center Distribution** - The Program is analyzing average travel distances from registrants' addresses to testing centers. The longest travel distances are typically to centers near state borders or airports, where out-of-state applicators travel to take Oregon exams. Currently, Oregon exams are not available in other states, except at the exam contractor's headquarters in Phoenix, AZ.

**Testing Availability & Wait Times** - The Program is continuing to work with its contractor to obtain data on wait times between booking and exam dates. This will help identify locations where additional testing availability is needed and allow the Program to be more targeted in the locations we seek to find more testing availability for our test-takers.

## *Ag Water Quality and CAFO Program*

- Both the AgWQ and CAFO programs continue to receive and respond to inquiries from the Environmental Protection Agency and the media regarding work completed in support of the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA). The multi-agency team that developed the LUBGWMA Nitrate Reduction Plan continues to provide quarterly reports to EPA and the LUBGMWA advisory committee on progress. The AgWQ program is working in collaboration with the local Umatilla and Morrow Soil and Water Conservation Districts to ensure consistent tracking and reporting of actions completed in support of the 2020 LUBGWMA Action Plan.

## **Natural Resources Division Administrative Team**

The NRD admin team provides centralized administrative and operational support for the division, serving ~72 staff across multiple regulatory field-based programs.

### **Key activities:**

- Began large-scale digitization of programs historical and active files to create a more accessible, centralized database for field inspectors, office and remote staff, in alignment with Oregon Records Retention and Archiving requirements to ensure adherence to legal and regulatory compliance.
- Established standardized travel request and booking processes to improve consistency and turnaround time within the division by gathering and incorporating feedback from field staff and program managers.
- Streamlined document translation processes and internal review of workflows to reduce delays and improve accuracy.
- Developed and rolled out updated SOPs for administrative processes across the division.
- Conducted staff training sessions and presentations introducing new workflows and tools.

The Administrative Team is strengthening operational efficiency and field accessibility through digitization, standardized workflows, and staff training. These efforts are reducing barriers, improving staff service delivery, and creating a more consistent support system for Natural Resources Division staff.

## Plant Protection & Conservation Division

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### HEMP

- Hemp rule amendments have been completed. A copy of the final rules filing document may be found [here](#); changes to existing rules are underlined. The purpose of the most recent batch of amendment was to update various definitions. You may also review our webpage, [Rulemaking at ODA](#), for more information on this rules package and the rulemaking process.

### IPPM

- **Recruitment:** The recruitment to fill the IPPM program manager is ongoing. Anticipated start date for a new hire is early April .
- **State approved invertebrate species list updated:** ODA completed an extensive update to this state-maintained list, which dictates what species are allowed to be moved into Oregon as biological control agents, pets, etc. You may view Notice of Filing [here](#). Visit the [ODA Rulemaking](#) webpage for more information.
- **Spongy moth and Flighted spongy moth complex: A joint meeting** with USDA AHPIS PPQ, CA and WA state department of agriculture was held to share updates on state survey and response efforts. Update from federal partners on the uptick of egg mass interceptions on commercial ships coming into western ports from Asia.

### NATIVE PLANT

- The **2025 Native Plant Symposium** was held virtually in January and was well attended. A recording of the symposium is available on the ODA YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQw4ytYtCGk>
- Program continues to develop resources to allow sister agencies to enforce and educate permittees on ODA rules and statutes on behalf of ODA during their permitting process.
- Planning for spring season is in full swing.

### NOXIOUS WEEDS

- **State Weed Board:** Met virtually in February. Board members considered ODA suggestions for funding of 2026 Oregon Weed Grants and accepted program recommendations. Program updates included highlights of regional projects, status of current grant funded work. A new feature was added to the board agenda: Board Engagement, which will now feature special topics related to noxious weed issues in the state beyond grants and program projects. [OSWBAgendaFebruary2026.pdf](#)

- **Palmer amaranth:** Continues to be an issue. ODA will begin a slow process of engaging with partners in Idaho to explore what practical regulation of this A-listed weed can look like. ODA was notified by Washington State of the weed once again being detected in commercial bird seed sales.

## NURSERY

- **Japanese beetle:** Over the last two months, ODA has hosted two virtual town hall meetings to address questions and concerns related to the newly formed Japanese beetle (JB) Compliance Program. Nurseries continue to enter into compliance agreements with ODA to meet Japanese beetle phytosanitary requirements, including implementation of trapping programs provided by third-party contractors, with oversight from ODA Nursery inspectors. Coordination and negotiations with partner states have been productive and continues. As the 2026 trapping season approaches in May, the program is actively addressing remaining logistical considerations related to implementation and monitoring. Recordings of the [ODA JB Town Halls Meetings](#) are available online.
- **Fee Increases:** The ODA began the process to increase nursery license fees by 18%. The agency, with support of the Oregon association of Association, proposed to increase fees to support increased capacity needs resulting from the additional monitoring and certification work required to implement the JB compliance program in the 2026 season. You may also review our webpage, [Rulemaking at ODA](#), for more information on this rules package and the rulemaking process.
- **Phytophthora ramorum:** Spring survey work has begun. In recent weeks several new nurseries have been confirmed positive for the plant pathogen. Many of which are retail locations that are buying nursery stock from confirmed positive nurseries. Program policy is to not disclose the identity of positive nurseries to prevent additional burden those businesses that are now under regulatory oversight.

## OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

- The **2025 winter meeting** was held December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting minutes are available [here](#). The committee voted to consider amending current By Laws to adopt a travel reimbursement stipend for new members.
- The 2026 spring meeting will be held in person on March 17<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, the **OISC will acknowledge winners of the OISC awards**, which acknowledge efforts and contributions to the area of invasive species management. The following ODA staff will be recognized:
  - **Amber Basting | Eagle Eye Award:** during a railway survey in The Dalles, she discovered a spotted lanternfly (SLF) egg mass. SLF egg masses are notoriously difficult to detect, as their coloration and texture easily blend into the surfaces where egg masses are laid (such as tree bark and rusted metal). Amber's interception was exceptional in that the egg mass was found on a rusted rail car, up on the higher edges of the car. To the untrained and non-committal eye, this would have easily been

missed. This was the first and only egg mass found in Oregon to date. This early interception removed the possibility of this egg mass hatching in some unknown location in Oregon which could have resulted in a population going unchecked for months or years thereafter.

- **Outstanding Agency Partner Award | Honorable Mentions**
- **Carri Pirosko:** For her leadership on invasive weeds in southern Oregon and **Patricia “Bonnie” Rasmussen** for her actions and leadership on Palmer amaranth, an emergent A-listed noxious weed, in Malheur and Harney Counties.

## **Agricultural Trade and Economic Development**

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- **Farm to School Activities**
  - The Oregon School Nutrition Association Farm to School Showcase will be held on Saturday March 14, 2026. Fifteen companies will attend to introduce more than 300 school food and nutrition purchasers to Oregon products.
  - The Oregon Farm to School Producer Equipment and Infrastructure Grant opened February 13, 2026. Funds from this grant program help offset costs of equipment purchases and infrastructure to help producers in Oregon grow, harvest, or process products that are in demand from school buyers. \$210,000 are available for the 2025-2027 biennium and the application period will close March 31, 2026. Please visit [www.oda.direct/f2s](http://www.oda.direct/f2s) for application materials and additional details.
  - The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the OSU Food Innovation Center recently launched a School Food Product Development Assistance Program. Seven Oregon companies will participate in this year’s cohort. The purpose of the program is to formulate value-added products that meet the school meal pattern and bring products to the school marketplace.
- **Local, National and International Activities**
  - Representatives from each ODA division participated in the OSU Small Farms Conference, Saturday, February 21 in Corvallis. With more than 700 attendees ODA staff presented at conference workshops and answered questions at the ODA information table.
  - The ODA wrapped up its 2025 Machinery & Equipment Certification program with a record year, certifying in more than 50 firms. In addition, five new meat processors had equipment certified, representing a state-wide total of \$175 Million inspected investments. The program provides eligible Oregon food processors with a five-year property tax exemption on new machinery and equipment, encouraging companies to reinvest and grow in Oregon. In 2025, many businesses invested in automation-such as case packers, closers, formers, and case stackers-largely in response to workforce shortages and injury concerns. The program continues to grow and remains an important tool supporting Oregon’s food processing industry.
  - The ODA is launching the first-of-its-kind “**Distribution First Buyer Event,**” a new model designed to remove one of the biggest barriers between regional food producers and retail buyers: logistics. Traditionally, buyer events focus on product discovery first, leaving distribution as an afterthought. However, we have consistently heard from retailers that they are often excited to discover outstanding new products—only to later learn that the maker does not have distribution in place, or that larger distributors are unable or unwilling to work with small- and mid-sized regional brands. This disconnect

has limited opportunities for both buyers and the local companies we champion. The Distribution First Buyer Event flips that model. In partnership with Organically Grown Company and other collaborators, we are leading with confirmed distribution infrastructure before the buying conversations begin. Every participating brand will have access to a fully functional logistics pathway into the Seattle and Western Washington market, including a centralized drop point, over-the-road freight coordination, and final-mile distribution. By ensuring distribution readiness upfront, buyers can confidently write orders at the event, knowing products can move immediately and efficiently into their stores. At the same time, regional producers gain a clear, streamlined path to market—eliminating a major hurdle that has historically slowed growth. This approach aligns product discovery with real-world execution, creating a more efficient, scalable, and results-driven marketplace for both retailers and regional food companies.

- The ODA is planning to take eight companies to the National Restaurant Association Trade Show in Chicago this May. This will be our second year hosting an Oregon Pavilion, providing Oregon companies with the opportunity to showcase their products directly to a foodservice buyer audience. The pavilion is part of our broader strategy to expand domestic market opportunities for Oregon companies.
- Managed Virtual Trade Mission (December 3-4, 2025) with buyers from China and Hong Kong. Oregon hazelnuts were among the products/companies participating in this trade mission.
- Completed 3rd group of companies participating in the WUSATA Ingredient Key Attributes & Applications Research wrapped up on December 31<sup>st</sup>. This project managed by ODA staff and contracted with the OSU Food Innovation Center, ran throughout 2025. It helped companies marketing food & beverage ingredients to potential buyers in SE Asia. However, many companies have found it valuable for marketing their ingredients in the US market as well. In total, 15 companies participated in 2025, each having up to two ingredients go the FIC's culinary research. Some of the Oregon ingredients included: hazelnut paste, hazelnut oil, dried blueberries, IQF blueberries, IQF strawberries, canned sweet cherries, mint oil, black garlic, black barley, purple barley flour, and potato flakes. In the spring of 2026, we will have the final group of 5 companies participate in the research.
- Worked with other Western departments of agriculture and WUSATA to submit over \$3 million in funding requests to the USDA's new one-time funding for agriculture product promotion through the America First Trade Promotion Program (AFTPP). The funding requests will support international marketing in the form of outbound and inbound missions, trade show opportunities, and other promotion of food and agricultural products.
- Introduced fresh cherry lead from Thailand to Oregon supplier. This was a lead that resulted from an Oregon SCBG funding inbound trade mission to Oregon in 2024. The buyer in Thailand learned about the importer in Malaysia that is importing fresh cherries from Oregon after visiting the farm on the 2024 trade mission.
- Coordinated WUSATA and ODA seminar on February 12, 2026 about funding and other resources for food and agriculture businesses wanting to expand their sales outside the US.
- Managed an inbound trade mission from India focused on dried fruit and nuts on February 25-27, 2026.
- The ODA is preparing for Seafood Expo Global in Barcelona as part of our strategy to increase awareness and drive sales of Pacific Northwest seafood in international markets. This will be our fifth year participating in the event, and each year we continue to expand both our presence and our sales impact for participating seafood companies. The Pacific Northwest Seafood Pavilion is funded through WUSATA. As part of our efforts, we provide a culinary experience featuring two to three highly trained seafood chefs who showcase products through live cooking demonstrations and ongoing samples. At

the same time, we work with our European contractor to bring qualified buyers into the pavilion for one-on-one meetings with our seafood processors, creating meaningful business connections and export opportunities.

- The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has applied to the United Kingdom seeking suspension of tariffs on five Oregon seafood species: Pink Shrimp, Black Cod, Dover Sole, Petrale Sole, and Albacore Tuna. This request follows the recent Oregon–UK Memorandum of Understanding and reflects a strategic opportunity to strengthen trade relations. The targeted species are widely consumed in the UK and are not expected to disrupt domestic production or processing.

- **Grant Programs**

- Ag Housing Grant Program -- The Oregon Agricultural Workforce Housing Program is now closed. We had a total of \$4,884,158.55 awarded to 107 grants.
- Organic Cost Share Reimbursement Program -- National funding for OCCSP was provided in the "One Big Beautiful Bill" at a level of \$8 million annually through 2031. USDA anticipates opening the 2025 reimbursement period with the 2026 program in summer of 2026. Please sign up for updates using the link below. Updated 1/14/2026. Subscribe: <https://oda.fyi/subscribe>
- Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Grant Program -- All 8 Infrastructure Projects have been approved by USDA. All Infrastructure Projects have received their first disbursement; some have received their second disbursement - \$1,704,923.44 in total funds disbursed. Construction Prep has started for all Infrastructure Projects. Oregon State is well over 50% done with their infrastructure project. The other 7 are at least 25% completed. Site visits for the Infrastructure Projects will take place in the Spring to check on the progress.

Of the 17 Equipment Only Projects, 14 have officially been closed out, 3 are awaiting future site-visits, In total, 14 Amendments were approved by USDA for the Equipment Only Projects. \$998,940.06 total funds have been disbursed for the Equipment Only Projects.

The Supply Chain Coordination Project is moving forward. An Amendment was approved by USDA on February 9<sup>th</sup>; there will be one more Amendment needed before the project is under way.

- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) -- The 2026 application period is now closed and grants are under review. We will release a list of grant summaries when the grant agreements are awarded in October of this year. All other open years of grants are on track submitting reports and reimbursement requests.
- Wolf Depredation Grant – ODA updated the rules for the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program in December 2025 following passage of SB 777 (2025 Oregon Legislature). The program helps counties support livestock producers affected by wolves. Funds can be used to:
  - Compensate producers for confirmed or probable livestock losses (*depredation*) caused by wolves.
  - Pay for non-lethal tools and activities (*prevention*) that help prevent conflicts between wolves and livestock.

- Cover up to 90% of the administration (*necessary expenses*) to operate a local compensation program.

ODA provides funding each year as a block grant to counties. After ODA determines award amounts, each county enters into a grant agreement with ODA that outlines program requirements.

Applications for the 2026 grant cycle closed on February 28. These grants will reimburse deprecation losses from 2025 and support prevention activities in 2026. ODA expects to make awards to counties in April or May. Counties will then issue payments to producers.

#### ○ **Commodity Commission Oversight Program**

- Spring Commissioner Recruiting: In March, we will begin recruiting for approximately 57 commissioner positions on Oregon's 22 agricultural commodity commissions. Commissioners serve 3- or 4-year appointments, depending on the commodity commission. Please share this with anyone who may be interested in helping guide marketing and research efforts in their industry.

In addition to a press release and social media outreach, the oversight program's webpage will have all the details. Visit: <https://oda.direct/commissions>

## **Tribal Affairs**

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## **Required Reporting**

2025 Government-to-Government Report submitted and published. Available here: [Government-to-Government 2025 Annual Report](#)

## **Outreach and Engagement**

- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Winter Convention – Portland, OR – February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
The Governor's Office, in partnership with Tribal Affairs staff from Washington, hosted a meet and greet session for agency tribal liaisons to connect. John Boyes, ODA's Tribal Liaison, attended for ODA and shared updates on ODA's rulemaking efforts and grant opportunities.
- Cluster Groups – managed by the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS)  
ODA participated in the following Cluster Groups:
  - Economic Development
    - This is ODA's first year as a member of this cluster group
  - Cultural Resources
    - Dr. Ryan Scholz (ODA's State Vet) presented to this Cluster Group on current infectious disease control and planning work.

## **Updating ODA's Rulemaking Processes**

Senior Policy Advisor and agency Rules Coordinator, Sunny Summers, has been working closely with ODA's Tribal Liaison, John Boyes, to refine timelines and processes for rulemaking at ODA. Changes over the last quarter included requesting at least two month's advance notice of proposed rulemaking from ODA program staff to provide Tribes sufficient notice and opportunity to respond or engage in consultation. Notifications are sent to all nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon in advance of rulemaking at ODA at least two months in advance when possible. Feedback from several tribal partners has been positive.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item number 3: *Budget and Legislative Updates*

### I. Introduction

The Board will hear updates from the outcome of the 2026 Legislative Short Session. Topics will include budget impacts to ODA and legislation affecting food, agriculture, and the state.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item number 4: *Deschutes Land Trust*

### I. Introduction

The Board of Agriculture will hear updates from the Deschutes Land Trust's Executive Director, Rika Ayotte. Presentation topics will include current work involving solar mitigation and conservation easement development throughout central Oregon.

### II. Background

The Deschutes Land Trust is a locally based, nationally accredited 501(c)3 nonprofit land conservation organization founded in 1995 in Bend, Oregon. Its core mission is *to conserve and care for the lands and waters that sustain Central Oregon, so local communities and the natural world can flourish together for generations to come*. Their mission is accomplished through working with willing landowners on voluntary conservation agreements, purchasing or receiving land donations, restoring habitats, and connecting people with nature.

To date, the Deschutes Land Trust has conserved tens of thousands of acres in the Deschutes River Basin and surrounding communities, protecting wetlands, forests, meadows, creek corridors, and wildlife habitat.

See Deschutes Land Trust's Strategic Vision for 2025-2030 attached.

# DESCHUTES LAND TRUST STRATEGIC VISION 2025-2030

**Our Mission:** to conserve and care for the lands and waters that sustain Central Oregon, so local communities and the natural world can flourish together for generations to come. To achieve our mission, we make the following core commitments:

## COMMITMENT #1

### Scale up conservation, stewardship, and restoration across Central Oregon.

Climate change and our rapidly growing region are placing enormous pressure on our life-sustaining resources: clean air, clean water, and native plants and animals. We will work with our communities and partners to prioritize, conserve, and restore lands in Central Oregon using place-based, data-driven, landscape-scale approaches.

## COMMITMENT #2

### Connect everyone—to the land, nature, and each other.

We believe that people are a part of the natural world. Together we can create places for ALL communities to connect with the Land Trust and the lands we conserve.

## COMMITMENT #3

### Restore access, stewardship, and ownership of land to Tribes and Tribal communities.

The Land Trust upholds the Tribal rights of sovereign nations, and we honor and support their role as the original stewards of the land and water. We will work collaboratively with these Nations to return access, stewardship, and land.

## COMMITMENT #4

### Grow Deschutes Land Trust's leadership role and organizational capacity.

Strong organizations can create lasting change in our community. We strive to build the Land Trust of the future to help conserve and care for the lands and waters our region needs to thrive.



Photos clockwise from top: Karen Walsh, Land Trust, Jay Mather, and Wasim Muklashy.

Learn more: [deschuteslandtrust.org](https://deschuteslandtrust.org)

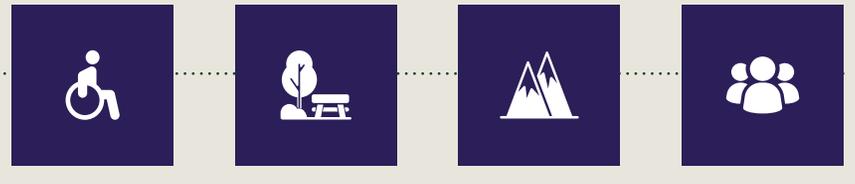
## 1. Scale up conservation, stewardship, and restoration across Central Oregon.

- Collaborate on landscape-scale conservation, stewardship, and restoration for the health of our lands and waters and to mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- Develop abundant financial resources that help us move quickly on key opportunities.
- Complete conservation and restoration projects that matter to our neighbors in rural and urban communities throughout Central Oregon.
- Increase integration of community wildfire resiliency and Indigenous Traditional Ecological and Cultural Knowledge in our stewardship and conservation work.



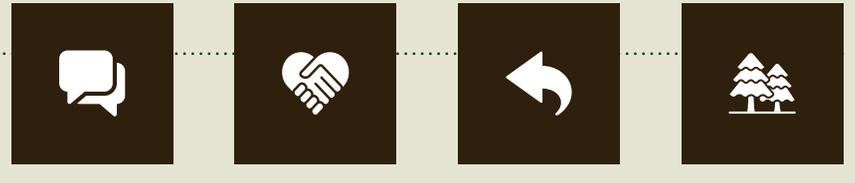
## 2. Connect everyone—to the land, nature, and each other.

- Create Land Trust Preserves that reduce barriers to access for ALL communities.
- Provide new ways for people to connect with Land Trust conserved lands.
- Align conservation and stewardship priorities with community needs.
- Inspire people and communities to connect to nature and each other.



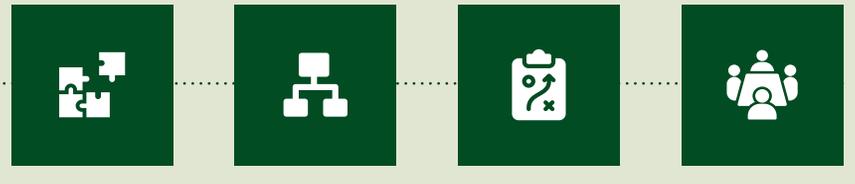
## 3. Restore access, stewardship, and ownership of land to Tribes and Tribal communities.

- Engage with and learn from Tribal partners.
- Together with Tribes, co-lead conservation, restoration, and stewardship planning and implementation on Land Trust conserved lands.
- Restore Tribal access to Land Trust conserved lands.
- Support and assist in the return of land to Tribes.



## 4. Grow Deschutes Land Trust's leadership role and organizational capacity.

- Grow and strengthen our network of partners to advance our shared goals and values.
- Build systems, resources, and connections to sustain long-term organizational and financial health.
- Match our capacity across all staff departments and the Board of Directors to our plans and ambitions.
- Develop a Board and staff that reflect the Central Oregon communities we serve.



**Interested in learning more?**

Please visit: [deschuteslandtrust.org](https://deschuteslandtrust.org)

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 5: *OSU College of Agriculture Dean Updates*

### I. Introduction

Dean Staci Simonich of Oregon State University will provide the Board with an update on Oregon State University's College of Agriculture.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 5: *Regional Food & Ag Business Centers*

### I. Introduction

The Board will hear updates from ODA's Trade and Economic Development program on the status of the three pilot Regional Food & Ag Business Centers.

### II. Background

In December of 2025, the Board heard broad updates from ODA's Trade and Economic Development program. Those updates included a timeline overview of the development of Regional Food & Ag Business Centers throughout the state, an effort funded by the USDA, Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure grant.

#### **Locations**

ODA is working with community-based organizations in three regions across the state to help develop build resiliency within the middle of the food supply chain. Those three regions are: Medford, Salem, and Ontario.

#### **Updates**

Timelines for grant funding expenditure and work completion have shifted from the initial timeline presented to the Board. ODA staff will provide an updated timeline and detail the work currently happening to develop the Regional Food and Ag Business Centers.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item number 7: *Recent Rulemaking at ODA*

### I. Introduction

Sunny Summers, Senior Policy Advisor with ODA, will provide a rulemaking overview and discuss recent rulemaking activities across ODA.

### II. The Rulemaking Process

Oregon state agencies use rulemaking to put state laws into practice and explain how programs will work. When an agency plans to adopt, change, or repeal a rule, it must follow a set public process to ensure public participation in rule development.

The process starts with a **notice of proposed rulemaking**, which must be published before the rule is adopted. During this time, the agency accepts written public comments and may hold public hearings. Agencies must review and consider all comments received before making a final decision.

Usually, at least one Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting is held prior to filing rules for public comment with the Oregon Secretary of State. ODA invites members to serve on RACs and aims to include members from a broad range of backgrounds and policy expertise related to the rule topic. RAC meetings are open to the public to observe but only invited RAC members take part in discussions.

After the public comment period closes, the agency reviews the input received and decides whether to adopt the rule as proposed or with changes. The final rule is then filed with the Secretary of State and becomes effective on the date specified in the notice, which must be at least **49 days after the Legislature is notified**.

In urgent situations, agencies may adopt a **temporary rule**, which takes effect immediately but is limited to 180 days unless replaced by permanent rule.

### III. Tribal Affairs

Oregon law (ORS 182) requires state agencies to consult with the federally recognized Tribes in Oregon on matters that may affect Tribal communities. In recognition of the



sovereign authority of the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon and these statutory requirements, ODA has adjusted its rulemaking timelines to support meaningful tribal consultation and engagement. ODA now strives to provide Tribes with at least two month's advance notice of proposed rulemaking efforts to allow time for consultation or other forms of engagement. This also allows more time for general public engagement in the rulemaking process.

## IV. Recent Rulemaking at ODA

All of ODA's recent and ongoing rulemaking efforts can be found online at <https://oda.direct/rulemaking>

**Rules in Progress:** These are rules that are currently being developed.

**Proposed Rules Open for Public Comment:** These rules have been filed with the Oregon Secretary of State and are open for public review and comment.

**Rules Recently Adopted:** These are rules adopted in the last year (starting March 2025).

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 9: *Board Business*

### I. Soil and Water Conservation Commission

The Board of Agriculture will hear updates from Board Member Barbara Boyer, Chair of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

### II. 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following meeting dates and locations have been set for 2026:

| Meeting Dates:      | Location:   | Venue:                                |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| June 3-5, 2026      | Madras, OR  | Inn at Cross Keys Station, Madras, OR |
| September 2-4, 2026 | Astoria, OR | Holiday Inn Express, Astoria, OR      |
| December 2-4, 2026* | Virtual     | MS Teams                              |

\*December 2026 Board Meeting will be virtual-only and dates will likely be condensed.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item number 9: *Board Resolution Review Process*

### I. Introduction

At the December 2025 Board of Agriculture Meeting, Board Members discussed the Board Resolution review process. This memo outlines their discussion and clarifies the Board Resolution Review process to ensure efficient use of agency staff and Board time as well as ensure the Board is aware of all active resolutions.

### II. Board Resolution Review Procedures

Following the discussion in December of 2025, there was consensus around the following approach to Board Resolution management:

- Create and make available a high-level overview of each active Board Resolution that Board Members may review at every meeting or as they see fit. (Included below)
- Review the entire list of Board Resolutions annually to identify resolutions to revisit in upcoming year.
- Board Members, the public, and ODA staff still may request Board Resolution review at any point in time under the provisions of Board Resolution 000.
- ODA staff will work internally to provide technical expertise and background updates as needed when the Board selects a Resolution(s) for review.
- Automatic, 3-year periodic reviews of all Resolutions have stopped. Resolutions will only be reviewed based on Board selection, ODA staff recommendation, or public interest in accordance with Board Resolution 000.
- Board Resolutions will be reformatted to reflect these changes. No substantive change to resolution text shall occur without proper approval from the Board.

### III. Board Resolution Overview

Attached is the compilation of all current Board Resolutions with a brief description. At the December 2025 Board Meeting, several Board Members requested this as a resource to be included in the Board Materials delivered to Board Members in person and ahead of each meeting.

## IV. Resolution 000

Resolution 000, Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution Procedures, provides the process for establishment and review of Board resolutions. A revised version is provided to Board consideration and adoption to clarify the review process and to clarify how resolutions will be worked going forward. The Board will review the edited draft and vote to approve the changes at this Board meeting. Public comment is welcome during the General Public Comment session identified on the agenda.

# Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution Procedures

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| <b>Title:</b> Board of Agriculture Policy and Procedures for Resolutions | <b>Number:</b> 000<br><b>Effective Date:</b> 06/15/2023  |
| <b>ODA Staff Contact:</b> John Boyes                                     | <b>Date of Last Review/Revision:</b> 03/19/2026<br><b>Original Resolution Date:</b> 06/07/2018 |
| <b>Board Chair:</b> Elin Miller  |  |

## General

- This document is intended to provide a clear process for establishment and review of Board resolutions.
- Resolutions are policy statements by the Board of Agriculture.
- All active Board resolutions will be available to the public on ODA's website including an ODA staff point of contact.
- If a Resolution is under review the website will simply state "under Board review," with an ODA staff contact listed. Draft language of Resolutions under review will not be posted as a matter of routine but will be available with Board agendas. Information is provided on how the public may provide comments on resolutions under Board review.
- Inactive Board resolutions are kept in an electronic archive but are not listed on the website and are only available to the public by request to ODA staff, or if the Board decides to re-activate a resolution.
- Resolutions will be reviewed on a routine basis by ODA staff and the Board to determine relevancy and changes if needed.

## Resolution Development and Review Process

- Resolutions may be initiated at the request of individual members of the Board or may be suggested to the Board by ODA staff, or initiated by the Board at the request of an outside party.

Board Resolutions may be reviewed between Board meetings by any number of Board members.

Review activities shall follow applicable Public Meetings laws.

- If it is known prior to a Board meeting that an active or proposed resolution will be brought to the full Board, it is made available on the website to the public with materials provided to the Board for the meeting.
- At the meeting, the Board will be advised by staff of any comments received about a proposed resolution, and the public may provide comments at the meeting on the proposed resolution during public comment periods designated on the agenda.
- If no revisions to the resolution are requested by the Board after discussion and hearing public comment, or if revisions are made and accepted by the Board at the meeting, the resolution may be adopted.

- If the Board requests that more work be done on the resolution, the revised resolution will be posted on the website with the Board meeting agenda including the statement “under Board review” and instructions on how to provide public comment.
- A revised draft of the resolution will be brought to the Board at its next meeting, which the Board may adopt, or send through the revision process again. This process may be repeated until the resolution is adopted.
- Resolutions will not be active until the Board votes on the final text of the resolution.

#### **Summary of Public Involvement in Resolutions**

- Resolutions are available to the public through the website.
- Drafts of resolutions under review by the Board are posted on the website with the Board meeting agenda.
- The public may provide verbal and/or written comment on the resolutions under consideration by the Board.
- Members of the public can request the Board to consider creating or modifying a resolution.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 10: *Governor's Natural Resources Team Update*

### I. Introduction

The Governor's Office Natural Resources staff will provide an update to the Board of Agriculture on recent Executive Orders, including EO 25-26 and EO 25-29.

Attendees from the Governor's Office will include:

- Geoff Huntington, Senior Natural Resources Advisor, Governor Kotek's Office
- Chandra Ferrari, Natural Resources Advisor, Governor Kotek's Office
- Amy Schlusser, Climate and Energy Policy Advisor, Governor Kotek's Office

Included are copies of EO 25-26 and EO 25-29.



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-26**

**DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO  
PROMOTE THE RESILIENCE OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL  
AND WORKING LANDS AND WATERS**

**WHEREAS**, the lands and waters that comprise the State of Oregon have supported people since time immemorial, contributing to clean air and water, food, fiber and shelter, rich biodiversity and ecosystems, recreation, livelihoods, and enhanced quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon is at an inflection point as changing climate and ocean conditions are impacting Oregon's landscapes, waters, communities, and local economies with increased temperatures, warming surface waters, changing precipitation patterns, reduced snowpack, hotter and drier summers, sea-level rise, diminishing water supplies, habitat constraints to iconic species, and more frequent and damaging wildfires and extreme weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon's natural and working lands and waters — including forests, grasslands, rangelands, farmlands, wetlands, rivers, lakes and coastal and marine waters, and the parks and open spaces in urban environments — provide a range of environmental, social, health, and economic benefits statewide, including opportunities to increase carbon sequestration to help address climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon can realize the promise and power of our natural and working lands and waters through proactive policies and actions that facilitate the management of natural landscapes and waterways in a way that enhances their ability to withstand and recover from climate change impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of our changing climate are resulting in direct health impacts from heat and wildfire smoke; damage to and often destruction of homes, businesses, and working landscapes; and economic losses across multiple sectors of the State's natural resource economy; and

**WHEREAS**, communities have the knowledge, ability, and desire to participate in climate solutions and increase local disaster resilience through collaborative planning and action in partnership with state agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon State Legislature established a definition of climate resilience in House Bill 3409 (2023) as "the capability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to and recover from significant climate-related threats while minimizing damage to social wellbeing, the economy and ecosystem functions"; and



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**WHEREAS**, meeting Oregon’s resilience goals at scale requires bringing everyone together — Tribes, landowners, communities, business, and government — in partnership to support our lands, waters, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, meeting Oregon’s resilience goals requires a coordinated, outcome-focused effort to implement actions that will meaningfully mitigate and adapt the State’s lands and waters to the increasing pace and scale of impacts from the changing climate, so they continue to contribute to the social, environmental, and economic well-being of Oregonians.

**NOW IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED THAT AGENCIES SHALL FURTHER THE ACTIONS IDENTIFIED BELOW.**

**I. FOSTER RESILIENT LANDS, WATERS AND COMMUNITIES**

- 1. Define Key Resilience Attributes for Land and Waters.** Agencies shall use existing plans and strategies and the best available science to define key resilience attributes appropriate for Oregon with the goal of identifying characteristics of lands and water that are: (1) currently resilient to impacts from climate change and therefore able to deliver multiple benefits that are likely to persist under future climate conditions; or, (2) capable of achieving multiple benefits of high resilience in the face of changing conditions if supported by focused actions that promote restoration, enhancement or reconnection of those lands and/or waters.
  - a.** The Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (“OWEB”) will partner with the Director of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (“ODFW”) (collectively “Lead Agencies”) to lead a natural resource interagency team to undertake the work associated with development of resilience attributes anticipated by Section 1, including determining baseline conditions against which progress will be measured. The Lead Agencies shall collaborate closely with the Director of the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), who oversees the Natural and Working Lands Program, to ensure consistency across efforts.



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**2. Keep Oregon's Working Lands and Waters Working.**

- a. Executive branch agencies identified in Section II of this Order ("Agencies") are directed to utilize the resilience attributes along with other relevant information to identify and improve programs, processes, and practices that protect and promote stewardship of working lands and waters to adapt to impacts from a changing climate. These include but are not limited to the following:
  - i. Existing programs, tools and incentives that support the stewardship of working lands and waters in order to provide more diverse agricultural, forest and ocean-reliant products while also supporting co-benefits such as clean water, healthy soils and improved resilience to changing climate conditions.
  - ii. Partnerships to increase the pace and scale of adoption of sustainable stewardship and climate resilient practices by landowners including federal, local and tribal governments, businesses, non-profit organizations and private citizens.
  - iii. Application and review processes for grantmaking, loan, and financing programs to improve partner engagement on resilience projects including exploration of opportunities to leverage and expand access to capital and administrative capacity through partnership with third party service providers.
  - iv. Permitting processes for restoration projects on working lands and waters.
- b. The Department of State Lands, Department of Land and Conservation Development and Department of Fish and Wildlife, shall work with the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust and Oregon Sea Grant to evaluate opportunities to support long-term resilience of nearshore resources in Oregon, and incentivize and promote globally competitive ocean-reliant products derived through sustainable practices.



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3. **Conserve Natural Lands and Waters to Act as Resilience Anchors in the Face of Climate Change Impacts.**
  - a. **Ten Percent in Ten Years.** Agencies are directed to protect, conserve, connect or restore ten percent of lands and waters in Oregon within ten years as compared to baseline conditions established for 2025.
  - b. **Prioritize Key Lands and Waters.** Agencies subject to this Order will utilize resilience attributes developed in Section I (1) to prioritize implementation of programs, policies and projects seeking to advance protection, conservation, restoration, or connection of lands and waters in support of the goal of ten percent in ten years. Durability and effectiveness of actions to conserve, protect, restore, or connect lands and waters must be considered in determining whether proposed actions further this directive. Agencies shall seek to maximize implementation of actions with co-benefits such as increased carbon sequestration and biodiversity, improved community health and cultural well-being, enhanced ecosystem health, and/or reduced fire and flood risk.
  - c. **Develop Innovative Mitigation Solutions.** The natural resources inter-agency team established in Section II (3) of this Order shall collaborate with Business Oregon as appropriate to explore innovative mitigation tools to support the long-term protection and resilience of land and waters that contain key resilience attributes while ensuring that the economic benefits of mitigation investments support local communities. Consideration shall be given but not be limited to the following potential solutions:
    - i. Advanced Mitigation Banks: which proactively conserve or restore ecological values in anticipation of future development impacts; and
    - ii. In-Lieu Fee Programs: which allow project developers to meet mitigation obligations by paying into a state-managed or authorized fund used for strategic conservation, restoration, and landscape resilience projects.
    - iii. These programs must be designed to:



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1. Maximize ecological outcomes aligned with the protection of lands and waters with key resilience attributes.
  2. Retain mitigation revenue within Oregon, ensuring that funds support in-state projects.
  3. Allow for creative mitigation portfolios that ensure “no net loss” of lands and waters with key resilience attributes while supporting “net benefit” programs and organizations that protect lands and waters from catastrophic wildfire and/or flooding.
  4. Benefit Oregon’s agricultural families and rural communities through partnerships with local landowners, land trusts, and conservation districts.
  5. Create durable and locally beneficial conservation outcomes through transparent governance, science-based site selection, and robust monitoring/accountability requirements
  6. Leverage private investment and market-based tools in ways that complement existing public funding and programs.
4. **Lead by Example: State-Owned and Managed Lands and Waters.** Agencies subject to this Executive Order that own or manage lands or waters (including, but not limited to, those identified below) are directed to develop and implement strategies to enhance climate resilience as a co-benefit of current management objectives and to ensure present and future impacts of climate change are explicitly considered in planning for the management of those lands and waters.
- i. State Parks
  - ii. State Forests, including the Elliott State Research Forest
  - iii. State Wildlife Management Areas
  - iv. State Fish Hatcheries
  - v. State-Owned Properties/Lands (including Trust lands) not principally owned, operated, or managed in support of structures, offices, or facilities serving state agency programs.
  - vi. State Held Conservation Easements and/or Leases
  - vii. State owned submerged and submersible lands and waters, including the Territorial Sea
  - viii. State-Held Water Rights



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5. **Ensure a Livable Oregon.**

a. **Support and Enhance Local Resilience Efforts through Planning and Action in Collaboration with Communities.**

The Oregon State Resilience Officer shall lead an effort to create a Plan for a Resilient Oregon (“PRO”) that identifies and offers funding pathways for strategies to help communities adapt and thrive in the face of increasingly severe climate risks, and to support communities in long-term recovery from climate-driven disasters. The following actions shall be taken to implement this directive:

- i. Extensive and meaningful outreach with communities shall occur in every region of the State and shall inform the development of the PRO.
- ii. Agencies participating in PRO planning and implementation efforts shall utilize existing and available staffing resources.
- iii. The PRO will integrate with existing strategies and plans, including those related to wildfire and flood protection, energy resilience, and directives of this Order.

b. **Protect Oregon from Catastrophic Wildfire.**

i. **Implement Oregon’s 20-year Landscape Resiliency Plan.**

Agencies are directed to leverage partnerships and use available programs and resources to reduce the risk of wildfire and public health impacts of smoke by creating resilient natural and working landscapes. The following actions shall be taken to implement this directive:

1. Prioritize landscapes for restoration and resilience treatments and identify pathways to increase the extent and scale of treatments.
2. Maximize dedicated funding to promote partnerships through Good Neighbor Authorities to accomplish large scale landscape resilience treatments.
3. Identify pathways to increase the extent and scale of prescribed burns and cultural burning while minimizing smoke impacts to public health.



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4. Support the development and implementation of community smoke response plans. Identify additional measures for timely dissemination of air quality information and alerts during wildfire and prescribed fire events.
- ii. **Create Fire-Adapted Communities.** To safeguard lives, property, and critical infrastructure from the growing threat of wildfires, agencies are directed to support efforts to build Fire-Adapted Communities across the state. The following actions shall be taken to implement this directive:
    1. Further defensible space education and establishment across the state. Defensible space is the buffer between a building and the surrounding vegetation that slows or stops the spread of wildfire.
    2. Promote increased use of fire-resistant building materials (home hardening) and community design features to reduce structural vulnerability.
    3. Promote community risk reduction efforts through volunteer programs such as Firewise, local evacuation route planning, and partnerships to increase community survivability during urban wildfire conflagrations.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY, COORDINATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. **Executive Branch Agencies Subject to this Order.** Progress on the direction and commitments of this Order will take focused and coordinated planning and execution by Oregon's natural resource agencies, each of which has its own Board or Commission. The following state agencies and their Boards or Commissions are subject to the goals and directives outlined in this Order as they may apply section by section:
  - i. Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD);
  - ii. Department of State Lands (DSL);
  - iii. Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (OPRD);
  - iv. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
  - v. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA);
  - vi. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE);



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- vii. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW);
  - viii. Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI);
  - ix. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF);
  - x. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT);
  - xi. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Environmental Public Health;
  - xii. Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD);
  - xiii. Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB);
  - xiv. Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC); and
  - xv. Oregon Climate Action Commission (OCAC).
2. **Reporting and Accountability.** State agencies must deliver transparent, accurate reporting on public programs, maintain accountability to citizens and stakeholders, and establish clear feedback loops that enable public input and demonstrate responsive government action, using the following:
- a. **Develop Biennial Plans.** Each agency shall develop (or incorporate into an existing planning process) a biennial plan that includes targets and metrics appropriate to the agency's intersection with this Order with the goal of focusing existing and new resources, programs, and incentives to advance the goals and actions in Sections I and II of this Order as applicable:
    - i. **Public Feedback and Oversight.** Agencies will present their biennial plans to their respective board or commission for discussion, review, and comment at a public meeting where public testimony can be received.
    - ii. **Recommendations for Governor's Recommended Budget ("GRB").** Biennial plans will be developed on a schedule and in a format to inform the development of the GRB starting with the 2029-2031 Agency Request Budget ("ARB") biennial cycle. Actions for consideration for the development of the 2027-2029 GRB will be expedited as needed.
    - iii. **Implementation Workplan.** Agencies shall immediately begin developing implementation timelines and pathways to comply with this Order. The following existing reporting requirements





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include both policy and budget needs related to the successful implementation of this Order.

- ii. Develop recommendations to address critical gaps or barriers (e.g., programs, administrative rules, statutory changes) to the state's implementation of this Order.
  - iii. Assess and implement as practicable a State of Oregon Climate Action and Resilience Dashboard to serve as source of information on the work of agencies on this Order.
- b. **Board & Commission Oversight Team.** A subgroup of relevant Board and Commission members will be assembled under the auspices of the Governor's Natural Resources Cabinet. The subgroup will work parallel to the Agency Leadership Team to support the implementation work of the Order.
- c. **Legislative & Public Engagement.** As requested, agencies shall provide updates and presentations on implementation work to relevant Boards, Commissions, Councils, Local Governments, Federal Agencies, and the Oregon State Legislature.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025.

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Tina Kotek  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-29**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER ON REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND  
ADVANCING OREGON'S CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE**

**WHEREAS**, Oregon faces increasing risks from climate change, including extreme weather events, wildfires, water scarcity, and rising energy costs, which threaten public health, safety, outdoor recreation, and economic stability; and

**WHEREAS**, affordable, abundant, and reliable clean energy is key to Oregon's economic future, and the state needs to deploy new energy infrastructure to enable sustained economic growth and to meet rising energy demands; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has adopted ambitious climate goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to a clean energy economy, including targets established under House Bill 2021(2021) and other legislative and executive actions; and

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency improvements across all sectors are among the most cost-effective strategies to reduce emissions and lower energy bills while maintaining economic productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring access to affordable, abundant, and reliable clean energy requires accelerated investment in electricity infrastructure, including renewable energy, energy storage, and grid modernization; and

**WHEREAS**, grid resilience is increasingly vital to support public safety in the face of climate-related disruptions, and investments in microgrids, battery storage, and grid hardening have a role to play in building greater resilience in Oregon's energy future; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon can help reduce energy development costs and accelerate deployment of clean energy infrastructure needed to grow the economy by streamlining permitting, siting, and interconnection processes for clean energy projects; and

**WHEREAS**, public-private partnerships can mobilize investment, spur innovation, and create jobs that will be key to Oregon's growing clean energy economy; and

**WHEREAS**, a coordinated, statewide approach to planning and designating transmission corridors is essential to long-term infrastructure development that will support economic growth and ensure clean energy can be delivered efficiently and reliably to consumers.



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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

**I. FOSTER THE TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY**

**1. Prioritize Implementation of the Oregon Energy Strategy Pathways.**

Executive branch agencies listed in Section II.1.a (“Agencies”) are directed to adopt and implement greenhouse gas reduction strategies and align their decisions, activities, and investments as appropriate to advance the five least-cost pathways identified in the Oregon Energy Strategy. As appropriate, agencies will modify or add to current work plans and performance indicators to track and report on implementation activities to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Advance Energy Efficiency Across All Sectors.** Agencies shall take appropriate actions within existing authorities and budgets to align decisions, activities, and investments to increase cost-effective energy efficiency in new and existing buildings, including providing cost savings through retrofits of building appliances and equipment.
- b. Support Investment in Clean Electricity Infrastructure.** Agencies shall take appropriate actions within their existing authorities to accelerate investment in and deployment of least-cost and least-risk renewable energy resources, energy storage, demand response, and grid infrastructure in order to maintain and expand access to affordable and reliable clean electricity for Oregon ratepayers.
- c. Increase Strategic Electrification of Vehicles and Buildings.** Agencies shall take appropriate actions necessary within their existing authorities to align programs, decisions, and investments to advance the state’s interest in increasing cost-effective, strategic electrification of vehicles, buildings, and water heating systems while also supporting affordable and reliable energy for Oregon ratepayers.
- d. Increase Supply and Use of Low-Carbon Fuels.** DEQ and the EQC shall evaluate the status and projected growth of the clean fuels market and update Oregon Clean Fuels Program rules to strengthen the Low-Carbon Fuels Standard (LCFS) to establish a reduction in carbon intensity of not less than 50% by 2040. DEQ is directed to evaluate the scope and stringency of the LCFS programs in neighboring states in proposing the new targets and



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propose additional rule revisions if needed to better align the Oregon Clean Fuels Program with those neighboring jurisdictions based on that evaluation. DEQ shall establish an agreed upon workplan within three months of this Order that sets forth a timeline for completing the required rulemaking.

- e. **Strengthen Resilience Across all Levels of the Energy System.** The PUC shall exercise its existing authority to evaluate and value grid resiliency benefits in electric utility resource planning processes. The PUC shall establish transparent criteria or processes for appropriately valuing the enhanced resiliency benefits from utility investments at all levels of the energy system, such as microgrids, energy storage, flexible loads, virtual power plant resources, and grid hardening, while also avoiding shifting costs from high-income ratepayers to energy burdened ratepayers.
2. **Get Clean Energy Projects Built.** Agencies are directed to develop and implement a coordinated, proactive approach to streamline land use and environmental reviews, siting and permitting, and interconnection processes for clean energy projects, energy storage, and associated transmission and distribution infrastructure, with particular focus on those that contribute to energy affordability and reliability. This includes but is not limited to the following initiatives:
    - a. **Reduce Barriers to Clean Energy Deployment.** The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), in coordination with the PUC and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), shall inventory, assess, and analyze barriers to the permitting, construction and interconnection of clean energy projects and associated infrastructure. ODOE will recommend actions to overcome those barriers while balancing opportunities for public participation with the state's interest in accelerating deployment of clean energy infrastructure that benefits Oregon ratepayers. Recommended actions will be brought for discussion by ODOE to the Energy Facility Siting Council. ODOE will report its findings and recommendations to the Governor no later than September 1, 2026.
    - b. **Accelerate Clean Energy Deployment Through Oregon's Land Use Planning Framework.** The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) shall evaluate opportunities and barriers to clean energy development under Oregon's land use planning goals. DLCD will review existing rules and practices, including best practices from other



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jurisdictions, and recommend actions and rule changes as needed to accelerate deployment of clean energy resources and grid infrastructure needed to deliver reliability and clean energy to Oregon consumers. Recommended actions will be brought for discussion and direction by DLCD to the Land Conservation and Development Commission. DLCD will report its findings and recommendations to the Governor no later than July 1, 2026.

- c. Streamline Clean Energy Siting.** Agencies identified in Section II.1.b of this Order shall evaluate and recommend actions to update siting and permitting processes to facilitate deployment of renewable energy, energy storage, and grid infrastructure needed to deliver reliable and affordable clean energy to Oregon consumers.
- i.** Agencies shall evaluate existing authorities, rules, and practices to identify opportunities to streamline or increase the efficiency of siting and permitting processes within their jurisdiction for projects that:
    - 1.** Benefit Oregon ratepayers and enable clean energy projects to interconnect onto the grid; and/or
    - 2.** Involve upgrades to existing grid infrastructure and transmission expansion or co-location of renewable energy resources in existing rights of way.
  - ii.** Where opportunities are found to exist, agencies shall recommend actions to:
    - 1.** Streamline existing processes;
    - 2.** Establish parallel paths that enable required studies, reviews, and approval processes to occur contemporaneously; and/or
    - 3.** Facilitate or accelerate interconnections for projects that reduce emissions, improve reliability, and benefit Oregon ratepayers.
  - iii.** Agencies shall bring recommended proposed actions for discussion with their Boards or Commissions and will report their findings and recommendations to the Governor no later than September 1, 2026.
- d. Identify Pathways to Facilitate Development of Clean Energy Infrastructure.** PUC staff, in partnership with ODOE and the Governor's Office, shall convene utilities, key agency leaders, local permitting authorities, and other interested parties to review progress toward achieving HB 2021's clean energy targets and explore opportunities for public-private partnerships



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to facilitate development of clean energy infrastructure that is needed to achieve clean energy targets and will provide benefits to Oregon ratepayers.

- e. Develop a Framework for Strategic Transmission Siting.** ODOE, in coordination with the PUC and the Governor's Office, shall undertake a process to evaluate and propose a framework to strategically accelerate:
    - i.** Identification and designation of transmission corridors, including on public lands (state and federal);
    - ii.** Streamlined partial siting and permitting approvals for future projects in those corridors or within existing transmission rights-of-way; and
    - iii.** Targeting direct financial support for projects that are determined to benefit the public interest.
  - f. Deploy Energy Storage.** To support grid reliability and resilience, this Order establishes a goal of deploying 8 gigawatts of energy storage capacity in Oregon by 2045.
- 3. Build a Resilient Clean Energy Economy:** Agencies listed in Section II.1.c of this Order shall align programs, decisions, and investments to advance the state's interest in growing a resilient clean energy economy that attracts and supports climate-friendly industries, creates jobs, and aligns with Oregon's climate goals. This includes but is not limited to the following initiatives:
- a. Develop Public-Private Partnerships.** Agencies shall explore and prioritize opportunities for public-private partnerships to support development and deployment of clean energy technologies that align with Oregon's carbon-free energy and economic development priorities. Agencies will highlight those opportunities for the Governor's Office for review and consideration on a quarterly basis.
  - b. Evaluate Emerging Clean Energy Technologies.** ODOE, DEQ, Business Oregon, the PUC, the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), and the Governor's Office, shall collaborate to identify and assess opportunities for advanced and emerging carbon-free energy technologies to play a role in Oregon's clean energy future; evaluate risks and barriers; and propose cross-agency frameworks to support development and deployment of advanced technologies that increase access to affordable, safe, and reliable clean energy. ODOE will report progress and key findings in its



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Biennial Energy Reports, including the Report that must be submitted to the legislature by December 1, 2026, and in each subsequent iteration of the Report.

**II. ACCOUNTABILITY, COORDINATION, AND PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. Executive Branch Agencies Subject to this Order.** Progress on the direction and commitments of this Order will take focused and coordinated planning and execution by Oregon's natural resource agencies and their respective Boards or Commissions.
  - a. The following state agencies are subject to the goals and directives outlined in Section I.1 of this Order:
    - i. Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS);
    - ii. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), including the Oregon Climate Action Commission and the Energy Facility Siting Council;
    - iii. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
    - iv. Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD);
    - v. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT); and
    - vi. Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC).
  - b. The following state agencies are subject to the goals and directives outlined in Section I.2.c of this Order:
    - i. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), including the Oregon Climate Action Commission and the Energy Facility Siting Council;
    - ii. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
    - iii. Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI); and
    - iv. Oregon Public Utility Commission.
  - c. The following state agencies are subject to the goals and directives outlined in Section I.3 of this Order:
    - i. Business Oregon;
    - ii. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), including the Oregon Climate Action Commission;
    - iii. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);



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- iv. Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI); and
  - v. Oregon Public Utility Commission.
- d. The following state agencies shall provide information and consultation to assist other agencies with the implementation of this Order as needed:
- i. Business Oregon;
  - ii. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW);
  - iii. Oregon Department of State Lands;
  - iv. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT);
  - v. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department; and
  - vi. Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD).
2. **Reporting and Accountability.** State agencies must deliver transparent, accurate reporting on public programs, maintain accountability to citizens and stakeholders, and establish clear feedback loops that enable public input and demonstrate responsive government action.
- a. **Agency plans.** Each of the following agencies shall develop (or incorporate into an existing planning process) a biennial plan that includes targets and metrics appropriate to the agency's intersection with this Order with the goal of focusing existing and new resources, programs and incentives to advance the goals and actions in Part I of this Order as applicable:
- i. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), including the Oregon Climate Action Commission and the Energy Facility Siting Council;
  - ii. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and
  - iii. Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC).
- b. **Public Feedback and Oversight.** Agencies will present their biennial plans to their respective board or commission for discussion, review, and comment at a public meeting where public testimony can be received.
- c. **Recommendations for Governor's Recommended Budget.** Biennial plans will be developed on a schedule and in a format to inform the development of the Governor's Recommended Budget starting with the 2029-2031 Agency Request Budget biennial cycle. Actions for consideration for the development of the 2027-2029 Governor's Recommended Budget will be expedited as needed.



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- d. **Implementation Workplan.** Agencies shall immediately begin developing implementation timelines and pathways to comply with this Order.
3. **Coordination and Oversight of Implementation.** The Governor's Office will take a leadership role in advancing the efforts associated with this Order. It is the responsibility of each respective agency director to ensure appropriate coordination and implementation contemplated by this Order is integrated into agency programs and initiatives.
4. **Legislative & Public Engagement.** As requested, agencies shall provide updates and presentations on implementation work to relevant Boards, Commissions, Councils, Local Governments, Federal Agencies, and the Oregon State Legislature.
5. **Engagement with Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Sovereign Tribal Governments.** The State, through the Governor's Office and the State Agencies, shall collaborate with Oregon's nine federally recognized sovereign tribal governments to build, sustain, and enhance relationships to find common ground in support of the implementation of this Order.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

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Tina Kotek  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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Tobias Read  
SECRETARY OF STATE



## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 11A: *ODA Pesticide Licensing and Certification Program Updates: Spanish Training and Testing Materials*

### I. Introduction

The Board of Agriculture will hear updates from ODA's Pesticide Licensing and Certification Program about ongoing efforts to translate training and testing materials for pesticide applicator licenses.

### II. Background

At the December 2025 Board Meeting, the Board received public comments relating to the licensing and testing processes for folks who do not speak English as their primary language.

ODA's Pesticide Licensing and Certification Program manages 27 pesticide applicator exams, 23 study manuals, and 29 other study resources. Over recent years, the Program has developed a statistical approach to identify problematic exam questions to improve question quality and address accessibility concerns. Currently, two exams are available in Spanish: the Private Applicator and the Laws and Safety Exams. ODA is targeting improvements based on exam and study material demand and need. The Spanish-language Private Applicator exam has historically had a low pass rate and has been the primary focus for translation and revision efforts.

The Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) entered a five-year cooperative agreement with the University of California, Davis, and the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs in collaboration with Oregon State University to develop national pesticide application materials. Due to federal funding cuts, nationally developed manuals and study materials have not been published in Spanish. However, ODA has completed:

- Statistical analyses to eliminate or revise poorly performing exam questions.
- Ensuring continuity and equivalency between Spanish and English versions of the exams.
- Internal reviews of exams by native Spanish-speaking ODA staff members for appropriateness and accuracy.

### III. Program Updates

One of the Program's goals is to ensure that licensed applicators understand their responsibilities, state regulatory requirements, and how to minimize risks to themselves, others, and the environment. With this in mind, the Program has been updating exams and study materials to balance competency standards, accessibility, and staffing resources.

The Program recruited and filled a position within the Certification & Licensing Team that will focus on creating and updating Spanish-language materials, including exams and outreach materials.

The Program also worked with OSU PSEP and SWCDs to make funding available allow the translation of the National Core Manual and its companion exam to move forward.

The Spanish-language Private Applicator Exam has been a particular focus due to historically low pass rates. While awaiting a national manual and its translation (see below), the Program has completed the following for both Spanish-language Private Applicator and Laws and Safety exams:

- Conducted statistical analyses to eliminate or revise poorly performing questions.
- Ensured English and Spanish versions of the exams are equivalent in content and difficulty.
- Reviewed study materials for alignment with exam content and consistent terminology.
- Native Spanish speaking staff have reviewed the exams for appropriateness and accuracy.
- The Program is currently in discussions with its exam contractor and conducting internal planning to offer paper-based exams on a trial basis, due to the additional resource demands. The initial rollout will focus on the Private Applicator License Exam (English and Spanish), with an evaluation of demand, pass rates, and travel patterns to determine future expansion, if needed.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item number 12: *Oregon Native Seed Strategy*

### I. Introduction

The Board of Agriculture will hear updates from Troy Abercrombie on Oregon’s Native Seed Strategy and how it relates to recent Executive Orders.

### II. Oregon Native Seed Strategy

The [Oregon Native Seed Strategy](#) is a guidance document that supports ecological restoration and conservation through the procurement, preservation, and production of native seed in Oregon.

This Strategy serves to coordinate and expand Oregon’s native seed supply chain in response to increasing environmental challenges and restoration demands. As wildfire regimes change, the need for resources for landscape-scale restoration has intensified. Without stable, ready-to-deploy native seed supplies, areas disturbed by natural disaster become infested with non-native and invasive species.

Native seeds are crucial for restoring damaged landscapes because they maintain biodiversity, provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife, help ensure healthy waters and soils, and provide culturally significant materials for indigenous peoples. Thousands of pounds of seed are used annually in Oregon for post-disaster revegetation efforts, but relatively few of Oregon’s more than 3,500 native plants are used. This loss of diversity reduces ecosystem resilience and makes landscapes more vulnerable to future disturbance and climate change impact.

### III. Oregon Native Seed Collective

The **Oregon Native Seed Collective (ONSC)** is a partnership of organizations working collectively to increase the availability and use of native seed for restoration, rehabilitation, and mitigation projects statewide. Partners include representatives from tribal nations, state and federal agencies, and private entities who share common critical ecological objectives.

The **Oregon Native Seed Collective** and regional network partners will collectively implement the Native Seed Strategy by:

- Expanding seed collection and production efforts.
- Facilitating research.
- Developing grower-support mechanisms.
- Improving seed cleaning and storage capacity.
- Coordinating efforts between land managers and seed producers.
- Implementing conservation seed banking programs.

## MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Agriculture  
From: Board Coordinator  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 13: *Board Business - continued*

### I. Ag Quarterly

At the December 2025 Board Meeting, the Board decided to suspend production of the Board Newsletter and to instead include brief updates in the Ag Quarterly, a quarterly publication produced by ODA currently. The Board will discuss what content to include in the March's Ag Quarterly.

### II. Board Resolution Review

The Board of Agriculture will review all active Resolutions and identify Resolutions to re-evaluate in 2026, per Board Resolution 000.

## Active Board Resolutions – Oregon State Board of Agriculture

| #   | Title  | General Description   |
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| 000 | Policy & Procedures for Resolutions                        | Outlines the general process the Board uses to create, review, adopt, and make publicly available its policy resolutions  |
| 024 | Pesticide Use for Pest Control                             | Supports the use of pesticides as a necessary tool within an integrated pest management system when applied per federal law to protect people and the environment               |
| 029 | Reservation of Columbia River Water for Irrigation         | Recommends reserving water from the Columbia River for future irrigation and agricultural needs   |
| 107 | Priority for Agricultural Use of Water                     | Asserts that agricultural water needs should be equitably considered in statewide water planning and supports water infrastructure investments that benefit agriculture         |
| 124 | Trade Policy that Promotes Free and Reciprocal Access      | Endorses US trade policies that reject protectionism and ensure fair, reciprocal market access for Oregon agricultural products   |
| 155 | Position on Farm Tax Deferral & Urban Growth Boundaries    | Advocates for maintaining farm-use tax deferrals within urban growth boundaries and limiting boundary expansion until urban densities are reached                               |
| 162 | Buildable Lands Inside Urban Growth Boundaries             | Opposes mandates for a fixed 20-year supply of buildable lands within urban growth boundaries, favoring local control to protect farmland                                       |
| 169 | Need for Documented Agricultural Workforce                 | Calls for immigration reform that provides paths to legal status for agricultural workers and improvements to guest worker programs   |
| 266 | Collective Bargaining for Agricultural Workers & Employers | Supports extending collective bargaining protections to Oregon’s agricultural workers under equitable rules   |
| 274 | Collaboration with Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board      | Encourages continued partnership between the Board/ODA and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to support watershed health and water quality                                 |
| 275 | Cougar Management Plan                                     | Supports Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife’s cougar management plan to address predator threats to livestock   |
| 281 | Conservation Plan for the Oregon Coast Coho                | Endorses efforts to help recover Oregon Coast coho salmon populations and coordinate agricultural contributions   |
| 295 | Protection of Oregon Agriculture                           | Reaffirms support for protecting viable farming operations and agricultural land from certain development and land-use changes  |
| 298 | Coexistence of Wolves & Livestock                          | Supports science-based wolf management that includes nonlethal deterrents and, when necessary, lethal control to protect livestock, plus full funding for compensation programs |
| 300 | Siting of Aggregate Mining in the Willamette Valley        | Sets conditions for siting aggregate mining to avoid conversion of prime agricultural soils and require meaningful mitigation and reclamation if unavoidable                    |

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| 301 | Minimizing Conflicts of Coexistence in Agriculture                         | Promotes stewardship, communication among producers, choice of legal technologies, and best management practices to reduce conflicts across farming systems   |
| 305 | The Native Plant Conservation Program                                      | Recognizes the importance and statutory authority of the ODA Native Plant Conservation Program in protecting threatened and endangered plants   |
| 307 | Farmworker Housing   | Emphasizes the need for adequate, affordable housing for agricultural workers, urges flexible implementation of housing rules, and supports increased funding and collaboration on housing solutions    |
| 309 | Coordinated Streamside Management Approach to Water Quality                | Affirms the Board’s support for strategic, multi-agency streamside managements to improve water quality and habitat through coordinated implementation areas  |
| 310 | Siting of Agri-tourism and Entertainment Activities                        | Provides policy guidance on siting agri-tourism and related activities on agricultural lands to support farming viability (generally aimed at balancing economic use with agricultural land protection) |
| 313 | Water Quality Strategic Implementation Areas & SWCD Focus Areas            | Supports the use of strategic implementation and focus areas to address serious water quality issues on agricultural lands and recommends periodic MOA review   |
| 314 | Permitted Uses on Lands Zoned Exclusive Farm Use & High-Value Farmland     | Offers the Board’s stance on permitted land uses to preserve the purpose of exclusive farm use and protect high-value farmland  |
| 315 | Workings Lands Conservation Easements                                      | Advocates for conservation easements that protect productive working lands from conversion  |
| 316 | Federal Minimum Wage Parity  | Supports aligning federal minimum wage provisions with conditions in Oregon to ensure parity and fairness for agricultural workers  |
| 317 | ODA’s Role in FSMA Produce Safety Rule                                     | Affirms ODA’s role in implementing the federal Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA)   |
| 318 | Siting of Energy Transmission & Generation Facilities on Agricultural Land | Provides guidance to minimize impacts when locating energy infrastructure on agricultural land  |
| 319 | Climate Change Policy Considerations                                       | States the Board’s position on considering climate change impacts in agricultural policy and planning   |
| 320 | Agriculture Overtime   | Addresses the Board’s position on overtime pay policies as they apply to agricultural workers   |