



Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
4/10/2025	Virtual Only - Teams	09:00 AM	10:30 AM
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Thursday, April 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 AM by Division Director, Isaak Stapleton. Introductions of attendees followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

CAC members present: Alice Morrison (Friends of Family Farmers/Environmental Community Member), David May (Valley Fresh Foods Inc.), Tom Thompson

ODA staff present: Isaak Stapleton (NRD Program Area Director), Christy Caldwell (CAFO Program analyst), Katie Kearney (CAFO Inspector/Permit Coordinator), Tasha Schworak (Pest/Fert registration assistant.)

Partners and others: Taylor West (water quality division CAFO program specialist), Tony Barber (Oregon Operations Office Director for EPA in Portland), Aimee Rohner (State conservation engineer), Josh Hall (State agronomist for NRCS), Jennifer Cruickshank (OSU), Karen Glueck (Ag Professionals, VP of Communications and Strategic Planning), Tami Kerr (Oregon Dairy Farmers), Tara Heinz (Food and Water Watch), Mike Freese (Romain R/F Freese Lawyer & Lobbyists), Amy Van Saun (Center for Food Safety), Tom Thomson.

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Welcome and attendee introductions – Isaak Stapleton

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Review of November 26, 2024, meeting minutes. No comment or corrections stated. – Isaak Stapleton

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Katie Kearney (ODA) gives update on NPDES General Permit. ODA and DEQ have resumed writing the permit to include changes from SB-85 and were also considering the comments that were submitted in 2021. Early in the process of revising and rewriting and planning to go to public notice for the general permit summer of 2025. Hoping by the July CAC meeting to have more substantial updates.

For any questions reach out to katie.kearney@oda.oregon.gov

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Isaak Stapleton gives presentation on WPCF Permit Renewal Process and answers questions. - set to expire September 30th, 2025. Sent out mailers that include the renewal paperwork for the WPCF permits. This has a deadline of August 1st, 2025, to get the renewal paperwork submitted to the program.

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Isaak Stapleton and Christy Caldwell gave updates on the CAFO Program Annual Report 2023 and 2024. Just completed this report and it is now posted on the website. Taking any comments or suggestions to help make sure this information gets out to everyone and is easy to read.

For any questions reach out to Christy.CALDWELL@oda.oregon.gov

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Isaak Stapleton opens the floor for any industry updates and public comment.

Taylor West gives presentation on DEQ's Survey- This is a broad statewide strategy to improve how we manage nutrients from a wide range of human activities and just broadly improve how we prevent pollution to Oregon's waterways. The Survey closes Tuesday April 15th, 2025. Oregon Kitchens table and DEQ will be hosting community forums during the month of May. A very casual conversation setting to discuss nutrients in the state and insights from the survey will be provided at that time.

For any questions reach out to Taylor.WEST@deq.oregon.gov

Josh Hall talked about CNMP services that are available and the difference between a CNMP and NMP.

David May talks about the egg shortage, inventory, production, and cost.

Isaak Stapleton gave information on nutrient application permits that came out of SB-85

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