



Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
July 10, 2025	ODA Building, 635 Capital St. NE, Salem, OR 97301, Third Floor Media Room and virtual through Team	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
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Thursday, July 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Division Director, Isaak Stapleton. Introductions of attendees followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

CAFO Advisory members present: Alice Morrison (Friends of Family Farmers/Environmental Community Member), David May (Poultry Grower, alternate for Mark Oldenkamp)

CAFO Advisory members absent: Dan Leuthold (Dairy), Dr. Carol Lorenzen (OSU), Mark Oldenkamp (Poultry Industry), Tammy Stark (Public Seat), Tom Thompson (Public Seat), Zach Wilson (Beef Industry), Austin Piccone (Swine Industry).

Others present: Isaak Stapleton (NRD Program Area Director, ODA), Connie Landis (CAFO Program Manager, ODA) Katie Kearney (CAFO Inspector/Permit Coordinator, ODA), Kinzey Landry (CAFO Program Assistant, ODA), Christy Caldwell (CAFO Program Analyst, ODA) Taylor West (DEQ), Mike Mccord (NW Region Manager, WRD), Jake Johnstone (Deputy Administrator for Field Services, WRD), Jenifer Cruickshank (Asst. Professor of Practice Dairy Management-Willamette Valley, OSU), Heather Medina (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Mike Freese (Romain R/F Freese Lawyer & Lobbyists), Nick Peak (Environmental Protection Agency), Steven Potokar (Environmental Protection Agency), Tarah Heinzen (Food and Water Watch), Tami Kerr (Oregon Dairy Farmers Association).

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Welcome and attendee introductions – Isaak Stapleton (ODA)

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Review of April 10, 2025, meeting minutes. No comment or corrections stated. – Isaak Stapleton (ODA)

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Katie Kearney (ODA) gives update on the progress of the NPDES General Permit.

Draft is currently being reviewed internally and by EPA, then will be open for Public Comment for 35 days. Date of completion is not set but is expected for fall of 2025.

Reviewed past permitting and noticing process. Spoke about new process including Water Supply Plans.

There is a 45-day review process from OWRD for Water Supply Plans, Mike Mccord (WRD) expresses concern over the 45-day review period.

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Christy Caldwell (ODA) Gives WPCF Renewal reminder, the permit is expiring in September 28th, 2025, and will need to be extended.

-On April 9th a renewal package was sent out including a cover letter, a renewal application, a Water Supply Plan, and instructions to complete the Water Supply Plan.

-Due date for renewal packages is August 1, 2025.

-On June 27th a Gov Delivery reminder was sent to turn in renewal packages.

-Mid July another Gov Delivery reminder will be sent, no exact date was mentioned.

If permittees do not renew to stay on the extended WPCF permit by the September 28th, 2025, deadline then they will fall off the permit.

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Mike Mccord (WRD) opens the floor for questions about outreach for Water Supply Plans; he and Jake Johnstone (WRD) speak about scenarios that OWRD has run into reviewing Water Supply Plans.

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Isaak Stapleton (ODA) gives update on JS Ranch Permit Court Case.

ODA issued a permit to JS Ranch and the permit was challenged. A hearing was held before the initial trial and the judge ruled on certain provisions that made the permit no longer valid.

Judges official ruling isn't out, and ODA will know more information when that is received.

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Connie Landis (ODA) speaks about CAFO Advisory Committee meeting engagement.

Potentially moving the meeting to in-person and taking them to locations around the state to tour farms and facilities.

Remote options will still be available, but not for tours specifically.

This is expected to be implemented at the next CAFO Advisory Committee Meeting in the fall.

Ideas for engagement are welcomed, and you can reach out to Connie Landis at Connie.Landis@oda.oregon.gov.

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Isaak Stapleton (ODA) opens the conversation for industry updates.

-Nick Peak (EPA) has no updates but asks question on the timeline for EPA review of the new CAFO Permit, specifically how long EPA will have to do the review. Two weeks is the estimated timeframe.

-Steven Potokar (EPA) has no updates.

-Heather Medina (NRCS) gives update that engineers and technical service providers are in high demand.

Heather provides links below to help find information on the Farm Bill Programs and technical service providers.

Farm Bill Programs.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/oregon/whats-available-in-my-county>

This link aids in helping find information on manure management/waste storage facilities, specifically technical service providers that can help write comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/technical-assistance/technical-service-providers>

Due to the reductions of staffing Isaak Stapleton (ODA) asks if there is a delay in requests.

Heather Medina (NRCS) does not give specific timeline but responds stating that it depends on what area of Oregon the request is taking place.

Email contacts below to request information on any funding for programs regarding training technical service providers and list updates, as well as staffing updates.

heather.medina@usda.gov

State Resource Conservationist, in charge of all technical service providers, her and her staff work on updating the TSP lists. amy.hendershot@usda.gov

Acting Basin Team Leader in the lower Willamette North Coast, can give updates on staffing and who is covering which offices in this area. Kim.gray@usda.gov

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No public comments

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