

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding SWCD Elections During Oregon's 2020 COVID-19 State of Emergency



Oregon
Department
of Agriculture

1. How do I gather original signatures for the “*Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet*” with social distancing guidelines in place?

- » Although original signatures are required on the signature sheet, the signatures can be spread across multiple sheets. You can email or mail individual signature sheets to valid registered voters and have those sheets physically mailed back to you.
- » ODA recommends that you secure 12-15 signatures in case any of the signatures cannot be validated. You will need 10 valid signatures.

2. How do I get my “*Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet*” validated by the county clerk’s office if the office is closed to the public?

- » Each county elections office is developing individual protocols for verification. Please contact your county elections office for details. Contact information for the county election offices in Oregon are on the reverse of this FAQ sheet.

3. I was not able to gather enough signatures or get the signatures verified before the August 25th deadline. What do I do now?

- » You may declare to be a write-in candidate by mailing or emailing the “Declaration of intent and request for write-in votes to be tallied” form to ODA between August 26th and October 20th. The form does not require any signatures other than your own.

4. Our district has unfilled board seats because some of the potential candidates were unable to submit their paperwork before the deadlines. Can we reappoint current or new board members?

- » On January 1, 2021 board positions which had no candidate file or a request to count write-in ballots submitted will automatically become vacant. If the board continues to have a quorum of board members, they may appoint eligible individuals to the vacant positions.

5. Our district was unable to have enough board members on the ballot to continue to meet the minimum quorum requirements to hold a meeting. Can we still appoint new board members?

- » No. Without a quorum, the board cannot appoint new board members. Through its statutory authority, ODA will appoint enough board members to meet the minimum quorum requirements and then the board can appoint individuals for the remaining board positions. A district in this position should contact Sandi Hiatt for details.

Election Forms and Instructions:

- » <https://oda.direct/Elections>

SWCD Program Contacts:

- » **Sandi Hiatt**
(503) 986-4704
shiatt@oda.state.or.us
- » **Eric Nusbaum**
(541) 688-0396
enusbaum@oda.state.or.us

Oregon County Elections Offices

Baker County

1995 Third St., Suite 150
Baker City, OR 97814-3365
(541) 523-8207

Benton County

120 NW Fourth St., Room 13
Corvallis, OR 97330-4734
(541) 766-6756

Clackamas County

1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100
Oregon City, OR 97045-4300
(503) 655-8510

Clatsop County

820 Exchange St., Suite 220
Astoria, OR 97103-4609
(503) 325-8511

Columbia County

230 Strand St.
St. Helens, OR 97051-2040
(503) 397-7214 or (503) 397-3796

Coos County

250 N Baxter St.
Coquille, OR 97423-1875
(541) 396-7610

Crook County

300 NE Third St., Room 23
Prineville, OR 97754-1919
(541) 447-6553

Curry County

94235 Moore St., Suite 212
Gold Beach, OR 97444-9705
(541) 247-3297 or (877) 739-4218

Deschutes County

1300 NW Wall St., Suite 202
Bend, OR 97703-1960
PO Box 6005
Bend OR 97708-6005
(541) 388-6547

Douglas County

PO Box 10
Roseburg, OR 97470-0004
(541) 440-4252

Gilliam County

PO Box 427
Condon, OR 97823-0427
(541) 384-2311

Grant County

201 S Humbolt, Suite 290
Canyon City, OR 97820-6186
(541) 575-1675

Harney County

450 N Buena Vista, Suite 14
Burns, OR 97720-1565
(541) 573-6641

Hood River County

601 State St.
Hood River, OR 97031-1871
(541) 386-1442

Jackson County

1101 W Main St., Suite 201
Medford OR 97501-2369
(541) 774-6148

Jefferson County

66 SE "D" St, Suite C
Madras, OR 97741-1739
(541) 475-4451

Josephine County

PO Box 69
Grants Pass, OR 97528-0203
(541) 474-5243

Klamath County

305 Main St.
Klamath Falls, OR 97601-6332
(541) 883-5134

Lake County

513 Center St.
Lakeview OR 97630-1539
(541) 947-6006

Lane County

275 W 10th Ave.
Eugene OR 97401-3008
(541) 682-4234

Lincoln County

225 W Olive St., Suite 201
Newport, OR 97365-3811
(541) 265-4131

Linn County

300 SW Fourth Ave., Room 205
Albany, OR 97321-2393
(541) 967-3831

Malheur County

251 "B" St. W, Suite 4
Vale, OR 97918-1375
(541) 473-5151

Marion County

555 Court St. NE, Suite 2130
Salem, OR 97301-3980
PO Box 14500
Salem, OR 97309-5036
(503) 588-5041 or (800) 655-5388

Morrow County

PO Box 338
Heppner, OR 97836-0338
(541) 676-5604

Multnomah County

1040 SE Morrison St.
Portland, OR 97214-2417
(503) 988-3720

Polk County

850 Main St., Room 201
Dallas, OR 97338-3179
(503) 623-9217

Sherman County

PO Box 243
Moro, OR 97039-0243
(541) 565-3606

Tillamook County

201 Laurel Ave.
Tillamook, OR 97141-2311
(503) 842-3402

Umatilla County

216 SE Fourth St, Suite 18
Pendleton, OR 97801-2699
(541) 278 6254

Union County

1001 Fourth St, Suite D
La Grande, OR 97850-2100
(541) 963-1006

Wallowa County

101 S River St., Suite 100
Enterprise, OR 97828-1363
(541) 426-4543

Wasco County

511 Washington St., Room 201
The Dalles, OR 97058-2237
(541) 506-2530

Washington County

2925 NE Aloclek Drive, Suite 170
Hillsboro, OR 97124-7523
(503) 846-5800

Wheeler County

PO Box 327
Fossil, OR 97830-0327
(541) 763-2400

Yamhill County

414 NE Evans St.
McMinnville, OR 97128-4607
(503) 434-7518