

Date: September 10, 2018
To: State Board of Agriculture members
From: Karla Valness, Special Assistant to the Director
Subject: Resolutions

During the June 2018 State Board of Agriculture meeting, subcommittees proposed to take action on resolutions during the next State Board of Ag meeting (September 25-27, 2018 at The Mill Casino in North Bend).

The resolution and the recommendation action provided by the associated subcommittee is as follows:

Proposed action: Adopt updated language as presented*

| Resolution | Title | Subcommittee |
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| 107 | Priority for Agricultural Use of Water | Natural Resources |

Upon further agency review of the Board resolutions, the following resolutions need additional review/action by the Board.

Proposed action: DRAFT - For review and discussion*

| Resolution | Title | Subcommittee |
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| 305 | The Native Plant Conservation Program | Natural Resources |

Proposed action: Remain active*

| Resolution | Title | Subcommittee |
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| 281 | Conservation Plan for the Oregon Coast Coho | Natural Resources |

Proposed action: Change status of resolution from active to inactive*

| Resolution | Title | Subcommittee |
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| 270 | Oregon Land Use System | Land Use |
| 272 | Protection of Viable Grazing and Vineyard Lands | Land Use |
| 308 | Adoption of Rules for Inland Rogue Water Quality Management Area | Natural Resources |

* The State Board of Agriculture will be accepting public comment on these resolutions during either of the public comment opportunities listed on the board agenda. Comments on these resolutions will be limited to two minutes per individual.

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| Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution | |
| Title: Priority for Agricultural Use of Water | Number: 107 Effective Date: |
| Sub-Committee: Natural Resources ODA Staff Contact: Stephanie Page | Next Review Date: Date of Last Review/Revision: 06/07/2018 Original Resolution Date: 04/12/1984 |
| Board Chair: | |

Proposed Action: Adopt updates as presented

Background

- I. Agriculture is a major industry in Oregon, providing a vital and important economic base for citizens of the state.
- II. Agriculture is a water user in the state and must be recognized as being a beneficial use of water and in the public interest; and
- III. Watershed damage and water supply depletion have resulted from numerous actions by man on the land and in the water and is not attributable to any single activity or water user group; and
- IV. Agriculture has been responsible for many conservation projects which have served to enhance and stabilize water quantity and quality in the state.

Resolution

The Board of Agriculture believes that agriculture, along with other beneficial uses and users of water, must be considered equally and coordinated with all water resource planning and management activities in the state; and

Current and future agricultural uses of water must be accounted for as the state develops new instream water rights. We support the continued use of reservations to ensure that agricultural needs are accounted for as the state develops new instream water right applications.

Summary

Agricultural uses of water should be considered equally with all other beneficial uses in water resource planning and management activities within Oregon.

Proposed Action: Adopt updates as presented

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| Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution | |
| Title: The Native Plant Conservation Program | Number: 305 Effective Date: |
| Sub-Committee: Natural Resources ODA Staff Contact: Stephanie Page | Next Review Date: Date of Last Review/Revision: Original Resolution Date: 06/02/2010 |
| Board Chair: | |

Draft: For review and discussion

Background

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Oregon Board of Agriculture: supports the recommendation of the Native Plant Conservation Program Review Panel to redesign ODA's Native Plant Conservation Program.

The board recommends changing the program's focus from performing conservation work within ODA to one that partner with public and private entities via a grant-awarding system.

It is further recommended that OWEB Lottery Funds be redirected through the Native Plant Conservation Program and used on projects specifically related to conservation of threatened and endangered plants, and improving watershed health and wildlife habitat.

Summary

Recommends Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Lottery Funds be directed through the Native Plant Conservation Program. Recommends a program overhaul of perusing public and private funds from grant awards.

Draft: For review and discussion

Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution

Title: Conservation Plan for the Oregon Coast Coho

Number: 281

Effective Date:

Sub-Committee: Natural Resources

ODA Staff Contact: Stephanie Page

Next Review Date:

Date of Last Review/Revision:

Original Resolution Date: 02/23/2007

Board Chair:

Proposed Action: Remain Active

Background

The state has pursued development of a Conservation Plan for the Oregon Coast Coho to insure that coastal coho populations fully recover. This planning effort included considerable agency input and public involvement. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) will contribute to this effort through implementation of the CAFO, Agricultural Water Quality, Pesticides, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Weeds and Invasive Species programs. Also needed are additional voluntary fish habitat improvements not covered under the existing regulatory programs.

Governor Kulongoski has requested that state natural resource agencies and their boards provide visible leadership, support, and endorsement to this effort.

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Oregon State Board of Agriculture endorses the Oregon Department of Agriculture's efforts toward assisting with state efforts to fully recover coast coho populations. The board in cooperation with the Director of the Department of Agriculture will provide leadership and support to this effort, including efforts to help landowners achieve voluntary fish habitat improvements not covered under the existing regulatory programs.

Summary

The Board supports efforts of the state to ensure the recovery of the Oregon Coastal Coho Salmon population.

Proposed Action: Remain Active

Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution

Title: Oregon Land Use System

Number: 270

Effective Date:

Sub-Committee: Land Use

ODA Staff Contact: Jim Johnson

Next Review Date:

Date of Last Review/Revision:

Original Resolution Date: 03/17/2005

Board Chair:

Proposed Action: Change status from active to inactive

Background

WHEREAS, the State Board of Agriculture is committed to supporting viable operations of agriculture throughout Oregon;

WHEREAS, the establishment of Exclusive Farm Use Zones (EFU) have supported the viable operation of farming in Oregon;

WHEREAS, a large majority of citizens in Oregon passed Measure 37 providing for compensation or waiver of regulations that affect real property value;

WHEREAS, waivers of the land use laws developed to protect agricultural lands will most likely lead to location of large-scale developments, new subdivisions and other nonfarm uses in and amongst ongoing farm and ranch operations; and

WHEREAS, current Measure 37 claims filed with the state and listed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development shows a high percent of the claims involve land zoned for agriculture use;

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Oregon State Board of Agriculture:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to protect viable farming operations in Oregon as a valuable natural resource for our state.
2. Urges that waivers not be granted and that a system for compensation be developed.
3. Urges consideration of delaying the implementation of Measure 37 until the legal issues are resolved and compensation systems are developed by the legislature.

Summary

Reaffirms commitment to protect viable farming operations in Oregon and recognizes their contributions as a valuable natural resource for our state. Urges M-37 waivers not be granted and that a system for compensation be developed. Urges delaying M-37 claims until legal issues are resolved and compensation plans developed by the legislature.

Proposed Action: Change status from active to inactive

Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution

Title: Protection of Viable Grazing and Vineyard Lands

Number: 272

Effective Date:

Sub-Committee: Land Use

ODA Staff Contact: Jim Johnson

Next Review Date:

Date of Last Review/Revision:

Original Resolution Date: 06/05/2005

Board Chair:

Proposed Action: Change status from active to inactive

Background

WHEREAS, the State Board of Agriculture is committed to supporting viable operations of agriculture throughout Oregon;

WHEREAS, the establishment of Exclusive Farm Use Zones (EFU) have supported the viable operation of farming in Oregon;

WHEREAS, actions regarding legislation addressing Measure 37 have included the proposed designation of many lands currently zoned exclusive farm use as high-value farmland for the purpose of implementation of Measure 37 without accounting for land important to the state's livestock, dairy and winegrape industries;

WHEREAS, actions regarding legislation addressing Measure 37 have included the proposed designation of many lands currently zoned exclusive farm use as non resource lands, including lands that are important to the state's livestock, dairy and winegrape industries;

WHEREAS, the production of cattle and calves are ranked second among all agricultural products in terms of the value of production, grossing nearly \$430 million in 2003;

WHEREAS, Milk products are ranked fifth grossing over \$272 million in 2003;

WHEREAS, Winegrapes are ranked fourteenth grossing over \$36 million in 2003;

WHEREAS, the USDA NRCS agricultural capability classification system (Class I-VII) does not always adequately address the special and unique needs of certain high-value crops such as vineyards and orchards and is not designed to provide analysis on the value of range and pasturelands.

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Oregon State Board of Agriculture:

1. Supports protection of the state's viable grazing and vineyard lands and urges their continued protection as exclusive farm use lands and consideration for designation as high-value farmland pertaining to actions related to implementation of Measure 37;
2. Urges consideration of other factors when determining the value of land for high-value and specialty crops and range and pasture forage production.

3. Urges consideration of the impacts of non-resource related development on adjacent agricultural lands in any deliberations to modify or change the land use designation of lands currently protected as resource lands.

Summary

Supports protection of the state's viable grazing and vineyard lands by designating such land as exclusive farm-use zones. Considers value-added and specialty crops, range, and pasture forage production when determining land values. Considers the impact of development of adjacent agricultural lands, or applications to modify land use designations on land currently protected.

Proposed Action: Change status from active to inactive

Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution

Title: Adoption of Rules for Inland Rogue Water Quality Management Area

Number: 308

Effective Date:

Sub-Committee: Natural Resources

ODA Staff Contact: Stephanie Page

Next Review Date:

Date of Last Review/Revision:

Original Resolution Date: 12/06/2011

Board Chair:

Proposed Action: Change status from active to inactive

Background

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Oregon State Board of Agriculture is in concurrence with the Director's recommendation that the Department adopt the rule revisions as proposed for the Inland Rogue Agricultural Water Quality Management Area through meetings held between 2007 and 2010 and ensuing public comment period in July and August 2011.

Summary

Adoption of plan and rules for the Inland Rogue Water Quality Management Area.

Proposed Action: Change status from active to inactive