



# OACD NEWS

## November 2024



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### **Check out the OACD Conference Presentations on [OACD.ORG](https://www.oacd.org)**

- Conservation Districts Partnering with Health Care and Social Service Sectors Willamette SWCD
- Clackamas SWCD's Septic Repair and Replacement Program Clackamas SWCD
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- Natural and Working Lands Fund Updates – OWEB, ODA, ODFW, ODF
- ODA Ag Water Quality Program
- Collaborating with Tribes
- Wildfire Response, Recovery, Resiliency Panel
- Flow Restoration – A Brainstorming Session – ODFW & OWEB
- What is a TMDL and what does it mean for ODA SWCDs and Private Landowners



Hello Conservation Partners,

As I am sitting here writing this, I am still recovering from the OACD Annual Conference, it both exhausting and exhilarating putting on the conference. Exhausting because I spend the last weeks before the conference stressed out about attendance, presentations, venue logistics, and yes, just printing all those darn nametags. But more than exhausted, I am exhilarated from all the interesting and truly well-done presentations that all the speakers did, from how well our first stab at a Directors Roundtable went, and simply from getting to spend time with all of you!

If you were not able to join us, I really hope to see you next year. To get a taste of the quality of the presentations, check out the presentation on the [OACD Website](#).

It was also exciting to be able to share OACD's new Strategic Plan, check out the link to that on the home page at [OACD.org](#).

We are in the process of revising the website to make it a useful tool. If you have suggestions, or resources you think should be added to the site, please email them to me at [andkre.kreiner@oacd.org](mailto:andkre.kreiner@oacd.org).

Lastly, if your district has not yet done so, complete the OACD election ballot and return it to OACD by **November 29**. Each district can submit a ballot by mail or electronically representing the district's choices (one ballot per district). Director seats will be determined by the highest number of votes. Ballots will be tallied and results available by **December 12**.

**Positions:**

- **Northwest Oregon Region**. The list of districts eligible for this position are: Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Linn, Polk, Siuslaw, Tillamook, Upper Willamette, Yamhill.
- **Southern Oregon Region**. The list of districts eligible for that position are: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Ft. Rock – Silver Lake, Illinois Valley, Jackson, Klamath, Lakeview, Two Rivers, Umpqua.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to be the name "Andrea Kreiner". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "A" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Kreiner, OACD Executive Director  
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## COMING EVENTS

### Agency Meetings (all events are hybrid; see details at link to websites)

[Oregon Climate Action Commission](#) – Nov 12, Virtual

[Oregon Water Resources Commission](#) - December 12-13, Salem

[Oregon Board of Agriculture](#) – December 17-19, Newport

[Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission](#) – December 13, Salem

[Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission](#) – Dec 4-6, Salem

[OWEB DEI/EJ Committee](#) December 3

[OWEB Grants Committee](#) December 5

[OWEB Water & Climate Committee](#) December 11

### OACD Board Meeting

District participation and comments are encouraged.

**November 12, 9am-11am.** Zoom link [HERE](#).



[Registration](#) is now open! Don't let the opportunity fly by. Act now to get an early bird discounted rate.

All the details on registration can be found on the [Annual Meeting webpage](#).

If you are interested in some scholarship money to attend, contact Andrea at [andrea.kreiner@OACD.org](mailto:andrea.kreiner@OACD.org)!

### Integrated Water Resources Strategy Public Meeting

The State invites the public to provide feedback on the draft agency water priorities planned for inclusion in Draft 2 of the 2024 IWRS.

**When:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from 2–4 p.m.

**Where:** 725 Summer Street NE, Room 124A-B, Salem, Oregon 97301

If you wish to join virtually on Zoom, please register [here](#).

## Western Water Resilience Workshops Series: Empowering Ag Advisors to Partner with Small-Scale Growers

**When:** Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PST)

**Dates:** November 7th, 14th, 21st, December 5th

**Format:** Live, interactive, virtual workshop series on Zoom

[Register here](#)

Water access and management is becoming an increasingly complex challenge for small-scale growers. Through this series, you'll gain practical tools, strategies, and connections to better support growers through shared knowledge, innovative approaches, and collective problem-solving.

**Topics** for the 4-part series include:

- Beyond Barriers: Tailored water management solutions for small-scale growers
- Strengthening Grower Support Strategies: Integrating Economic Realities and Water Resilience
- From Expert to Coach: Empowering Growers through Key Coaching Strategies
- Collaborative partnership building and advocacy for equitable policies

Each session is designed to build upon the next and foster community. We understand that you may not be able to attend all four sessions—join as many as you can!

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## 2024 Oregon Interagency Noxious Weed Symposium.

**December 10 thru 12, 2024 at the LaSells Stewart Center, in Corvallis, Oregon.**

The Oregon Interagency Noxious Weed Symposium (OINWS) is a biennial event hosted by the Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Control Program to provide educational and networking opportunities for natural resource professionals working on invasive plant management in the Northwest.

**Symposium sessions will include:**

- Oregon State Weed Board Meeting
- Updates from other natural resource partners, federal agencies, and ODA Regional staff
- Updates on: chemical and pesticide application
- Research and techniques to help in future project planning
- What's new in: technology, climate change, and funding opportunities
- Awards reception to recognize outstanding individuals in the field

**Early Registration Fee: \$275.00, plus Eventbrite fee**

**Late Registration Fee after November 16: \$325.00 + Eventbrite \$23.65 Fee**

[Registration link](#)

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## Save the Date for the Oregon Soil Health Summit!

OrCAN invites you to take part in Oregon's first-ever Soil Health Summit: a gathering of Oregon's agricultural community to promote soil health for climate resilience.

**Wednesday January 22nd, 2025**

**OSU LaSells Stewart Center, Corvallis, OR**

Check the [Soil Health Summit website](#) for updates

## FUNDING RESOURCES

### Increase in Federal De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate to 15%

Effective October 1, 2024, the federal rules that set the allowable de minimis indirect rate have changed. The rate has increased from 10% to 15% for grantees who do not have a federally negotiated indirect cost rate. OWEB is working on updating its systems to implement this change at the beginning of 2025.



You will see the change in OWEB's online grant application system for applications solicited in the latter half of January 2025. If you have questions about the federal regulations for indirect costs, please refer to [2 CFR 200.414 \(f\)](#).

### Community Green Infrastructure Grants

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is now accepting applications for Community Green Infrastructure Grants. Learn how to apply and download program documents on our [website](#), including:

- [Call for Applications](#)
- [Application Template](#)
- [Consultation Form](#)

**The application window will close at 5:00 pm on December 2, 2024.**

#### **Consultation**

If you are applying for a Community Green Infrastructure Project or a Green Infrastructure Economic Development Project, then you will need to consult with the local government, electric utility, and water utility. These consultations will take time. We encourage you to start consultation immediately using the [consultation form](#).

### Drinking Water Source Protection Grants

OWEB is now accepting online applications for [Drinking Water Source Protection Grants](#). Eligible project types include:

- The acquisition of lands from willing sellers;
- Entering into covenants, easements, or similar agreements with willing landowners; or
- Repaying a loan used to finance a project as described in the above bullet points.

Public Water Suppliers are the only eligible applicants, but they can form a partnership with an eligible Holder other than a state agency ("Holder" is defined in [ORS 271.715](#); for example, a land trust or soil and water conservation district) to carry out the project. The program focuses on Water Suppliers that serve rural communities and/or lower-income populations but is not limited to these communities. To be eligible, Water Suppliers must have service populations at or below 25,000 users.

#### **Applications are due by 5 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024.**

Applications must be submitted using OWEB's [online grant application](#).

The OWEB Board plans to make grant awards at the April 2025 meeting.

Detailed application guidance is located [on the program's webpage](#).

Pre-application consultations are required. An [informational webinar](#) about the DWSP Grant Program is located on OWEB's YouTube channel.

If you have questions or want to schedule a pre-application consultation, please contact Audrey Squires, Drinking Water Source Protection Specialist, at [audrey.i.squires@oweb.oregon.gov](mailto:audrey.i.squires@oweb.oregon.gov).

## Pacific Marine Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership (PMEP)

PMEP will award an estimated \$250,000-\$350,000 in FY2026 for projects that advance its mission. Strong project proposals that request less than \$100,000 are preferred. PMEP is seeking project proposals that restore, enhance, and protect habitats for fish within estuarine and nearshore marine systems or that increase understanding of fish habitats in estuarine and nearshore habitats along the U.S. West Coast (Washington, Oregon, and California).

For nearshore-focused projects, priority will be given to assessment and restoration projects that address critical challenges to nearshore marine habitats, with a focus on habitats such as kelp forests, seagrass, rocky reefs, biogenic structure (native oysters, sand dollar beds, tube worm reefs), and intertidal and beach spawning habitat. Projects must also clearly identify benefit to fish species.

For estuary-focused projects, priority will be given to projects benefiting smaller estuarine systems defined as having an Estuary Size Class of 0-250 acres in the PMEP Estuary Explorer data tool <http://estuaries.pacificfishhabitat.org/explore>. However, worthy projects that benefit larger estuarine or nearshore systems will still be considered. Estuary projects must demonstrate benefits to PMEP focal species.

Find the full Request for Proposals and application instructions [HERE](#).

**Deadline for proposal submission is December 2, 2024.**

## Rooting Resilience Program

Provides funding and technical assistance to community-based projects that build resilience and enhance communities' abilities to plan and carry out forestry projects. This opportunity is available for projects located in federally designated disadvantaged communities, including urban, suburban, and rural communities in the United States and its territories. Special priority will be given to community-led groups that are seeking federal funding for the first time. Funding for this project is provided by the Inflation Reduction Act and the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program. <https://www.rivernetwork.org/rooting-resilience/>

## Private Forest Accord Grant Program

The second round of funding through the Private Forest Accord Grant Program is set to offer another \$10 million to support innovative projects that drive real change!

**Grant applications are accepted through Wednesday, November 13, at 11:59 p.m.**

You can explore the updated and streamlined application now by logging into the [Online Application System](#). Grant Guidelines [HERE](#).

## NACD and Scotts Miracle Gro are partnering to award the 2025 Friends of NACD District Grants Program

Now in its sixth round of funding, the Friends of NACD District Grants Program is an initiative of the NACD District and Partner Relations Committee. The 2025 program will award top-ranking applicants up to \$2,500 each to conduct new activities or test novel approaches to their operations. Past grantees have implemented projects that have helped to enhance their visibility within their communities, reach new clients, and grow their partnerships.

Requests for proposals are open from October 9 through November 30, 2024, and any questions about the grant can be directed to Caleb Griffin at [caleb-griffin@nacdnet.org](mailto:caleb-griffin@nacdnet.org).

Learn more about Friends of NACD and the District Grants Program and apply on [NACD's website](#). Consider becoming a member of the [Friends of NACD](#) network to further support this important grassroots effort!

## NEWS and OPPORTUNITIES



### Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission is recruiting for 3 commission seats

The Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission is recruiting for 3 commission seats representing the interests of Farmers and Ranchers, Fish and Wildlife, and Agricultural Water Quality. Commissioners serve 4-year terms, are recommended by the Board of Agriculture (for Farmers and Ranchers and Agricultural Water Quality seats) and the Fish and Wildlife Commission (for Fish and Wildlife seat) and are appointed by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). The term for each of these seats is from January 2025 through January 2029; commissioners are eligible to serve two consecutive terms.

#### How to apply to be on the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission:

- The [application](#) form is available on the [OAHF website](#).
- Applications may be emailed to Nicole Bettinardi at [nicole.bettinardi@oweb.oregon.gov](mailto:nicole.bettinardi@oweb.oregon.gov) or sent by mail. Mailed applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2024, to be considered for a position.
- The **application deadline is 5:00 pm on November 5, 2024.**

### Federal Funding List

The Governor's Natural Resource Office is working to collect summaries of partner efforts in applying for BIL and IRA funds specific to natural resource conservation and management. If you are interested in sharing summaries of your BIL/IRA grant applications and/or awards, please fill out the attached excel spreadsheet (regardless of whether your application was successful or not). The information will be used to showcase the diversity of partners, projects, and efforts across the state working to bring in BIL/IRA funding into Oregon. An interactive map is being developed to outreach Oregon's BIL/IRA application/project efforts and we would like to include yours as well! If interested, please complete the attached excel spreadsheet (instructions for the spreadsheet are located on the second tab) and return to [andrea.hanson@oregon.gov](mailto:andrea.hanson@oregon.gov).

Please feel free to forward this email and invite others to join the mailing list by sharing the following subscription link [https://omls.oregon.gov/mailman/listinfo/fed\\_funding\\_opps](https://omls.oregon.gov/mailman/listinfo/fed_funding_opps).

### DEQ Water Quality Standards – Triennial Review – Public Comment Period

DEQ is conducting a triennial review process to determine what water quality standards revisions DEQ should undertake over the next three years. The triennial review is a workplan that outlines the water quality standard projects DEQ will complete or initiate between 2025 and 2027. Information about the Triennial Review and the proposed 2024 Triennial Review Workplan may be found on the [Triennial Review webpage](#) and in the [Public Notice](#) document.

**Public comment will end 5 p.m. December 2, 2024.** Email: [triennialreview@deq.state.or.us](mailto:triennialreview@deq.state.or.us)

#### **Public Hearing: 4 p.m. Thursday, November 14, 2024.**

The hearing will be held by webinar and teleconference only. The public can provide comments during the hearing by video webinar or audio teleconference. Links to attend the hearing by webinar or teleconference are provided in the public notice.

#### **Additional Information**

To receive future information about the Triennial Review process, please sign up for the "Water Quality Standards" topic via [GovDelivery](#).

## Farm Succession Workshops

Oregon Ag Trust is excited to announce a workshop this fall featuring long time Ag consultant Dick Wittman at the Ag Complex at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on **November 19th and 20th**.

1. Day 1 is intended for farmers and ranchers, but service providers are certainly encouraged to attend as well. This all day workshop will help farm & ranch business owners work through solutions to common family business management and succession challenges. Workshop participants will gain insight on professionalizing business management or governance practices as well as preventing and reducing conflict in the family business. The cost to attend is \$100 with lunch provided.
2. Day 2 is a full day ag consultant training course for service providers. This workshop will help service providers implement consulting tools to better serve farm and ranch businesses as they work through the estate and succession planning process. It's designed for service providers who are advising farm and ranch business owners on transition planning, assisting clients in their business management practices and looking for strategies to prevent and reduce conflict in the family business. The cost to attend is \$300 with lunch provided. We are in the process of applying for continuing education credits for accounting for this course. We have obtained approval for 6.25 hours of continuing legal education credits.

Registration can be found at [www.oregonagtrust.org/workshop-registration](http://www.oregonagtrust.org/workshop-registration).

OAT has also been working on a guidebook for service providers working with customers on easements. It's all finished and published! The **Plan & Protect Guide for Service Providers**, along with our recently completed Stories from the Field video series about easements and succession planning can be located on our Resource page here: <https://www.oregonagtrust.org/resources>

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## Land Board approves 'precedent setting' plan to put Elliott State Forest in a carbon market

Oregon's leaders decided for the first time to dedicate an entire state forest to storing harmful greenhouse gases to combat climate change while generating revenue from selling carbon credits. Read the full article in the Capitol Insider [here](#).

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## DISTRICTS IN THE NEWS

### CHECK OUT THE LATEST NEWS STORIES FEATURING OUR SWCDS---

[Program in Gresham helps next-generation farmers plan for the future](#), KGW-TV

[Benton County Students explore salmon ecosystems](#), KVAL-TV

[Benton Students go outdoors to learn the importance of salmon hands-on](#), KEZI-TV

[Headwaters Farm incubator taking applications for 2025](#), Capitol Press

[It's not easy to become a farmer. This Oregon farm incubator seeks to change that](#), OPB

Do you have a story to share, please send it to [andrea.kreiner@OACD.org](mailto:andrea.kreiner@OACD.org)!





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