

Jefferson County Agricultural Drought Resiliency Group

ODFW Guest Speaker, update on Plan implementation
Thursday, February 22, 2023; noon-2pm (lunch provided)

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Video: <https://zoom.us/j/92491077755?pwd=THFvdjNEMnp1RStYmVgxTUNSSmFzZz09>

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Vision: Jefferson County agriculture will thrive by adapting successfully to drought, and will support its people, animals, economy, environment, and culture.

Group Mission: to help agriculture create a sustainable, livable future for Jefferson County by adapting successfully to drought with support from Deschutes Basin stakeholders. We promote innovative solutions to proactively improve watershed health and increase the effective management of water.

Role of Group: track and guide progress towards Vision and Mission

12:00 Introductions

- Any new folks?

12:10 Data

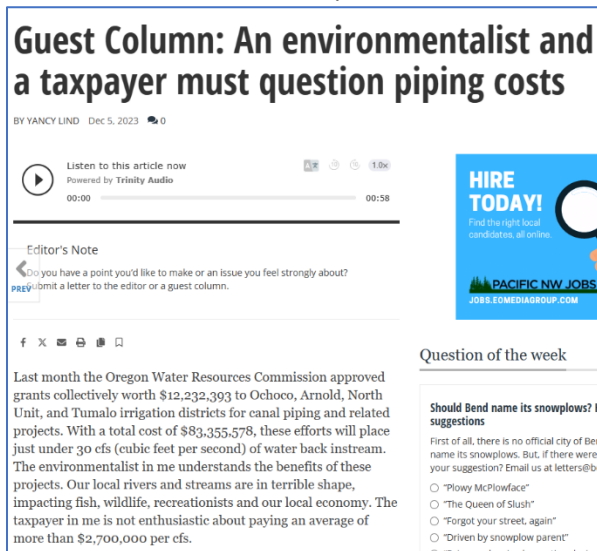
12:15 Guest Speaker: What the rivers need (Tim Porter, ODFW)

12:30 Workgroups

Note: added 'timeframe' and 'what depends on what' to Matrix, as suggested at last meeting.
Workgroups will work on their Tools in the Matrix

1. Water Availability
 - a. Current Focus Tools
 - i. Pumping from LBC
 - ii. Piping Upper Basin IDs
 - iii. Piping NUID
 - b. Other
2. Croplands
 - a. Current Focus Tools
 - i. Diversify crops
 - ii. Increase irrigation efficiency
 - iii. Cover cropping
 - b. Other
3. Ranchlands
 - a. Current Focus Tools

- i. Bundling juniper control with reseeding, weed control, and periodic burning
 - 1. Project mapping status
 - ii. Targeted grazing to increase forage
 - iii. Vegetated streambanks
 - 1. Working on how to assess conditions
 - iv. Reconnecting streams to floodplains
 - b. Other
- 4. Agrivoltaics
 - a. Flyer
- 5. General Public Outreach
 - a. Current Focus Tools
 - i. Videos
 - 1. 6-minute: vimeo.com/back40media/jcswcd
 - 2. 2 3-minutes: vimeo.com/back40media/jcswcd2 & vimeo.com/back40media/jcswcd3
 - 3. 5 1-minute proposed videos:
 - a. Food and Food Production, Sports, Wildflowers & Native Land Restoration, Families & Communities; Piping to resolve high losses in conveyance systems, River Stewardship
 - ii. Logo
 - iii. Flyer
 - iv. Responses to misinformation in the media



We will all benefit from restoring our rivers, but the way we are paying for it is primarily a subsidy for private interests. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, most irrigators in Central Oregon are hobby farmers having less than \$10,000 a year in revenue (not profit) and who often lose money on operations. This is true in all three Central Oregon counties: Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson. We are spending, and will continue to spend, massive sums of money mostly to support hobbies.

b. Other

10:00 Moving Forward

- 1. Funding update: no change, still charging to ODA's general AgWQ funding to SWCDs.
- 2. Drought Plan available at: www.jeffswcd.org/managing-for-drought

9:15 Next Group Meeting (May)

- 1. Schedule date/time?

2. Location?
3. Guest speaker = ??