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Tuesday, March 31	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	RIVERSIDE A	A Temperature Tale of Two Streams in Eastern and Western Oregon	Derek	Godwin	Carlos Ochoa	Elevated stream temperature is the most common factor degrading water quality for aquatic health in Oregon watersheds. Streams with limited cool-water refugia in summer can be detrimental to	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Tuesday, March 31	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	RIVERSIDE B	Innovative Pathways to Cost Savings for Oregon Businesses and Producers	Jackie	Solomon	Brad Moore	Agricultural producers and rural small business owners across Oregon face growing pressure from rising energy costs, limited water availability, and the need to keep working lands productive and	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock, Karin Stutzman
Tuesday, March 31	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	SEASIDE A	Collaborative Systems for Landowner Outreach and Opportunity Tracking	Ian	Appow	Penny Feltner	In this interactive session, participants will explore the uses, benefits, and shortcomings of landowner intake and opportunity-tracking processes for conservation and restoration on private and	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Tuesday, March 31	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	SEASIDE B	A Land Trust Legacy, 25 Years in the Making	Amie	Loop-Frison	Andy Bleckinger	Yamhill SWCD's Protected Lands Program has successfully safeguarded nearly 3,500 acres of habitat and farmland, but its ability to fully steward these lands has been limited by restricted funding	Conservation in Uplands	Cynthia Warnock
Tuesday, March 31	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	SEASIDE C	The Organizational Ecology of a Long-term Working Partnership	Robbie	Lascheck	Liesl Coleman	Forming partnerships can be hard, and maintaining a partnership in an ever-evolving landscape can be even harder. The Curry Watersheds Partnership (CWP) on the south coast is a formal partnership	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Tuesday, March 31	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	RIVERSIDE A	Tualatin Basin Partnership – Using Watershed Planning Tools to Piece Together Complex Partnerships for Complex Projects	Aaron	Shaw	N/A	Tualatin SWCD and partners have engaged in watershed scale riparian ecosystem conservation and restoration along the Tualatin River and its tributaries in Washington County since 2005.	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Tuesday, March 31	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	RIVERSIDE B	A Total Maximum Daily Load Is Coming to My Area. What does that Mean and How Can Others Participate?	Kevin	Fenn	N/A	DEQ has a schedule of issuing multiple TMDL's across most of the State. Agriculture is one of the top industries affected, with expectations that the Oregon Department of Agriculture develop a plan	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock, Karin Stutzman
Tuesday, March 31	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	SEASIDE A	Centering Equity: the New Sandy River Watershed Council	Roy	Iwai	Dr Leslie King	The new Sandy River Watershed Council formed as an equity-centered organization following a multi-year process of community engagement. Through an online public survey and a series of	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Tuesday, March 31	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	SEASIDE B	Nutrient Management Planning Tool (nmpt)	Brude	Wilson	Tom Thompson	Improper applications of inorganic and organic forms of nitrogen and phosphorus on agricultural fields can lead to pollution of surface and ground water sources from excesses	Conservation in Uplands	Cynthia Warnock
Tuesday, March 31	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	SEASIDE C	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (oweb) Grant Management Software (ogms) of the Future: Hopes, Dreams and Realities	Cyrus	Curry	N/A	Connecting with users on new and future web application features. The session will be led by OWEB's Software Engineer demonstrating new and conceptual OGMS functionality. The session	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Tuesday, March 31	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	RIVERSIDE B	Designing Conservation Outcomes in Working forestlands Through Public-private Partnerships.	Daniel	Wear	Kevin Brown,	Public-private partnerships are vital for maintaining resilient forests that support working lands, local economies, community priorities, and ecological outcomes.	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock, Karin Stutzman
Tuesday, March 31	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	SEASIDE A	Salmon Watch: Insights from a Decade of Collaborative Outreach	Beth	Boos	N/A	Salmon Watch has been a meaningful environmental outreach program in the Rogue Valley since it began in 2003. Since taking the lead on program coordination in 2014, the Rogue Valley	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Wednesday, April 1	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	SEASIDE C	Oweb Capacity Investments: Pre-rulemaking Engagement	Eric	Williams	Brian Wolcott, Water Acquisition and Capacity Grant Program Coordinator	For many years, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board has invested in watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts to support their watershed enhancement work. Capacity funds are	PLENARY (SWCD & WC)	-----
Wednesday, April 1	8:30 AM - 9:30AM	SEASIDE A	Sharing Your Story: Unlocking Earned Media Public Relation Potential	Eric	Steen	N/A	The Oregon Conservation Partnership offers a free service to help SWCDs and WCs gain media exposure. Whether you want to use this resource or navigate PR on your own, this workshop will	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Wednesday, April 1	9:05 AM - 10:05 AM	RIVERSIDE A	Using Remote Sensing Technologies to Communicate Restoration Impact and Effectiveness and Identify Restoration Opportunities at Varying Spatial Scales	Ken	Fetcho	Herb Winters, Kris Knight	Wildfires and floods are recurring disturbances that significantly impact watershed health and restoration priorities across Oregon. This presentation highlights how the Upper Deschutes	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon

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Wednesday, April 1	9:05 AM - 10:05 AM	RIVERSIDE B	To a Decade and Beyond: Long Term Temperature Monitoring Data Guiding Restoration	Jack	Fretters	N/A	Long-term stream temperature monitoring can be a foundational tool for understanding habitat limitations and guiding restoration, yet watershed councils often face real-world constraints	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock, Karin Stutzman
Wednesday, April 1	9:05 AM - 10:05 AM	SEASIDE B	Mt. Hood Lolo Pass Invasive Hawkweed: a Catalyst for Large-scale Collaboration on the Forest	Beth	Myers-Shenai	Brendan Fordyce	Highly invasive meadow and orange hawkweeds were first found in 1998 by the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture in the Bonneville Power Administration power line corridor that runs through the Lolo Pass	Conservation in Uplands	Cynthia Warnock
Wednesday, April 1	9:05 AM - 10:05 AM	SEASIDE C	Part 1 of 2: One Spreadsheet to Budget Them All	Andy	Bleckinger	N/A	Embark on a budgeting journey with Yamhill SWCD, as we bring peace and prosperity to the realm of budgets. Much like the One Ring, this legendary	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Wednesday, April 1	9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	SEASIDE A	Voices from the Land: Conservation Stories That Inspire Action	Morgan	Neil	Eric Steen	Join us for a watch party featuring a new conservation video series created through a partnership between OCEAN, NRCS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and talented	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Wednesday, April 1	10:20 AM - 11:20 AM	RIVERSIDE A	Protecting Habitat and Homes: Synthesizing Flood Protection and Natural Floodplain Functions in Umatilla County	Kyle	Waggoner	N/A	Kyle Waggoner, District Manager for Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District, will present the approach that Umatilla County took towards flood recovery in the wake of the 2019	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Wednesday, April 1	10:20 AM - 11:20 AM	RIVERSIDE B	Success Stories: How Strategic Implementation Areas Can Complement Your Funding Pipeline	Victoria	Binning	N/A	For the past 10 years, Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been collaborating with the Oregon Department of Agriculture on the Strategic Implementation Area initiative. Initially created to	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock, Karin Stutzman
Wednesday, April 1	10:20 AM - 11:20 AM	SEASIDE B	Effectiveness Monitoring of Upland Restoration Practices in Eastern Oregon	Ken	Fetcho	Fara Brummer, Carlos Ochoa	Two case studies will be presented from Eastern Oregon. The Fort Rock/Silver Lake Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), in collaboration with Oregon State University (OSU), will highlight their	Conservation in Uplands	Cynthia Warnock
Wednesday, April 1	10:20 AM - 11:20 AM	SEASIDE C	Part 2 of 2: the Return of the Budget: Quickbooks Reclaimed	Andy	Bleckinger	N/A	In this epic session, Yamhill SWCD shares how it brings together the One Spreadsheet and QuickBooks Online to create one unified, powerful financial system. Learn how to use QuickBooks	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Wednesday, April 1	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SEASIDE A	From Project to Public Support: Designing Communication That Connects Science and Communities	Natasha	Caffey-Laidlaw	N/A	There is no single "public" audience for conservation work. Communities are made up of many different groups, each bringing their own perspectives, priorities, and levels of familiarity,	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Wednesday, April 1	11:35 AM - 12:35 PM	RIVERSIDE A	From Process to Persistence: Prioritizing Beaver Support at Watershed Scale in Thirtymile Creek	Reese	Mercer	Herb Winters and Roger Lathrop, Giliam SWCD	With limited field capacity and restoration dollars, watershed-scale beaver recovery depends on knowing where investments are most likely to persist. This joint presentation from Herb Winters	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Wednesday, April 1	11:35 AM - 12:35 PM	RIVERSIDE B	Is it Time to Modernize Our Riparian Buffer Incentive Paradigm?	Patrick	Lizon	N/A	Riparian buffers are fundamental to water quality protection and aquatic ecosystem conservation. Riparian buffer implementation, however, remains challenging to incentivize on agricultural lands,	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock
Wednesday, April 1	11:35 AM - 12:35 PM	SEASIDE B	Cut Irrigation Pumping Costs with Proven Energy Solutions	Brad	Moore	N/A	Many irrigation systems are quietly wasting energy – and money. This session highlights practical, field-tested strategies to reduce pumping costs, starting with technical resources like site visits and	Conservation in Uplands	Cynthia Warnock
Wednesday, April 1	11:35 AM - 12:35 PM	SEASIDE C	Leading from the Inside Out: a Different Perspective on Resilience, Leadership, and Organizational Capacity	Denise	Lofman	N/A	Across sectors, organizations and leaders are being asked to navigate increasing complexity, uncertainty, and pace. Organizational development has often responded by adding new competencies, frameworks, or performance expectations. While well intentioned, this can overlook the inner	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Wednesday, April 1	1:55 PM - 2:55 PM	RIVERSIDE A	Mitigating Oregon Ash Die-off Through Underplanting Trees on Tualatin Swcd Revegetation Projects: Strategies and Lessons-learned	Trevor	Norman	Eli Staggs	Tualatin SWCD manages over 1,100 acres of riparian habitat on private lands throughout the Tualatin River Watershed . Among the numerous ecological functions these projects provide,	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Wednesday, April 1	1:55 PM - 2:55 PM	RIVERSIDE B	Demonstration of Integrated Production Database and Decision Support Tool	Shannon	Cappellazzi	N/A	The Oregon State University Organic Agriculture Program (OSU OAP) is working to recruit producers and technical assistants (TAs) to test and train a comprehensive agricultural data management	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock, Karin Stutzman

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Wednesday, April 1	1:55 PM - 2:55 PM	SEASIDE C	Effective Boards: Managing Board Relationships, Expectations, Conduct, and Conflicts	Eric	Nusbaum	N/A	An updated version of the popular presentation from 2024. This session will look at how boards can be structured to work efficiently and cooperatively with each other, their managers, and	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Wednesday, April 1	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	RIVERSIDE A	Together for Drinking Water - Building Local Partnerships to Protect Drinking Water Sources	Alyssa	Leidel	Mark McLaughlin	Building strong partnerships and engaging communities are essential to safeguarding drinking water sources. This presentation will explore effective strategies for identifying, engaging, and	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Wednesday, April 1	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	SAND DOLLAR A - B	CONNECT+ Book Club: Is a River Alive? by Robert Macfarlane	Eric	Butler		For the inaugural edition of the CONNECT+ Book Club, we'll read and discuss Robert Macfarlane's fascinating, beautifully written, and valuably provocative new book examining the legal, moral,	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Wednesday, April 1	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	SEASIDE B	Advancing Native Seed Availability in Oregon	Kathryn	Salter	Kathryn Prive	The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Natural and Working Lands Program, in collaboration with other state agencies and conservation partners, is working to advance native	Conservation in Uplands	Cynthia Warnock
Thursday, April 2	8:30 AM - 10:45 AM	SEASIDE C	Working with NRCS: Four Pathways to Leveraging NRCS Resources for Your Community	Claire	Tachella	N/A	There are four ways to formally work with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): agreements, conservation planner certification, obtaining job approval authority, and becoming a	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Thursday, April 2	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	SEASIDE A	Telling the Restoration Story at Coyote Creek South and Beyond	Amanda	Reinholtz	Darian Lightfoot	As a watershed council, we are often too busy doing the hard work of habitat restoration to take the time to publicly celebrate and effectively communicate the depth and breadth of the work	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Thursday, April 2	8:30 AM - 9:30AM	RIVERSIDE A	Using Processed Based Stream Restoration to Address Unregulated Public Use on Critical Fish and Wildlife Habitat on the Upper Clackamas River.	Isaac	Sanders	N/A	In 2017 the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) acquired the Austin Hot Springs Conservation Area—a 150-acre property along the upper Clackamas River in northwest Oregon. The	Waterway and Riparian Protection Management	Zac Mallon
Thursday, April 2	8:30 AM - 9:30AM	RIVERSIDE B	Cover Crop Species Selector: a User-friendly Tool for Improved Decision Making	Nick	Andrews	Nate Stacey	The benefits of cover crops are widely touted, but many farmers, landowners, and service providers lack the experience or expertise to confidently choose or recommend specific cover crops. The	Working Lands Conservation	Cynthia Warnock, Karin Stutzman
Thursday, April 2	8:30 AM - 9:30AM	SEASIDE B	Mini Grants & Habitat Kits: Supporting Community-Wide Conservation in Clackamas County	Suzi	Cloutier	Drew Donovan	The Mini Grants and Habitat Kits program, led by the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, advances the District's mission to conserve and protect soil and water resources throughout	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Thursday, April 2	9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	SEASIDE A	Where People and Rivers Meet: Community-driven Riparian Restoration.	Hannah	Wuerfel	N/A	Riparian areas in the East Cascades and Blue Mountains face increasing pressure from wildfire, drought, invasive species, and the legacy of past land use. Because more than half of streams flow	Communications and Community Engagement	Amy Barton, Morgan Neil, Alexa Schmidt
Thursday, April 2	9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	SEASIDE B	Navigating Funding Uncertainty Together	Ariana	Scipioni	Gwendoline Van Doosselaere.	Conservation organizations across Oregon have experienced multiple waves of federal funding disruptions throughout 2025. In September 2025, the Department of Interior canceled 79 grants to	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad
Thursday, April 2	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SEASIDE B	Supporting Forestry Education: OFRI Resources for Landowners, Educators, and Partners	Julie	Woodward	N/A	The Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) works to advance Oregonians' understanding of the environmental, social, and economic benefits of forests. This presentation will provide a high-level	SPONSORED CONCURRENT TALK	-----
Thursday, April 2	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SEASIDE C	The Living Employee Handbook: Consistency, Compliance, and Calm	Laurie	Grenya	N/A	Employee handbooks are not "one-and-done." In mission-driven organizations, a stale handbook quietly creates risk: inconsistent decisions, surprised employees, and supervisors making	Organizational Administration & Fund Development	Karin Stutzman, Jill Smedstad