

# WATER LEAGUE

*Engaging the public  
in water stewardship.*

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To:  
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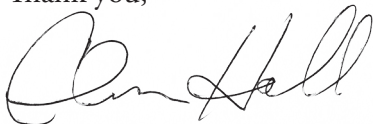
**Executive Director**  
Christopher Hall

Water League enthusiastically supports Governor Tina Kotek's appointment of Ivan Gall as the Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department. We are familiar with the job required of the position, including these qualifications Governor Kotek articulated:

- Demonstrating the courage to make difficult decisions, challenge the status quo, and take calculated risks in advancing water resource management;
- Strong ability to collaborate and work effectively with diverse stakeholders, both within and outside the organization to build productive relationships and achieve OWRD's mission;
- Strategic vision for addressing water issues in Oregon, focusing on innovation, sustainability, and forward-looking solutions.

From our experience, Ivan has been accountable, reasonable, and fair. Water League has not agreed with every position or act Ivan has taken in the positions he has held at OWRD over the past few years since we have been in business; however, we would never expect anyone to consistently align with our views no matter how right we think we are. We urge you to confirm Ivan Gall and give him the legislative tools he needs to care for the most vital substance animating life, water.

Thank you,



Christopher Hall  
Executive Director