

**HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE,
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WATER**

November 7, 2023
02:30 PM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ken Helm, Chair
Rep. Annessa Hartman, Vice-Chair
Rep. Mark Owens, Vice-Chair
Rep. Court Boice
Rep. Mark Gamba
Rep. Pam Marsh
Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Anna Scharf

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: Rep. Bobby Levy

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst
Sean Murphy, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES: Tree Mortality Related to Disease and Pest Impacts –
Informational Meeting
Agricultural Heritage Program – Informational Meeting
Oregon Water Resources Department Groundwater Allocation
Process Updates – Informational Meeting

00:00:18 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:19 Chair Helm

00:01:22 [Tree Mortality Related to Disease and Pest Impacts - Informational Meeting](#)

00:01:23 Chair Helm

00:02:07 Josh Barnard, Division Chief, Forest Resources Division, Oregon
Department of Forestry

00:02:26 Christine Buhl, Forest Entomologist, Oregon Department of Forestry

00:15:48 Rep. Boice

00:17:13 Rep. Marsh

00:19:26 Rep. Gamba

00:21:05 Rep. McLain

00:25:00 Rep. Scharf

00:27:20 **Agricultural Heritage Program - Informational Meeting**
00:27:21 Chair Helm
00:28:31 Kelley Beamer, Executive Director, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts
00:32:21 Stephanie Page, Deputy Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
00:36:11 Natasha Bellis, Conservation Director, Deschutes Land Trust
00:38:53 Sarahlee Lawrence, grant recipient; Owner/Operator, Rainshadow Organics, Pitchfork T Ranch, Long Hollow Ranch
00:41:34 Jim Wood, rancher, grant recipient, Crook County
00:50:48 Vice-Chair Hartman
00:54:35 Rep. McLain
00:57:38 Rep. Gamba

00:59:22 **Oregon Water Resources Department Groundwater Allocation Process Updates - Informational Meeting**
00:59:23 Chair Helm
01:00:41 Doug Woodcock, Acting Director, Oregon Water Resources Department
01:04:34 Justin Iverson, Manager, Groundwater Section, Oregon Water Resources Department
01:27:26 Annette Liebe, Administrator, Technical Services Division, Oregon Water Resources Department
01:28:42 Chris Marks, Water Policy Analyst, Department of Natural Resources, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
01:35:13 Lauren Poor, Vice President, Government & Legal Affairs, Oregon Farm Bureau
01:40:00 Steve Shropshire, Policy Counsel, Oregon Association of Nurseries
01:45:34 Zach Freed, Sustainable Water Program Director, The Nature Conservancy
01:51:04 Lisa Brown, Staff Attorney, WaterWatch of Oregon
01:56:06 Karen Lewotsky, Rural Partnerships & Water Policy Director, Oregon Environmental Council
02:01:16 Kate Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, Deschutes River Conservancy
02:05:41 Laurie O'Connor, domestic well user, Harney County
02:13:10 Michael Preedin, Mayor, City of Sisters; Chair, Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO)
02:20:25 Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon
02:26:12 Rep. McLain
02:27:22 Rep. Gamba
02:28:11 Rep. Scharf
02:29:05 Vice-Chair Owens
02:30:39 Rep. Marsh
02:31:54 Meeting Adjourned