



TUALATIN VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Chair Jeff Golden
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900 Court St. NE
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RE: Testimony in opposition to House Bill 3464

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Levy and Levy,

Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID) is a special government district operated under ORS 545. TVID is responsible for irrigation water delivery for up to 17,000 acres in the Tualatin Basin. Some of the crops irrigated in our district include nursery stock, berries, corn, grass for seed, and vegetables. TVID also delivers water for irrigation of several golf courses.

TVID in opposition to HB 3464. Beaver activity within our district regularly disrupts irrigation water delivery to our patrons by blocking natural stream flows which function as conduits for water delivery. In addition, beaver activity regularly backs up water throughout our system, restricting access to pump sites and flooding agricultural lands. This prohibits our patrons from being able to irrigate crops on a regular schedule. Without sufficient and timely irrigation water delivery, our patrons could potentially suffer crop loss, which in turn could inflict harmful financial repercussions.

Beavers are an important species and serve a critical role in ecosystem function. However, when instances arise where beaver activity may contribute to the disruption of economic drivers within a region, the State needs to preserve individuals' rights to protect their properties and livelihoods. HB 3464 would not guarantee an individual be able to mitigate potential damages and losses without facing possible legal ramifications. Therefore TVID must object to the language presented in HB 3464 for concerns of maintaining our patrons' rights to protect their properties and livelihoods.

Sincerely,

Bobby Nuvolini
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Tualatin Valley Irrigation District