EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-25

ACCELERATING WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN ADVANCE OF ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon recognizes the critical role of clean energy development in advancing community resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions while promoting a diverse and inclusive economy; and

WHEREAS, demand for clean electricity is rising rapidly across the region, and development of solar and wind energy facilities in Oregon aligns with the state's goals and values by producing clean and affordable electricity, supporting jobs and economic growth, generating property tax revenue for local communities, and advancing progress towards Oregon's clean energy and climate goals; and

WHEREAS, federal clean energy production and investment tax credits reduce the development costs of solar and wind energy projects; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration is taking multiple actions to impede development of renewable solar and wind energy resources, driving up electricity costs and constraining economic development; and

WHEREAS, the federal budget reconciliation bill adopted by Congress eliminated the clean electricity production and investment tax credits for solar and wind projects that begin construction after July 4, 2026 and are placed into service after December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, if wind or solar energy projects cannot meet the tax credit deadlines, it will mean lost property tax revenues for Oregon communities and lost construction jobs in 2026 and 2027 and could lead to increases in electricity rates and setbacks to Oregon's climate goals; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is needed to help shovel-ready renewable solar and wind energy projects utilize soon-to-be-terminated federal clean energy production and incentive tax credits; and

WHEREAS, temporary changes must be made to Oregon's energy siting and permitting processes to position shovel-ready solar and wind projects to begin construction by July 4, 2026 and demonstrate compliance with federal requirements for clean energy tax credits.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. **Directives for Expediting Executive Branch Agency Siting and Permitting Processes.**
    - Executive branch agencies identified by this Order are directed to take any and all steps necessary and authorized by existing statutes to accelerate and prioritize siting and permitting reviews, approvals, and processes necessary to expedite the permitting and development of solar and wind energy projects in Oregon that seek to qualify for federal clean energy tax credits that require construction to commence by July 4, 2026 and impose a four-year deadline for projects to be placed into service.
    - Agencies or their respective boards or commissions shall exercise discretionary authority up to and including adoption of temporary emergency rules to carry out the directives described in this Order.
    - These directives apply to the following state agencies and boards and commissions:
        - Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Land Conservation and Development Commission;
        - Department of Energy and the Energy Facility Siting Council;
        - Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Quality Commission;
        - Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Wildlife Commission;
        - Department of Forestry and the Board of Forestry;
        - Department of State Lands and the Land Board;
        - Department of Transportation and the Oregon Transportation Commission;
        - Public Utility Commission; and
        - State Historic Preservation Office.

2. **Specific Directives to the Oregon Department of Energy and the Energy Facility Siting Council.**
    - Consult with solar and wind projects seeking state siting approvals that demonstrate the need to begin construction by July 4, 2026, to be eligible for federal tax credits. For those projects, identify process changes within existing statutory authority that, if implemented, would be of greatest assistance to meeting the deadline for federal tax credits and determine the feasibility of making those changes consistent with this Order.

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- Where applicable, forego consultation with or review by federal agencies unless required by Oregon state statute.
- Prioritize siting approval processes for projects that must commence construction by the federal deadline on July 4, 2026, and accelerate permit reviews and processes, including but not limited to contracting third party expertise to process applications at additional cost to the applicant. The highest priority should be given to projects that have secured power purchase agreements to serve electricity customers in Oregon, have secured interconnection agreements, and can demonstrate the project will provide benefits to Oregon ratepayers.
- As necessary, schedule additional Council meetings to expedite application reviews and site certificate approvals.
- The Director of the Oregon Department of Energy and the Energy Siting Council shall exercise the enforcement discretion granted under ORS 469.992 to waive civil penalties for any solar or wind energy project that meets the following criteria:
    - The applicant has submitted a complete application for a site certificate and begins construction prior to July 5, 2026, for the purpose of meeting the Physical Work Test described in IRS Notice 2025-42 to qualify for the federal clean energy investment or production tax credit;
    - The applicant demonstrates financial assurance as required by OAR 345-022-0050 by supplying a letter of credit prior to commencing construction on the facility, in a form approved by Council in December 2024, naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as the beneficiary or payee. The letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list upon submission of a site certificate application, and in an amount totaling no less than $150,000 per megawatt of aggregate generating and storage capacity specified in the site certificate application;
    - Violation of existing statutory or rule provisions must be limited to the minimum disturbance necessary to satisfy the Physical Work Test prior to July 4, 2026; and
    - In meeting the Physical Work Test, the applicant must avoid all natural, historical, archeological, and cultural resources identified in the application or by agencies reviewing the preliminary application.

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Civil penalties may be waived for up to four years.

Nothing in this Order exempts a solar or wind facility from complying with the energy facility siting standards established under Chapter 345 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. This Order does not limit or affect the Department's or the Council's discretion to issue civil penalties for violations unrelated to the scope and intent of this Order.

3. **Specific Directives to the Public Utility Commission.**
   - To the extent practicable, accelerate Request for Proposal timelines and support expedited public utility procurement of clean energy resources.
   - Commission Staff shall propose for the Commission's adoption provisions of House Bill 2065 (2025) that if applied will allow use of interconnection studies conducted by third parties to solar or wind projects subject to this Order.

4. This Order is effective as of 8:00 a.m. on October 6th ,2025 and shall remain in effect until July 4, 2030.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 6th day of October, 2025.

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-26

DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO PROMOTE THE RESILIENCE OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL AND WORKING LANDS AND WATERS

WHEREAS, the lands and waters that comprise the State of Oregon have supported people since time immemorial, contributing to clean air and water, food, fiber and shelter, rich biodiversity and ecosystems, recreation, livelihoods, and enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Oregon is at an inflection point as changing climate and ocean conditions are impacting Oregon's landscapes, waters, communities, and local economies with increased temperatures, warming surface waters, changing precipitation patterns, reduced snowpack, hotter and drier summers, sea-level rise, diminishing water supplies, habitat constraints to iconic species, and more frequent and damaging wildfires and extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's natural and working lands and waters — including forests, grasslands, rangelands, farmlands, wetlands, rivers, lakes and coastal and marine waters, and the parks and open spaces in urban environments — provide a range of environmental, social, health, and economic benefits statewide, including opportunities to increase carbon sequestration to help address climate change; and

WHEREAS, Oregon can realize the promise and power of our natural and working lands and waters through proactive policies and actions that facilitate the management of natural landscapes and waterways in a way that enhances their ability to withstand and recover from climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, the effects of our changing climate are resulting in direct health impacts from heat and wildfire smoke; damage to and often destruction of homes, businesses, and working landscapes; and economic losses across multiple sectors of the State's natural resource economy; and

WHEREAS, communities have the knowledge, ability, and desire to participate in climate solutions and increase local disaster resilience through collaborative planning and action in partnership with state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Legislature established a definition of climate resilience in House Bill 3409 (2023) as "the capability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to and recover from significant climate-related threats while minimizing damage to social wellbeing, the economy and ecosystem functions"; and

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WHEREAS, meeting Oregon's resilience goals at scale requires bringing everyone together —Tribes, landowners, communities, business, and government — in partnership to support our lands, waters, and communities; and

WHEREAS, meeting Oregon's resilience goals requires a coordinated, outcome-focused effort to implement actions that will meaningfully mitigate and adapt the State's lands and waters to the increasing pace and scale of impacts from the changing climate, so they continue to contribute to the social, environmental, and economic well-being of Oregonians.

NOW IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED THAT AGENCIES SHALL FURTHER THE ACTIONS IDENTIFIED BELOW.

I. FOSTER RESILIENT LANDS, WATERS AND COMMUNITIES

1. **Define Key Resilience Attributes for Land and Waters.** Agencies shall use existing plans and strategies and the best available science to define key resilience attributes appropriate for Oregon with the goal of identifying characteristics of lands and water that are: (1) currently resilient to impacts from climate change and therefore able to deliver multiple benefits that are likely to persist under future climate conditions; or, (2) capable of achieving multiple benefits of high resilience in the face of changing conditions if supported by focused actions that promote restoration, enhancement or reconnection of those lands and/or waters.

    a. The Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board ("OWEB") will partner with the Director of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ("ODFW") (collectively "Lead Agencies") to lead a natural resource interagency team to undertake the work associated with development of resilience attributes anticipated by Section 1, including determining baseline conditions against which progress will be measured. The Lead Agencies shall collaborate closely with the Director of the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), who oversees the Natural and Working Lands Program, to ensure consistency across efforts.

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2. **Keep Oregon's Working Lands and Waters Working.**

   a. Executive branch agencies identified in Section II of this Order ("Agencies") are directed to utilize the resilience attributes along with other relevant information to identify and improve programs, processes, and practices that protect and promote stewardship of working lands and waters to adapt to impacts from a changing climate. These include but are not limited to the following:

      i. Existing programs, tools and incentives that support the stewardship of working lands and waters in order to provide more diverse agricultural, forest and ocean-reliant products while also supporting co-benefits such as clean water, healthy soils and improved resilience to changing climate conditions.

      ii. Partnerships to increase the pace and scale of adoption of sustainable stewardship and climate resilient practices by landowners including federal, local and tribal governments, businesses, non-profit organizations and private citizens.

      iii. Application and review processes for grantmaking, loan, and financing programs to improve partner engagement on resilience projects including exploration of opportunities to leverage and expand access to capital and administrative capacity through partnership with third party service providers.

      iv. Permitting processes for restoration projects on working lands and waters.

   b. The Department of State Lands, Department of Land and Conservation Development and Department of Fish and Wildlife, shall work with the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust and Oregon Sea Grant to evaluate opportunities to support long-term resilience of nearshore resources in Oregon, and incentivize and promote globally competitive ocean-reliant products derived through sustainable practices.

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3. **Conserve Natural Lands and Waters to Act as Resilience Anchors in the Face of Climate Change Impacts.**

   a. **Ten Percent in Ten Years.** Agencies are directed to protect, conserve, connect or restore ten percent of lands and waters in Oregon within ten years as compared to baseline conditions established for 2025.

   b. **Prioritize Key Lands and Waters.** Agencies subject to this Order will utilize resilience attributes developed in Section I (1) to prioritize implementation of programs, policies and projects seeking to advance protection, conservation, restoration, or connection of lands and waters in support of the goal of ten percent in ten years. Durability and effectiveness of actions to conserve, protect, restore, or connect lands and waters must be considered in determining whether proposed actions further this directive. Agencies shall seek to maximize implementation of actions with co-benefits such as increased carbon sequestration and biodiversity, improved community health and cultural well-being, enhanced ecosystem health, and/or reduced fire and flood risk.

   c. **Develop Innovative Mitigation Solutions.** The natural resources inter-agency team established in Section II (3) of this Order shall collaborate with Business Oregon as appropriate to explore innovative mitigation tools to support the long-term protection and resilience of land and waters that contain key resilience attributes while ensuring that the economic benefits of mitigation investments support local communities. Consideration shall be given but not be limited to the following potential solutions:

      i. Advanced Mitigation Banks: which proactively conserve or restore ecological values in anticipation of future development impacts; and
      ii. In-Lieu Fee Programs: which allow project developers to meet mitigation obligations by paying into a state-managed or authorized fund used for strategic conservation, restoration, and landscape resilience projects.
      iii. These programs must be designed to:

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1. Maximize ecological outcomes aligned with the protection of lands and waters with key resilience attributes.
2. Retain mitigation revenue within Oregon, ensuring that funds support in-state projects.
3. Allow for creative mitigation portfolios that ensure "no net loss" of lands and waters with key resilience attributes while supporting "net benefit" programs and organizations that protect lands and waters from catastrophic wildfire and/or flooding.
4. Benefit Oregon's agricultural families and rural communities through partnerships with local landowners, land trusts, and conservation districts.
5. Create durable and locally beneficial conservation outcomes through transparent governance, science-based site selection, and robust monitoring/accountability requirements
6. Leverage private investment and market-based tools in ways that complement existing public funding and programs.

4. **Lead by Example: State-Owned and Managed Lands and Waters.** Agencies subject to this Executive Order that own or manage lands or waters (including, but not limited to, those identified below) are directed to develop and implement strategies to enhance climate resilience as a co-benefit of current management objectives and to ensure present and future impacts of climate change are explicitly considered in planning for the management of those lands and waters.

   i. State Parks
   ii. State Forests, including the Elliott State Research Forest
   iii. State Wildlife Management Areas
   iv. State Fish Hatcheries
   v. State-Owned Properties/Lands (including Trust lands) not principally owned, operated, or managed in support of structures, offices, or facilities serving state agency programs.
   vi. State Held Conservation Easements and/or Leases
   vii. State owned submerged and submersible lands and waters, including the Territorial Sea
   viii. State-Held Water Rights

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5. **Ensure a Livable Oregon.**

   a. **Support and Enhance Local Resilience Efforts through Planning and Action in Collaboration with Communities.** The Oregon State Resilience Officer shall lead an effort to create a Plan for a Resilient Oregon ("PRO") that identifies and offers funding pathways for strategies to help communities adapt and thrive in the face of increasingly severe climate risks, and to support communities in long-term recovery from climate-driven disasters. The following actions shall be taken to implement this directive:

      i. Extensive and meaningful outreach with communities shall occur in every region of the State and shall inform the development of the PRO.
      ii. Agencies participating in PRO planning and implementation efforts shall utilize existing and available staffing resources.
      iii. The PRO will integrate with existing strategies and plans, including those related to wildfire and flood protection, energy resilience, and directives of this Order.

   b. **Protect Oregon from Catastrophic Wildfire.**

      i. **Implement Oregon's 20-year Landscape Resiliency Plan.** Agencies are directed to leverage partnerships and use available programs and resources to reduce the risk of wildfire and public health impacts of smoke by creating resilient natural and working landscapes. The following actions shall be taken to implement this directive:

         1. Prioritize landscapes for restoration and resilience treatments and identify pathways to increase the extent and scale of treatments.
         2. Maximize dedicated funding to promote partnerships through Good Neighbor Authorities to accomplish large scale landscape resilience treatments.
         3. Identify pathways to increase the extent and scale of prescribed burns and cultural burning while minimizing smoke impacts to public health.

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4. Support the development and implementation of community smoke response plans. Identify additional measures for timely dissemination of air quality information and alerts during wildfire and prescribed fire events.

ii. **Create Fire-Adapted Communities.** To safeguard lives, property, and critical infrastructure from the growing threat of wildfires, agencies are directed to support efforts to build Fire-Adapted Communities across the state. The following actions shall be taken to implement this directive:

1. Further defensible space education and establishment across the state. Defensible space is the buffer between a building and the surrounding vegetation that slows or stops the spread of wildfire.
2. Promote increased use of fire-resistant building materials (home hardening) and community design features to reduce structural vulnerability.
3. Promote community risk reduction efforts through volunteer programs such as Firewise, local evacuation route planning, and partnerships to increase community survivability during urban wildfire conflagrations.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY, COORDINATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. **Executive Branch Agencies Subject to this Order.** Progress on the direction and commitments of this Order will take focused and coordinated planning and execution by Oregon's natural resource agencies, each of which has its own Board or Commission. The following state agencies and their Boards or Commissions are subject to the goals and directives outlined in this Order as they may apply section by section:

i. Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD);
ii. Department of State Lands (DSL);
iii. Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (OPRD);
iv. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
v. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA);
vi. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE);

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vii. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW);
viii. Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI);
ix. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF);
x. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT);
xi. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Environmental Public Health;
xii. Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD);
xiii. Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB);
xiv. Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC); and
xv. Oregon Climate Action Commission (OCAC).

2. **Reporting and Accountability.** State agencies must deliver transparent, accurate reporting on public programs, maintain accountability to citizens and stakeholders, and establish clear feedback loops that enable public input and demonstrate responsive government action, using the following:

   a. **Develop Biennial Plans.** Each agency shall develop (or incorporate into an existing planning process) a biennial plan that includes targets and metrics appropriate to the agency's intersection with this Order with the goal of focusing existing and new resources, programs, and incentives to advance the goals and actions in Sections I and II of this Order as applicable:

      i. **Public Feedback and Oversight.** Agencies will present their biennial plans to their respective board or commission for discussion, review, and comment at a public meeting where public testimony can be received.

      ii. **Recommendations for Governor's Recommended Budget ("GRB").** Biennial plans will be developed on a schedule and in a format to inform the development of the GRB starting with the 2029-2031 Agency Request Budget ("ARB") biennial cycle. Actions for consideration for the development of the 2027-2029 GRB will be expedited as needed.

      iii. **Implementation Workplan.** Agencies shall immediately begin developing implementation timelines and pathways to comply with this Order. The following existing reporting requirements

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related to the goals of this Order will be assessed and consolidated to the extent practicable: the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Roadmap, Forest Climate and Carbon Plan, Connectivity Action Plan, Integrated Water Resources Strategy, Climate Adaptation Framework, Natural Climate Solutions, and others as identified.

b. **Update Key Performance Measures ("KPMs").** Agencies will work with Department of Administrative Services to review and modify existing plans and KPMs to adjust existing goals as appropriate to integrate with and advance this Order.

c. **Engagement with Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Sovereign Tribal Nations.** The State, through the Office of Governor Kotek and the State Agencies within the Natural Resources Cluster Workgroup, shall collaborate with Oregon's nine federally recognized sovereign tribal nations to build, sustain, and enhance relationships to find common ground in support of the implementation of this Order.

3. **Coordination and Oversight of Implementation.** The Governor's Natural Resources Office will take a leadership role in advancing the efforts associated with this Order. It is the responsibility of each respective agency director to ensure appropriate coordination and implementation contemplated by this Order is integrated into agency programs and initiatives.

a. **Agency Leadership Implementation Team.** A group of agency directors and senior staff will be assembled under the auspices of the Governor's Natural Resources Cabinet. The subgroup, working at the direction of the Governor's Office and State Agency Natural Resources Cabinet, will:

i. Identify existing initiatives and programs that could benefit from increased cross-agency collaboration and develop recommendations to improve integration of climate resilience programs and actions in this Order. These recommendations will

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include both policy and budget needs related to the successful implementation of this Order.

ii. Develop recommendations to address critical gaps or barriers (e.g., programs, administrative rules, statutory changes) to the state's implementation of this Order.

iii. Assess and implement as practicable a State of Oregon Climate Action and Resilience Dashboard to serve as source of information on the work of agencies on this Order.

b. **Board & Commission Oversight Team.** A subgroup of relevant Board and Commission members will be assembled under the auspices of the Governor's Natural Resources Cabinet. The subgroup will work parallel to the Agency Leadership Team to support the implementation work of the Order.

c. **Legislative & Public Engagement.** As requested, agencies shall provide updates and presentations on implementation work to relevant Boards, Commissions, Councils, Local Governments, Federal Agencies, and the Oregon State Legislature.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-27

DECLARING A HUNGER EMERGENCY TO PROTECT OREGONIANS FROM THE SUSPENSION OF FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

WHEREAS, under ORS 401.165, the Governor of Oregon may declare a state of emergency by proclamation upon determining that an emergency has occurred or is imminent; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke Rollins, appointed by President Donald J. Trump, directed states to halt processing November Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to the federal government shutdown; and

WHEREAS, this directive immediately jeopardizes food access for 757,000 Oregonians—one in six residents—including 210,000 children and 130,000 seniors statewide and threatens loss of life, injury to persons and human suffering; and

WHEREAS, the interruption of SNAP benefits will significantly increase hunger and food insecurity across Oregon, disproportionately impacting vulnerable populations such as children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those with access and functional needs; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2025, the Governor of Oregon, Secretary of State Tobias Read, Attorney General Dan Rayfield, State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner, Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson, Senate President Rob Wagner, House Speaker Julie Fahey, Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama, House Majority Leader Ben Bowman, and House and Senate budget Co-Chairs Senator Kate Lieber and Representative Tawna Sanchez sent a letter to USDA Secretary Rollins to demand available contingency funds be used to continue SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2025, Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield joined 21 other states in filing a lawsuit against the USDA and its Secretary for unlawfully suspending SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon must act swiftly to mitigate the effects of the suspension of SNAP benefits, and provide essential nutrition assistance for Oregonians in every corner of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, by virtue of the authority vested in me under ORS 401.165, do hereby proclaim that a statewide food insufficiency emergency exists across Oregon, effective immediately.

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This declaration authorizes the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to coordinate and direct other state agencies to take all necessary actions to respond to and mitigate the impacts of this emergency, including coordination with local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private sector partners

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM). OEM shall activate the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan as needed to coordinate necessary access to use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate, and recover from conditions caused by this emergency. OEM coordination efforts may include as necessary, but not be limited to:
    a. Management of information requirements to inform statewide operations to OEM identified State Policy Group;
    b. Coordination of essential protective measures requested by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to address food insecurity and alleviate human suffering.
2. Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). ODHS shall, in coordination with OEM and local government, provide supplemental services, supplies, and equipment to local governments and community-based organizations to provide for the health and safety of affected residents and mitigate human suffering from conditions caused by this emergency. ODHS efforts shall:
    a. Coordinate with Oregon's human services and food security organizations to identify strategies to address unmet hunger needs.
    b. Provide available supplemental financial assistance to address food insecurity impacts due to the loss of SNAP benefits.
    c. Coordinate communication with state agencies, local governments and food security organizations regarding state actions.
    d. Provide situational updates through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management regarding operations executed to address food insecurity impacts.

3. All Other State or Other Agencies. All state or other public or quasi-public agencies are directed to provide resources and support as directed by OEM to assist in the response to this emergency as requested.

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4. Duration: This order shall remain in effect from October 30, 2025, and expires upon the resumption and distribution of federal SNAP benefits or on December 31, 2025, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Governor.

Done at Tokyo, Japan, this 30th day of October, 2025.

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-28

SECOND EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-08 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN WASCO COUNTY DUE TO THE ROWENA WILDFIRE

On June 18, 2025, pursuant to ORS 401.165 *et seq*., I found that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to the wildfire that has caused a natural disaster in Wasco County and declared a state of emergency in Wasco County.

Beginning June 11, 2025, and continuing, severe wildfire rolled through Wasco County causing extensive damage to homes and critical infrastructure; threatening life, safety, and property resulting in displacement of personnel; and a loss of power and communications within the region.

On June 11, 2025, the fire resulted in a state conflagration and federal Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declarations, community evacuations, and threatened and damaged critical infrastructure, destroying homes and other structures. On June 18, 2025, the Wasco County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency due to the Rowena WIld fire and the threat to life, safety, and property that exists in Wasco County. Commission Order 25-048 further declared local resources were exhausted and immediate state and federal assistance was requested.

On July 16, 2025, the Wasco County Board of Commissioners extended the county declaration of a state of emergency due to the Rowena Wildfire. The order declared that the hazardous conditions resulting from the Rowena Fire, including but not limited to threats to life, property, and natural resources, continue to pose a significant risk to the health and safety of Wasco County residents. State and local agencies continue to respond to requests for mass care and hazardous debris removal in support of this emergency. Damage assessment reports from this jurisdiction include major damage to homes and critical infrastructure resulting in significant hazardous debris posing a threat to life and safety.

On October 30, 2025, in coordination with Wasco County, it was determined that hazardous conditions resulting from the Rowena Fire still remain and continues to pose a significant risk to health and safety of Wasco County residents and thus constitutes an emergency under ORS 401.025(1).

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) shall continue coordination under the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for the use of personnel, equipment, technical expertise contracting authority of all state agencies necessary to alleviate, respond to, mitigate, and recover from conditions caused by this emergency.

2. In conformance with the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and ORS 401, state agencies are directed to provide resources and support requested by OEM to assist in the response to this emergency. Any local government requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management pursuant to ORS chapter 401. The Oregon Department of Human Services , Oregon Health Authority, and Department of Environmental Quality and other state agencies are directed to work expeditiously to provide any assistance as directed by OEM that is deemed necessary to assist in the response to and recovery from this emergency, remove barriers to recovery, and provide all necessary support to Wasco County response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.

3. Persons who believe they have been subjected to unconscionably excessive prices for essential consumer goods due to this emergency are requested to report violations to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Services, which has the authority to investigate unlawful trade practices.

4. This extension is limited to Wasco County at this time.

5. Executive Order 25-08 was made by verbal proclamation at 7:10 p.m. on June 18, 2025 and signed on June 20, 2025, in Salem, Oregon.

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6. This Executive Order supersedes and replaces 25-17 and the state of emergency is continued and shall exist and remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., February 1, 2026, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 31st day of October, 2025.

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date posted: 11/01/2025

DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Conditional No Further Action for Former Mall 99 Cleaners in Woodburn

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

Facility/property: Mall 99 Cleaners

Project location: 972 N. Pacific Highway, Woodburn, OR 97071

Comments due by: Dec.1 at 5 p.m.

Submit written comments:

By mail: Send comments to Margaret Oscilia, Oregon DEQ, 4026 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97302
By email: margaret.oscilia@deq.oregon.gov

Proposal highlights

DEQ has determined that remedial action to address environmental contamination at the former Mall 99 Cleaners site in Woodburn is complete, and no further action is required with certain groundwater use, building maintenance, and land use restrictions.

Background

The Site includes a commercial strip mall with a former business named Mall 99 Cleaners that occupied unit 976, currently identified as unit 972. Previous records indicated the business was limited to a coin operated laundry; however, the California HAZNET database reported one record during the timeframe of operation related to the transport of solvents, including tetrachloroethylene (PCE), which is a common dry-cleaning solvent. As a result of this record, the site entered the DEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program in 2021 and conducted environmental investigations.

Although there was no record of a release, PCE was found in an isolated area of groundwater, soil, and soil vapor. Concentrations of PCE in groundwater and soil vapor exceed risk-based concentrations for vapor intrusion into commercial buildings, but the contamination is not spreading so DEQ determined there is no risk to the environment and the current building protects human health.

For more information

Visit DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Site Information database at https://ordeq.org/ECSI6491

If you do not have web access and want to review the project file, contact Margaret Oscilia at 503-726-6522 or margaret.oscilia@deq.oregon.gov to view the documents in person at a DEQ office.

Environmental Cleanup Site Information (ECSI) ID: 6491

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DEQ Department of Environmental Quality

The next step

When the comment period closes, DEQ will address public comments then provide a Conditional No Further Action letter to the property owner.

Non-discrimination statement

DEQ does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status in the administration of its programs and activities. Visit DEQ's Civil Rights and Environmental Justice page.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date posted: 11/01/2025

DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Soil Management Plan for Skyview Estates Development Site in Medford

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

Facility/property: Skyview Estates

Project location: 1552 E. Vilas Road, Medford

Comments due by: Dec. 1, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Submit written comments:

By mail: Send comments to Tina Elayer
Oregon DEQ, 165 E. Seventh Ave., Suite 100
Eugene, OR 97401
By email: tina.elayer@deq.oregon.gov

Proposal highlights

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality proposes to approve a soil management plan for Skycrest Development LLC to remove contaminated soil from former orchard land prior to construction of a new residential and commercial development in Jackson County called Skyview Estates.

Background

Skyview Estates will cover about 207 acres southeast of the intersection of Highway 62 and East Vilas Road in Medford. The land was formerly a pear orchard. Pesticides including lead, arsenic and Dieldrin remain in the topsoil above DEQ's residential cleanup levels. The property is in the City of Medford's Urban Growth Boundary and the current plan involves a mixture of residential, commercial, school, and green space uses. Initial development will be on the Phase 1, 2, and 3 residential areas and a commercial/mixed use area on the southern portion of the property. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2025. This will be followed by future residential and commercial development over the next approximately 5 years. Skycrest plans to excavate impacted shallow soil within the Phase 1, 2, and 3 residential areas and consolidate it into a soil repository that consist of a berm that would be capped with clean soil, in a required agricultural buffer area. In some areas, where deeper contamination may be left in place beneath new residential properties, institutional controls such as covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) may be used to prohibit deep excavations.

For more information

To view the soil management plan visit Your DEQ On-line (YDO) Information database at Oregon DEQ - Public Project Records . If you do not have web access and want to review the project file, contact Tina Elayer at 503-688-3334 or tina.elayer@deq.oregon.gov to view the documents in person at a DEQ office.
Environmental Cleanup Site Information (ECSI) ID: 6733

The next step

DEQ will review and respond to comments received.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date posted: 10/29/25

DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Certification of Completion – Roseburg Forest Products Co.'s Prospective Purchaser Agreement

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

Facility/property: Former MEDCO Mill Site

Project location: Rossanley Drive and North Central Avenue in Medford

Comments due by: Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Submit written comments:

By email: Send comments to Don Hanson, Oregon DEQ, don.hanson@deq.oregon.gov
By mail: 165 E. Seventh Ave., Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97408

Proposal highlights

DEQ is proposing to certify completion of activities that were required of Roseburg Forest Products Co. under the Order on Consent No. 23-03, consent order, between DEQ and Roseburg. The required activities have been successfully completed.

Background

Roseburg entered into a prospective purchaser agreement, or PPA, in the form of a consent order on May 8, 2024, for the purchase of approximately 23 acres of property that was part of the more-than-100-acre Medford Corporation (Medco) mill complex, which shut down in 1988. Since 2015, Roseburg has operated a medium-density fiberboard mill (formerly known as MEDITE) on property immediately to the north of this property. The shallow soil at the 23-acre property is contaminated with hazardous substances from the former mill operations. The PPA required Roseburg to conduct several activities, including abandon the on-site stormwater system, install fencing and vegetation around the property, restrict land uses to protect human health, prepare and implement a site management plan to manage soil contamination remaining at the site, and record a deed restriction on the property detailing these restrictions and requirements. Roseburg has completed the required activities and DEQ is recommending certification of completion for the PPA related activities. Roseburg intends to manage the property as mainly open space, and as a buffer between its MDF plant and the streets to the south.

For more information

More information is presented in the closeout report dated October 22, 2025, and the 2024 PPA. To view these and other site documents, visit the Oregon Records Management System page for this project at ordeq.org/ECSI0537.

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Environmental Data Management System (Your DEQ Online) Cleanup Project ID: 0537

The next step

DEQ will respond to all comments on this proposed action before making a final decision regarding certification of completion.

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