

Communities weigh in on Oregon’s 100-year water vision

First meeting held near Portland

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
Capital Press

GRESHAM, Ore. — Faced with climate change, a growing population and aging infrastructure, the state of Oregon is reaching out to local communities for ideas to ensure clean and abundant water supplies over the next 100 years.

The Oregon Water Resources Commission has already adopted an Integrated Water Resources Strategy, which was last updated in 2017. It identifies 18 critical water issues and more than 50 recommendations for meeting the state’s water needs — everything from data collection to outreach and education.

What the strategy lacks, however, is a plan for implementation. That’s what Oregon aims to accomplish with its 100-year Water Vision.

Gov. Kate Brown kicked off Phase I of the vision last year, and it was officially announced to the public in August. Officials are now visiting communities across the state for a series of meetings to gather feedback and learn about each region’s unique water challenges.

About 30 people attended the first meeting Oct. 22 at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham,

just east of Portland. The group included city, county and tribal leaders, as well as farmers, conservation districts and environmental groups.

Meta Loftsgaarden, executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, is leading the 100-year Water Vision. She said the meetings are meant to bring together different interests, eyeing strategic investments to improve water systems.

Systems can include both natural infrastructure, such as healthy lakes, rivers and aquatic habitat, and facilities like dams, irrigation canals and wastewater treatment plants.

During the last half-century, Loftsgaarden said, Oregon has under-invested in water infrastructure. Fifty years ago, the federal government provided 60% of funding. Now, that percentage has dropped under 10%, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

“Some communities can afford to fill that gap,” Loftsgaarden said. “But many communities can’t.”

Meanwhile, Oregon’s population has grown from just over 2 million people in 1969 to 4.1 million in 2018, increasing demand for water in cities and for farmers to grow more food.

Climate change
To overcome these



George Plaver/Capital Press
Stacey Dalgaard, center, with the Oregon Environmental Council, brainstorms water challenges with Roger Fantz, left, of the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, and Torrey Lindbo, water sciences program manager for the city of Gresham.

challenges, the group in Gresham emphasized the need for collaboration among individuals, organizations and state agencies to fund projects. They also highlighted the need to gather more data on water usage to drive better policies and decision-making.

Clair Klock, who has served for 21 years as a resource conservation specialist for the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, said that until the state knows how much water it has, it cannot effectively manage the resource.

Klock grows 2 acres of blueberries at his farm in

on the Board of Trustees for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Eastern Oregon, said her goal is to see healthy populations of salmon return to Oregon, which are a key component of the tribes’ First Foods.

But Brigham said water is a shared resource, and she knows they cannot go it alone.

“We need to recognize each other, respect each other and support each other,” Brigham said. “If we work together, everybody is going to benefit.”

Part of the five-hour meeting focused on several success stories of water conservation and investment. Jed Jorgensen, director of energy solutions for the non-profit Farmers Conservation Alliance, discussed the group’s irrigation modernization program, which is now working with 24 irrigation districts representing 25-30% of irrigated land in Oregon.

The program works to leverage federal funding to help irrigation districts convert old, leaky canals to more efficient pipes. Across the West, Jorgensen said 80% of water diverted from streams and rivers goes toward growing crops, yet outdated irrigation systems routinely lose 30-70% of the water.

“I look at modernizing these systems as one of the

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biggest opportunities that exists to improve the natural environment, our rivers, and ensure we have adequate water supplies for our farmers,” he said.

Keri Handaly, with the city of Gresham, also talked about the Clean Rivers Coalition, engaging with communities to spur grass-roots protection of water resources.

“We’re trying to become Oregon’s new water messengers,” said Handaly, who serves on the coalition’s steering committee. “We need to talk about why we need to protect our water.”

Loftsgaarden said the 100-year Water Vision will likely remain in draft form for some time, but will eventually become a guiding document to prioritize investment — similar to the state’s Transportation Plan.

“We’re in a really good space where I think people are ready, and want to have this conversation,” she said.

The Water Vision group held its second meeting Oct. 23 in Tillamook. Future meetings are scheduled for Bend, Ontario, La Grande, Albany and Medford.

Washington apple growers grapple with rain, cold

By **DAN WHEAT**
Capital Press

CHELAN, Wash. — Picking time lost to rain may be as big a concern for growers in this fall’s Central Washington apple harvest as any crop lost to freezing temperatures.

“I’d just as soon not have all this rain. The number of days lost for picking puts growers further and further behind,” said Jeff LaPorte, director of field services for Chelan Fruit Cooperative in Chelan.

“Some may be four to five days behind where they’d like to be,” he said.

Having a large crop — estimated at 140.7 million, 40-pound boxes — makes it harder for growers to get everything picked when they want to. Cold, rainy

weather makes it that much harder.

“Pickers, especially if they come up from California, don’t like this cold weather so they don’t want to stick around,” LaPorte said.

Some apple varieties are more susceptible to splitting than others if there’s too much rain when fruit is mature, he said.

Splits have to be culled in the orchard or warehouse.

A Sept. 30-Oct. 2 cold snap accelerated fruit maturity and caused some apples to fall from trees before they were mature, LaPorte said.

An Oct. 10-11 freeze, with temperatures in the low 20s, began to raise quality issues. It’s not a huge problem because it didn’t last long, but warehouses have to be more careful in assess-



Dan Wheat/Capital Press
Workers pick Kanzi apples at Mt. View Orchard, East Wenatchee, Wash., on Oct. 12. Growers have lost more picking days to rain this season than they usually do.

ing apples and moving them quickly because they may not store well, he said.

“So far we haven’t seen anything that looks like a disaster. In the past where

we saw problems was when it didn’t thaw out in the day. An October freeze several years back, people lost a lot of fruit,” LaPorte said. “We hope mother nature comes

back to our side and it quits raining so we can get it picked.”

There isn’t a lot of freeze or frost experience with newer varieties but “so far out in the field in our area it seems fruit still has good integrity, so we’re optimistic we can store it,” he said. “Most of the state will be able to pack and deliver good product.”

The amount of freeze damage depends on the area. Hillsides warm up faster, he said. From Chelan north there have been “nice warm days” so fruit has recovered well, he said.

As of Oct. 18, the statewide crop was about 80% harvested, LaPorte said, and everyone would be in great shape without rain. Still, he said, most everything growers want to pick will get

picked unless there’s another hard freeze.

What is left on trees will be fruit that won’t make growers any money. There will be more of that this year since it’s a larger crop, he said.

In the southern end of the region, about 150 miles away in Wapato, Rob Valicoff, president of Valicoff Fruit Co., said it’s been one of the best harvests in the last seven years due to moderate weather and ideal fruit maturity. He said a few wind machines were turned on to prevent freeze damage and no apples were frozen.

Sean Gilbert, co-owner of Gilbert Orchards in Yakima, said the freezes probably didn’t do much damage. He added that damage doesn’t really start until temperatures drop below 26 degrees.

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VIN = STEGN92N71Z752566
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VIN= 5N1AR2MM3EC630938
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VIN = WAUBGAF9DA187084
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VIN= WA1L2AFPXGA049593
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2016 H.D FLHR MC
VIN = 1HD1FBM10GB651739
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VIN = 2HKRM4H53GH685238
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VIN = 1C4BJWEG7GL153868
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2012 AUDI A 5 CP
VIN = WAULFAFR8CA044198
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2009 DODGE 1500 PU
VIN= 1D3HV13TG695725868
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VIN = 3MYDLBZV5G110269
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CUI TING HUANG

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