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Proponents have revised a bill that would have allowed eminent domain to protect Oregon watersheds.

Proponents revise Oregon forest eminent domain bill

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Press

Proponents have backed away from a bill under which eminent domain could be used to protect drinking water that flows through private Oregon forestlands.

Instead, supporters of House Bill 2594 are endorsing an amended version that would heighten regulatory scrutiny of streams that serve as drinking water sources.

Under the original proposal, the Oregon Health Authority would use eminent domain to secure conservation easements that restrict activities affecting water on private property.

An amendment proposed by Rep. Anna Williams, D-Hood River, would replace her bill's initial language with requirements that the Oregon Department of Forestry revisit and update rules for streams with domestic water uses.

The ODF would also create a process for water utilities to petition for stronger protections in their watersheds and consult with OHA and the Department of Environmental Quality to ensure domestic use streams are properly classified.

Steve Graeper, president of the Rhododendron Water Association, said he preferred the original "teeth" of HB 2594, which could have led to negotiations with landowners who currently have "zero incentive" to discuss water protections.

However, the ODF's guidelines for assessing risks to drinking water are currently "seriously inadequate," so the bill's amended version at least offers the opportunity for improvement, Graeper said.

While stronger tools are needed for utilities to protect water sources, the amended version of HB 2594 is a "humble starting place" and "small step in the right direction" toward guarding against the "harm-

ful effects of industrial logging practices," said Samantha Krop, coalitions coordinator for the Forest Waters Coalition.

Communities have tried to work with ODF on the problem with little or no gain, so the agency should be held accountable regarding water protections even as lawmakers must consider taking further actions, she said.

Roughly half the forested watersheds that community water systems rely on are owned by private landowners who are subject to the state's forest practices regulations, said Jon Souder, an Oregon State University forestry extension agent, speaking on behalf of himself.

In the past 35 years, the ODF hasn't made substantive changes to how domestic use streams are designated and the agency doesn't extend that classification to their tributaries, he said.

For these reasons, "it seems prudent and justified to revisit the regulations and procedures for protecting drinking water during forest operations," Souder said.

The Oregon Forest & Industries Council, a timber organization, questioned the need for HB 2594 given existing regulations for drinking water overseen by the state's DEQ.

Streams that exceed the DEQ's maximum thresholds for sediment and other pollutants are already subject to regulatory action by ODF, said Mike Eliason, OFIC's government affairs director.

The timber industry is already engaged in negotiations over forest regulations with environmental groups while the state government is considering a "habitat conservation plan" that would likely affect water quality, Eliason said.

"We want to see how that plays out, honestly," he said.

Rep. Ken Helm, D-Beaverton, said the House Water Committee would "definitely" hold another hearing on HB 2594 in the future and invite the ODF to weigh in on the bill.

Farm groups concerned with Mexico's growing trade barriers

By CAROL RYAN DUMAS
Capital Press

The American Farm Bureau Federation and 26 other U.S. agricultural groups have sent a letter to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai to bring their attention to trade issues with Mexico.

"AFBF is extremely concerned with the rapidly deteriorating relationship between the U.S. and our neighbors to the south," Zippy Duvall, Farm Bureau president, said in a written statement on Monday.

The U.S. built strong trade ties with Mexico through the North American Free Trade Agreement and improved upon them with the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, he said.

"But recent moves by Mexico to limit American imports and to undercut prices in the U.S. puts America's farmers and ranchers at a competitive disadvantage," he said.

Some issues, such as access to Mexico's potato markets, have been ongoing for years. Others are fairly recent, Dave Salmons, Farm Bureau senior director of congressional relations, told Capital Press.

"Things just aren't getting addressed," he said.

With a new administration, it just seems like a good



Bill Breneman/EO Media Group File

A group of agriculture groups has sent a letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai about trade problems with Mexico.

time to address these issues again, he said.

Farm Bureau wants to "make sure everybody's up to speed and make sure they're aware of our concerns," he said.

Farm Bureau hopes to bring attention to the issues and move ahead with getting some resolved. Mexico has been a good market for the U.S., and it's the No. 1 export market for some commodities, such as corn and dairy products, he said.

"It's been a growing market, and we want to keep it growing," he said.

In addition to market access for U.S. potatoes, the leading concerns include Mexico's presidential decree in December to phase out the use of glyphosate and genetically modified corn

for human consumption, creating a significant risk for cross-border trade of corn and corn products.

Mexican officials have also undertaken a "native corn" campaign with the stated objective of eliminating corn imported from the U.S. Mexico has also undertaken a state-sponsored campaign to disparage corn sweeteners from the U.S., including depicting high fructose corn syrup as a "poison."

The concerns also include increasing obstacles to dairy trade. Those include:

- A new mandatory conformity assessment for cheese that would add significant costs for U.S. suppliers.
- A continual churn in customs enforcement.

- Repeated policy changes, including ones aimed at curtailing dairy imports.

- Growing restrictions on the use of common cheese names.

Mexico also informed the Organic Trade Association in the U.S. that it would begin requiring all U.S. organic exports to Mexico to become certified to Mexico's organic standards, which would cause significant trade disruptions and losses for U.S. exporters.

There is also concern over policies that would restrict the U.S. meat industry's access to Mexican markets and the European Union's attempt to seize exclusive common meat terms, such as bologna, under its 2018 trade agreement with Mexico.

Another concern is that Mexico ceased its review and approval of any biotechnology applications, potentially restricting U.S. farmers' access to new technologies and affecting exports of products produced through biotechnology.

U.S. agriculture organizations are also concerned with new labeling requirements that lack a sound, scientific basis and a government campaign to curtail U.S. imports by attacking the reputation of imported products.

Irrigation districts prepare for season start in Idaho, SE Oregon

By BRAD CARLSON
Capital Press

Owyhee Irrigation District Manager Jay Chamberlin is planning for a tight water season as deliveries begin next month.

The board on March 16 set a tentative allotment of 3 acre-feet — down from the usual 4 — given a below-normal amount of water stored in Owyhee Reservoir near Adrian, Ore.

The board plans to meet March 30 to re-evaluate snowpack, the allotment and system turn-on.

Chamberlin said if the board sticks with the 25% allotment reduction, "growers and the district will operate in a more conservative manner." That could include postponing turn-on by a week or so.

Even if the allotment goes back to 4 acre-feet eventually, "the whole tone is set, anticipating much-below-normal inflow," he said. "The mode of operation is going to be really conservative, running a really tight ship and encouraging users to use that 4 feet very wisely."

The reservoir March 22 was at 55-56% capacity compared to the 65-70% district managers want to see this time of year, Chamberlin said. Carryover between seasons was also down from a year ago.

Irrigation districts and canal companies in Idaho and southeastern Oregon are wrapping up off-season projects and preparing to deliver water to farms and pastures.

Twin Falls Canal Co. March 23 began charging its system out of Murtaugh Lake, engineering technician Louis Zamora said. Those outflows go into the company's main canals. Delivery is expected around



Kathryn Hartman/Idaho Water Users Association

A crew reshapes a South Board of Control irrigation ditch near Homedale, Idaho.

April 12. A normal allotment is slated.

He said offseason projects included adding two new ponds to help improve water quality and to aid in flood management, and automating a headgate with help from a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation cost-share grant.

Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District Superintendent Greg Curtis said crews have been working in the system's upper reaches to remove volunteer trees, re-grade channels and make erosion-related repairs. That is in addition to recently piping a 1,000-foot lateral for a planned housing development, re-lining a canal segment and annual tasks such as burning weeds and reassembling headgates.

Water likely will start flowing April 5, "but we're going to tell people not to expect deliveries until the week of April 19," he said. "It takes a full

two weeks to get everything up and charged."

Pioneer Irrigation District Superintendent Mark Zirschky said offseason work in the Caldwell-based district included repairing or replacing concrete structures, fixing pumps and wells, and repairing damage from an earthquake a year ago.

In much of Idaho, population growth has brought more homeowners onto irrigation districts' customer rolls. Curtis and Zirschky said they are working with more new and planned housing developments.

The Idaho Water Users Association this year started an awareness campaign about preseason projects and irrigation districts' overall importance.

The Owyhee district postponed some larger off-season projects due to COVID-19 and a shortage of pipe, Chamberlin said.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, deceased. Case No.: 21PB00073

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney at: 319 Sixth Street SW, Albany, OR 97321 within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred.

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DATED and first published March 12th, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 04/05/2021. The sale will be held at 10:00am by

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VIN = 1FMSK8HT1GG62987
Amount due on lien \$1,435.00
Reputed owner(s)
ARTURO ABEL ANDRADE OLVERA
INROADS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission - Proposed Budget

As required by ORS 576.416, the Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission (ORBC) will hold a public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the Commission's proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

DATE: April 13, 2021
PLACE: ZOOM Meeting - 9:00 AM
Join Zoom Meeting:
https://zoom.us/j/95374476067
Meeting ID: 953 7447 6067
Call In Number: 1-253-215-8782
Copies of the proposed budget are available at the commission office, 1827 NE 44th Ave, Suite 315, Portland, Oregon 97213 and on-line at: www.oregon-berries.com/the/orbc/. Any questions may be referred to the Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission office at 503-274-5458

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