

# Resort: Tribes' concern for future of groundwater

Some tribal concerns are the fate of region's water and fisheries, and lack of tribal input

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"This decision dishonors Warm Springs's constitutionally recognized 1855 Treaty, which guarantees our rights to enough water to sustain our people and fish," said Tribal Council Chairman Dennis White III.

"The plain and simple fact is we were not consulted about our people's resources, and our tribal ecological knowledge continues to be ignored. That is not how governments show mutual respect for each other."

Central Oregon is at a projected high risk for drought and low ground water supplies.

The Thornburgh Resort would be allowed to pump upwards of 1,460 acre-feet of water per year.

The Thornburg Resort would be a 1,970-acre destination resort near Redmond, with a planned 950 lots, 425 lodging units, and amenities like golf courses, a sports center and parks.

The Deschutes County board has also determined that future groundwater permits should not be necessary, though a new public process would be triggered should Thornburgh decide to modify its existing groundwater rights.

The Deschutes River and its tributaries are in the traditional homelands of the Confederated Tribes.

"The County simply cannot understand the full picture of this project's impact without our perspective," Chairman White said.

The tribes are exploring additional actions, possibly including an appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals.

## Huckleberry trip

The Warm Springs Huckleberry Trip to Mount Hood Meadows is this Thursday, August 7. Families and individuals can ride the bus provided, or drive up and meet the group. Everyone must be signed up and complete a liability release form. There will be shuttles to huckleberry picking areas, stadium chairlift rides, and lunch provided. Contact KWSO at 541-553-1968; or email: [sue.matters@wstribes.org](mailto:sue.matters@wstribes.org)

## On the Tribal Council August agenda

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of the month of August (subject to change at Council discretion):

**Wednesday, August 6**—Committee reports:

9 a.m.: Range and Ag Committee.

10: Culture and Heritage.

11: Water Board.

1:30 p.m.: Fish and Wildlife Committee—Off Reservation.

2:30: Fish and Wildlife Committee—On Reservation.

3:30: Education Committee.

**Monday, August 11**

9 a.m.: Council priorities discussion with Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

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**Wednesday, August 13**

9 a.m.: Investment Advisory Committee update.

1:30 p.m.: Water 101 with tribal attorneys.

**Thursday, August 14:**

Agency District Pre-Budget meeting at the Agency Longhouse, dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7.

**Monday, August 18**

9 a.m.: Early Childhood Education compliance discussion with Cheryl Tom and Reona Trimble.

10: Youth Council.

11: Capital funds update with Ed Henderson, S-T; and Pam Douglas, Finance.

1:30 p.m.: Successor program update with William Sam, Human Resources.

2:30: Pi-Ume-Sha reports.

**Tuesday, August 19**

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update.

10: September agenda, review minutes.

11: Draft resolutions with the S-T.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

2:30: Indian Health Services update with Tammy Wilson.

3:30: Health and Human Services with Taw Foltz.

4:30: Managed Care update with Mike Collins.

**Monday, August 25**

9 a.m.: Tribal member concerns.

1:30 p.m.: Policy Planning Committee, Chuck Sams and Margie Hoffman.

2:30: Opioid Settlement.

**Tuesday, August 26:** Simnasho District Pre-Budget meeting at the Simnasho Longhouse, dinner at 6 and meeting at 7.

**Wednesday, August 27:** Seekseequa District Pre-Budget meeting at the Seekseequa Fire Hall, dinner at 6 and meeting at 7.

Jefferson/no, Brigitte/yes, Carlos/yes, 7/2/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• 2026 Specialty Hunt Auction Tag with Branch of Natural Resources:

Motion by Alvis adopting Resolution No. 13,257, that the 2026 specialty hunt public auction tag are approved as recommended by BNR and the Fish & Wildlife Committees. Call for a Second. Second by Jonathan. Question: Rosie/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/no, Jay/no, Jonathan/yes, Alvis/yes, Jefferson/yes, Brigitte/yes, Carlos/yes, 7/2/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council discussion with Robert Brunoe:

Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 13,258, that the Tribal Council hereby appoints delegates as follows: 1. CTWS' Council appoints Carlos Calica, to serve as primary member of COIC's board of directors, and that Brigitte McConville, will serve as an alternate member, until his/her, or their successors are appointed and qualified to serve. Second by Alvis; Question: Rosie/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Jonathan/yes, Alvis/yes, Jefferson/yes, Brigitte/yes, Carlos/abstain, 9/0/0, Chairman not voting, Motion carried. • Enrollments with Teryl Florendo:

Motion by Alvis adopting Resolution No. 13,259, enrolling four individuals. Second by Carlos. Question: Rosie/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Alvis/yes, Jefferson/yes, Brigitte/yes, Carlos/yes, 9/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• Indian Health Service update with Tammy Wilson.

• Health and Human Services update with Taw Foltz.

• Willamette Falls Trust update with Brigitte McConville.

Motion by Jonathan to adjourn at 4:45. Second by Carlos.

*More Summaries in next Spilyay*

## Tribal Council summaries

**July 21, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis White III. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chairman Dennis White III, Raymond Captain Moody, Jonathan W. Smith, Sr., Alvis Smith III, Brigitte McConville, Lonnie Rosie Tom, Carlos Calica, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Invocation given by Chief Greene.

Introduction of Edward Henderson, new Secretary-Treasurer/CEO.

• August Agenda with S-T Edward Henserson and Robert Brunoe:

Motion by Captain approving the August Agenda. Second by Brigitte. Question: Rosie/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Jonathan/yes, Alvis/yes, Jefferson/yes, Brigitte/yes, Carlos/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Draft Resolutions with the S-T and Robert Brunoe:

• Request for Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for National Telecomom and Information Agency/Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program grant, Telecom:

Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 13,255, approving items #1-#3. Second by Rosie. Question: Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Jonathan/yes, Alvis/yes, Jefferson/yes, Brigitte/yes, Carlos/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Tribal Hunting and Trapping Code, Branch of Natural Resources:

Motion by Alvis adopting Resolution No. 13,256, that the 2025 CTWS Reservation Hunting Regulations are adopted as provided in the attached recommendation from the BNR and the Fish & Wildlife Committee approval of Reservation regulations on July 1, 2025. Second by Carlos, with amendments. Question: Rosie/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/no, Jonathan/yes, Alvis/yes,

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A Central Oregon native, Callie is returning to family and the places she knows and loves. During her free time, she can be found in the woods or on the river with her husband and their two bird dogs, Charlie and Hayward.

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