

Free workshops on new North Coast agricultural water management plan

Three free workshops have been scheduled in Columbia County to discuss the North Coast Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan (SB 1010), which went into effect on January 1. The workshops are open to all interested people and may provide important information for property owners. They are sponsored by the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District and OSU Extension Service.

How new rules and compliance issues may affect individual landowners will be high-

lighted in the workshops. Also covered will be what land practices assure protection for water quality; how to get assistance in designing and implementing a conservation/water quality plan; how to take advantage of available technical program and cost-share assistance; and methods to assure that regulations remain within the scope of a "voluntary process to address water quality."

Rural landowners with resource issues that adversely influence water quality, must show that they are taking steps

to resolve the problems. The workshops will provide suggestions to address and resolve such issues, in a voluntary manner.

Columbia SWCD, watershed councils and partner agencies are working hard to educate property owners regarding the changing rules toward protection of the environment, believing that a "voluntary" rather than an "enforcement" approach is the best solution to attaining a balanced, self-sustaining program for clean water.

The first workshop was held May 7 at the Columbia Tech Center in St. Helens. It was hosted by the Scappoose Bay

Watershed Council.

Tonight, Thursday, May 16, the Lower Columbia River Watershed Council will host a workshop at the Clatskanie Fire Hall, 280 SE 3rd, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council will host the third

workshop in Mist. It will be held Thursday, May 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Hall, 12525 Hwy 202.

For more information, call the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District at 503-397-4555.

Volunteers are needed to restart local land use advisory panel

In most areas of Columbia County, there are Citizen Planning Advisory Committees (CPACs) that study local land use activities and develop recommendations to the county's Land Development Services

Department and the Planning Commission. This is a formal part of the citizen participation process and CPAC members are elected by residents in each district.

There has been no CPAC in the Nehalem valley for a few years and volunteers are wanted who are interested in planning. For more information, see Vernonia City Hall or contact Gayle Lee at cpac@vernonia.com

Business is never so healthy as when, like a chicken, it must do a certain amount of scratching for what it gets.

—Henry Ford

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VERNONIA

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon, Lew's Place
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-0188
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 503-429-4074
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Cares Directors		For location call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Tuesday	Noon, City Hall
Vernonia Grange	4th Saturday	10:30 a.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 503-429-5201
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Sundays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.