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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

**5:30 pm Work Session
6:30 pm Executive Session
7:00 pm Regular Meeting**

Location: Tualatin Valley Water District, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, OR

AGENDA

1. [Work Session: 2026 Replacement Bond Measure Preparation](#)
2. Executive Session*
 - A. Land
3. Call Regular Meeting to Order
4. Action Resulting from Executive Session
5. Proclamations
 - A. [National Latine & Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
 - B. [National Preparedness Month](#)
6. Audience Time**
7. Board Time
 - A. Committee Liaisons Updates
8. Consent Agenda***
 - A. [Approve: Minutes of August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting](#)
 - B. [Approve: Resolution Appointing Bond Task Force Member](#)
 - C. [Approve: Resolution Authorizing Application to Community Renewable Energy Fund](#)
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. [Update: Legislative Update](#)
 - B. [Information: General Manager's Report](#)
10. New Business
 - A. [Approve: Update to District Equity & Inclusion Statement](#)
11. Adjourn

***Executive Session:** Executive Sessions are permitted under the authority of ORS 192.660. Copies of the statute are available at the offices of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District.

****Audience Time:** Public testimony is being accepted for this meeting in-person, virtually, or written. Speakers are allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the board and will be called upon in the order in which they signed up with priority given to those addressing items on the meeting agenda, although the Board President may call upon speakers in an order at their discretion. The Board President may choose to restrict the total time for testimony to 30 minutes if deemed necessary.

If you wish to testify in-person during the board meeting, please complete and turn in a testimony card at the meeting. Please wait until you are called upon and then proceed to the public testimony table.

If you wish to testify virtually (or simply attend the meeting virtually without testifying), please sign up by emailing boardofdirectors@thprd.org or calling 503-645-6433 **by 12 pm the day of the meeting** with

your name and email address (and testimony topic if wishing to provide testimony). You will be provided additional instructions and a link to access the meeting.

Additional information regarding providing testimony can be found here: www.thprd.org/district-information/how-to-give-testimony

*****Consent Agenda:** Consent Agenda items will be approved without discussion unless there is a board member request to discuss a particular item. The issue separately discussed will be voted on separately.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Doug Menke, General Manager
RE: Information Regarding the September 10, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Item #1 – Work Session

A. [2026 Replacement Bond Measure Preparation](#)

Attached please find a memo announcing that a work session will be held at your meeting regarding preparation efforts underway for a potential replacement bond measure.

Agenda Item #5 – Proclamations

A. [National Latine & Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Attached please find a proclamation declaring the month of September as National Latine & Hispanic Heritage Month.

B. [Emergency Preparedness Month](#)

Attached please find a proclamation declaring the month of September as Emergency Preparedness Month.

Agenda Item #8 – Consent Agenda

Attached please find the following consent agenda items for your review and approval:

- A. [Approve: Minutes of August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting](#)**
- B. [Approve: Resolution Appointing Bond Task Force Member](#)**
- C. [Approve: Resolution Authorizing Application to Community Renewable Energy Fund](#)**

Agenda Item #9 – Unfinished Business

A. [Legislative Update](#)

Attached please find a memo noting that a recap of the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session will be provided at your September regular board meeting.

B. [General Manager's Report](#)

Attached please find the General Manager's Report for the September regular board meeting.

Agenda Item #10 – New Business

A. [Update to District Equity & Inclusion Statement](#)

Attached please find a memo proposing an update to the district's Equity & Inclusion Statement.

Action Requested: Board of directors' adoption of the proposed Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Statement.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2025
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager
RE: **2026 Replacement Bond Measure Preparation**

At the September 10 board meeting, Deputy General Manager Aisha Panas and Sustainability manager Bruce Barbarasch will provide an overview of district staff's work to date to develop a potential replacement capital bond for voter consideration in 2026. Staff will present a detailed description of the district's current capital replacement needs, projected expenses to resolve these capital needs, and pressures on the district resources available to address the capital replacement program items. The work session will also include an update on the information shared with the Bond Task Force, which will meet for the first time on September 4.



TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

By the Board of Directors

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Latine & Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring the culture, heritage, and history of people of Latine & Hispanic descent; and

WHEREAS, the national observance began in 1968 in recognition of the independence dates of several Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile, and Belize; and

WHEREAS, historically and presently, the Latine & Hispanic community has often taken on essential but undervalued labor while also facing discrimination, racism, xenophobic attacks, and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, despite these obstacles, the Latine & Hispanic community has flourished and become invaluable members of THPRD and the city of Beaverton; and

WHEREAS, THPRD honors and values the unique and rich contributions of all community members and strives to create a welcoming and inclusive park and recreation system that is accessible and welcoming to everyone; and

WHEREAS, THPRD is strengthened and made better by the diverse Latine & Hispanic community residing in our city and engaging with THPRD, including Black, Indigenous, and Afro-Indigenous individuals of Latin American descent; and

WHEREAS, Latine & Hispanic people have had a profound and positive influence on our community economically, socially, and politically; in the realms of education, business, healthcare, activism, arts, and more; and

WHEREAS, Latine & Hispanic people continue to make important contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, we commit to supporting Latine & Hispanic people and to building inclusive and equitable environments all year long.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District does hereby declare the month of September 2025 as

National Latine & Hispanic Heritage Month

And do urge all those in the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to support and promote this observance.

Signed this 10th day of September, 2025.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Miles Palacios, Secretary



TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

Proclamación

Por la Junta Directiva

CONSIDERANDO que, cada año, los estadounidenses observan el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Latine e Hispana honrando la cultura, herencia e historia de las personas de ascendencia Latine e Hispana; y

CONSIDERANDO que, la observancia nacional comenzó en 1968 en reconocimiento de las fechas de independencia de varios países de América Latina, incluidos Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, México, Chile y Belice; y

CONSIDERANDO que, históricamente y en la actualidad, la comunidad Latine e Hispana ha asumido a menudo labores esenciales pero subvaloradas, enfrentando también discriminación, racismo, ataques xenófobos y barreras sistémicas; y

CONSIDERANDO que, a pesar de estos obstáculos, la comunidad Latine e Hispana ha florecido y se ha convertido en miembros invaluable de THPRD y de la ciudad de Beaverton; y

CONSIDERANDO que, THPRD honra y valora las contribuciones únicas y ricas de todos los miembros de la comunidad y se esfuerza por crear un sistema de parques y recreación acogedor e inclusivo que sea accesible y acogedor para todos; y

CONSIDERANDO que, THPRD se fortalece y mejora gracias a la diversa comunidad Latine e Hispana que reside en nuestra ciudad y se involucra con THPRD, incluidos los individuos afroamericanos, indígenas y afro indígenas de ascendencia latinoamericana; y

CONSIDERANDO que, las personas Latine e Hispanas han tenido una influencia profunda y positiva en nuestra comunidad económica, social y políticamente; en los ámbitos de la educación, los negocios, la salud, el activismo, las artes y más; y

CONSIDERANDO que, las personas Latine e Hispanas continúan haciendo importantes contribuciones a la vitalidad cultural, educativa, económica y política de nuestra comunidad; y

CONSIDERANDO que, nos comprometemos a apoyar a las personas Latine e Hispanas y a fomentar ambientes inclusivos y equitativos durante todo el año.

POR LO TANTO, la Junta Directiva de Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District declara el mes de septiembre de 2025 como

Mes Nacional de la Herencia Latine e Hispana

E insta a todos los miembros de Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District a apoyar y

promover esta observancia.

Firmado el 10 de septiembre de 2025.

Alfredo Moreno, Presidente

Miles Palacios, Director Secretario



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TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

By the Board of Directors

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September, creates an important reminder for people of the importance of preparing our homes, businesses, and communities for a wide range of emergencies including natural, technological, human-caused, and more; and

WHEREAS, planning now – before a disaster – is the best way to improve community recovery and resiliency from disasters; and

WHEREAS, THPRD honors and values our role as a public service provider and community partner and furthermore we are committed to THPRD doing our part to serve the community during emergency events; and

WHEREAS, THPRD prioritizes ensuring that our facilities are safe and resilient and will be able to provide safe sheltering and emergency supply distribution in partnership with our emergency management partners; and

WHEREAS, THPRD is an active partner in countywide emergency management planning and trainings, and THPRD has been recognized by the National Weather Service as a Storm Ready community, and has successfully pursued and been awarded federal grants to strengthen the resiliency of THPRD facilities; and

WHEREAS, THPRD is committed to the equitable disaster relief and recovery services and nondiscrimination to all communities in the event of an emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, THPRD encourages everyone in the community to plan ahead for disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District does hereby declare the month of September 2025 as

National Preparedness Month

And do urge all those in the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to support and promote this observance.

Signed this 10th day of September, 2025.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Miles Palacios, Secretary



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the Tualatin Valley Water District Headquarters, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 5:30 pm; Regular Meeting 7:00 pm.

Present:

Alfredo Moreno	President/Director
Miles Palacios	Secretary/Director
Tya Ping	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Barbie Minor	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Absent:

Pradnya Patil	Director
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Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Legal (B) Land

President Alfredo Moreno called executive session to order for the following purposes:

- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions; and
- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e) and (h).

President Moreno noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Alfredo Moreno on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Miles Palacios moved that the board of directors authorize staff to adjust the purchase price for the property in the southwest quadrant of the district as discussed in executive session, using system development charge credits, subject to the standard due diligence review and approval by the general manager or designee. Tya Ping seconded the motion.

Roll call proceeded as follows:

Barbie Minor	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #4 – Audience Time

President Moreno welcomed those in attendance to provide public testimony this evening.

Aidan Bassett is before the board representing F Minus, a climate action nonprofit that tracks lobbyist activities. He described the detrimental impact fossil fuels have on the environment and requested that the district cut ties with its current lobbyist who also represents BP.

Agenda Item #5 – Board Time

A. Committee Liaisons Assignments

President Moreno led the board discussion regarding board members' preferences in serving as liaisons to district committees. The discussion resulted in the following assignments:

- Audit Committee: Barbie Minor
- Equity & Engagement Advisory Committee: Barbie Minor
- Fiduciary Committee: Miles Palacios
- Nature & Trails Advisory Committee: Pradnya Patil
- Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee: Tya Ping
- Tualatin Hills Park Foundation: Alfredo Moreno

President Moreno opened the floor to general board time updates.

Miles Palacios provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Reflected on his experience at the recent National Conference of State Legislators that he attended through his work and expressed pride in how THPRD serves the community.

Barbie Minor provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Looking forward to the upcoming Nature & Trails Advisory Committee field trip that was rescheduled due to weather.
- ✓ Would like to hold space and acknowledge that many of our community members are experiencing a time of great fear and anxiety due to an uptick of ICE activity in the area, including a detainment that took place near Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, and expressed gratitude for the work THPRD does to see the humanity and dignity in all of our neighbors and in creating safe spaces for all people to come together.

President Moreno provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Recognized the start of their second terms in office for himself and Director Minor and reflected upon the experience he gained over his first term.
- ✓ Expressed gratitude to district staff for the work done to assemble the Bond Task Force members being appointed this evening via the consent agenda and for the community members who stepped forward to be involved.
- ✓ Reflected on his children's experiences at THPRD camp programs and the activities and acts of kindness that happen daily at the district's centers. He recounted an incident involving his son at a THPRD park when his leg became stuck in play equipment and recognized two Nature Mobile staff in attendance this evening, Alex Ramos and Leann Pinniger Magee, who provided assistance to his son while waiting for TVF&R to arrive.

Agenda Item #6 – Consent Agenda

Tya Ping moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of June 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, (B) Quarterly Financial Report, (C) Addendum to the Employment Agreement for the District General Manager, (D) Resolution Acknowledging Real Property Transactions for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Describing Funding Sources and Purpose, (E) Resolution Appointing Bond Task Force Members, (F) Resolution Appointing Audit Committee Member, and (G) New Administration Facility Fencing Contract. Miles Palacios seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Barbie Minor	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #7 – Unfinished Business

A. General Manager's Report

Holly Thompson, Communications director, provided an overview of the technical difficulties experienced during the opening of fall registration this past Saturday which, despite the IT staff's best efforts, resulted in rescheduling registration opening for the next day. She described the lessons learned and the work being done toward process changes that will ultimately put the district in a stronger position going forward.

The following presentation was provided as listed within the General Manager's Report included in the board of directors' information packet:

- Bond Planning Update
 - Holly Thompson, Communications director, and Bruce Barbarasch, Sustainability manager, provided an update on the work underway planning for a potential replacement measure for the 2008 Bond Measure, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.

Doug and the presenters offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Miles Palacios asked for additional information regarding how the potential projects list would be presented to the task force.

- ✓ Bruce described how the overall project categories would be provided along with examples of the types of projects that might fit within those particular categories.
- ✓ Holly provided context in how the Bond Task Force's focus will be different from that of the Levy Task Force.

Miles noted that it would be helpful to get an overall feeling around where in the district our sites need the most attention.

Barbie Minor described her thoughts around the possibility of gaining some community insight and information in terms of visioning for the district through this process while being mindful of the work that was done for the Vision Action Plan.

Tya Ping suggested sharing the district's Vision Action Plan with the task force so that they have it at the forefront when considering projects.

President Moreno commented that he is excited to see the recommendations from the Bond Task Force.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Miles Palacios, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 22, 2025
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Holly Thompson, Communications Director
RE **Resolution Appointing Bond Task Force Member**

Introduction

Staff requests board of director's appointment of Jessica Lobell as a replacement for Julie Connor on the Bond Task Force, who had to resign due to scheduling issues.

Background

On August 13, 2025, the board approved the appointment of 13 community members to serve on the Bond Task Force. Recently, one appointed member, Julie Connor, submitted her resignation due to scheduling conflicts.

Proposal Request

Based on the applicant's score as well as an interest in developing a well-balanced committee, staff recommend appointment of Jessica Lobell to the Bond Task Force. Her application is attached.

Action Requested

Board of directors' approval of Resolution 2025-13 appointing Jessica Lobell to the Bond Task Force, replacing Julie Connor, who has resigned.

#23

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Q1 Yes

Do you live within the boundaries of the Tualatin Hills Park
& Recreation District service area?

Q2 Yes

Do you rent or own your current residence?

Q3

First Name

Jessica

Q4

Last Name

Lobell

Q5 Date 07/11/2025

Today's Date

Q6

Home Street Address

Q7

City

Q8

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Q9

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Q10

Email

[REDACTED]

Q11

Please tell us why you would like to serve on THPRD's Bond Task Force?

I would like to serve on the Bond Task Force for THPRD because I care deeply about the long-term vitality of our community spaces and the equitable distribution of resources across the district. As a resident, I've seen firsthand how parks, trails, and recreation facilities support not only physical health but also social connection and environmental stewardship. I'm committed to thoughtful listening, collaboration, and making decisions that will benefit our community for generations to come.

Q12

Please tell us about your experience providing advice or advocacy to government agencies in the past on budget issues, policy issues, program or services, or more?

I have limited experience in this realm, but I'm a quick learner and have a diverse career background that is very applicable.

Q13

Please share some of your history being involved with THPRD programs, services, volunteer opportunities, or more.

I primarily utilize the THPRD path system, but my family has also taken classes. I know that as a mom of two young children, we will be utilizing THPRD quite a bit more in the future. When we moved into the district, one of the first things I did was contact THPRD to ensure that our address was in district and went through the process of getting added.

Q14

Please share some of your personal or work history or other experiences that will benefit the Bond Task Force.

I did 10 years of volunteer work with the Mount Hood Ski Patrol, More recently, I was very involved in the Oregon Nurses Association and served on their Board of Directors. I am now a nurse manager at Kaiser Permanente, where I strive to live and promote the KP Thrive campaign

RESOLUTION 2025-13
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Oregon

**A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE APPOINTMENT
OF A BOND TASK FORCE MEMBER**

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) Board of Directors appointed 13 community members to serve on the Bond Task Force; and

WHEREAS, one appointed member Julie Connor has since submitted her resignation due to scheduling issues; and

WHEREAS, staff recommend appointing Jessica Lobell, who was considered in the original applicant pool and demonstrates the qualifications and availability to serve effectively;

Now, therefore, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District resolves as follows:

The THPRD Board of Directors accepts the resignation of the following individual from the Bond Task Force:

- Julie Connor

And approves the appointment of the following individual to the Bond Task Force:

- Jessica Lobell

Duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District this 10th day of September 2025.

Alfredo Moreno, Board President

Miles Palacios, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Jessica Collins, Recording Secretary



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2025
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager
RE **Resolution Authorizing Application to Community Renewable Energy Fund**

Introduction

Staff request board of directors' approval of Resolution No. 2025-14 authorizing submission of a Community Renewable Energy Fund (CREF) grant application for up to \$100,000. Grant funds will support a solar feasibility study for the Greenbrier Administration Office and the HMT Campus.

Background

The Oregon Department of Energy is accepting applications for the 2025 CREF program, which offsets the cost of planning and developing community renewable energy and resilience projects. Grants are paid on a reimbursement basis and do not require a match.

In April 2023, THPRD's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as an Annex to the Washington County plan. Developed collaboratively with the county and nine partner agencies, the NHMP identifies steps to reduce the impact of natural hazards while protecting the community's economy, environment, and the most vulnerable residents.

One NHMP action item is to study the feasibility of installing solar panels at the Greenbrier Administration Office, the district's designated emergency operations center. Solar power would allow critical functions to continue during extended outages caused by earthquakes or other disasters. The feasibility study will also assess the HMT Campus, as several buildings on the site are designated at will community emergency shelters that will serve as emergency heating/cooling and filtered-air centers during extreme weather and wildfire events.

Beyond fulfilling the NHMP, the project also advances THPRD's Climate Action Plan, adopted March 2024, which calls for reducing building energy by at least 10%.

Proposal Request

Staff are requesting board approval of Resolution No. 2025-14 authorizing the submission of a CREF application not to exceed \$100,000 to fund the solar feasibility study. The resolution is in a form reviewed and approved by THPRD's legal counsel.

Outcomes of Proposal

A successful CREF will enable THPRD to:

- Implement a NHMP action item that strengthens community resilience;
- Advance Climate Action Plan goals to reduce energy use;
- Increase readiness of emergency operations and shelter facilities.

Public Engagement

Community input has already shaped both the NHMP and Climate Action Plan. Engagement efforts drew a broad cross-section of residents, underscoring strong public support for exploring solar energy at district facilities.

Action Requested

Staff request board of directors' approval of Resolution No. 2025-14 authorizing submission of a CREF application for up to \$100,000 to complete a solar feasibility study for the Greenbrier Administration Office and the HMT Campus.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Energy is accepting applications for the Community Renewable Energy Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation acquisitions, improvements and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the THPRD Board of Directors have identified maintaining and enhancing the level of service for existing parks as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the project will include the completion of a solar feasibility study for the Greenbrier Administration Office and HMT Campus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT IN BEAVERTON, OREGON, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1: The Board of Directors approves submittal of a grant application to the Oregon Department of Energy to complete a solar feasibility study.
- Section 2: This resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the Board of Directors.

Approved by the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors on the 10th day of September 2025.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Miles Palacios, Secretary

ATTEST:

Jessica Collins, Recording Secretary



[9A]

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2025
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager
RE: **Legislative Update**

Introduction

At the board's September 10 meeting, Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager, and Kylie Grunow with Meriwether Strategies, the district's state lobbyist, will present a recap of the 2025 State Legislative Session. Attachment A to this memo is a comprehensive report of all the bills that THPRD followed during the session and those for which the district provided testimony. A summarized update will be presented to the board on September 10, which will include an overview of the district's current legislative platform, a review of the bills followed during the session, and discussion of any priority areas the board would like to identify going into the 2026 legislative session.



Public Policy & Government Relations

Oregon's 2025 Legislative Session

The 2025 Oregon legislative session began with ambitious goals and high expectations. Governor Tina Kotek and legislative leaders prioritized five core areas: K–12 education, housing, homelessness, wildfire mitigation, and a major transportation funding package. While some progress was made, the session seemed to be marred by a lot of bills, not enough public hearings, late-breaking proposals, and growing frustration over the legislative process. In the end, several landmark bills passed, but others—including the much anticipated transportation package, TRIP 2025—collapsed under political strain.

By the Numbers

- **3,467** - pieces of legislation introduced—policies, budgets, memorials, and resolutions
- **16%** - increase in the number of bills over the 2023 session (has sparked conversations about capping bill requests for the 2027 session - short session bills are already capped)
- **1,266** - public hearings
- **1,915** - proposed amendments
- **704** - bills sent to the Governor for her signature

Early Progress on Education and Housing

Lawmakers moved swiftly to fund K–12 education, passing a \$11.4 billion budget early in the session. This is a more than 11% increase from the last biennium and it meets the “current service level,” meaning it should be enough money to at least maintain schools’ operations in spite of rising costs. Efforts to address housing and homelessness were also front-loaded, though many of the bills took until late in session to get fully over the finish line.

Highlights from the 2025-27 housing agency budget and key legislation include:

- \$204.9 million to support the statewide shelter framework in [HB 3644](#), helping communities across Oregon meet the immediate needs of people living unsheltered but falling short of the funding need identified by local governments across Oregon.
- \$100.9 million for the Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Homeownership program, which supports the development of affordable homes for families with low to moderate incomes.
- \$10 million to support the housing priorities of Oregon’s nine federally recognized Native American Tribes, affirming the state’s commitment to tribal partnership and housing justice.
- \$24 million for the Senior Housing Initiative through [HB 3589](#), a targeted investment in preventing and reducing homelessness among Oregon’s aging population.
- [HB 2698](#), which establishes a statewide homeownership goal, creating a benchmark for increasing access to homeownership for all Oregonians.
- [HB 3792](#), which increases funding for low-income energy bill assistance by raising the cap from \$20 million to \$40 million, a move that will allow OHCS to serve more households in need of relief from rising utility costs.

But Too Little, Too Late for a Transportation Package

One of the most anticipated efforts of the session—[HB 2025](#), a \$14.6 billion, 10-year transportation funding package—ultimately failed. Following months of public input during the interim, there was very little produced during the legislative session, leading to tense and sometimes combative committee hearings in the final weeks, and ultimately led to a late-session standoff. Hindsight is always 20/20, but it seems that much of the angst could have been avoided had the package been shared much earlier in session allowing for the initial furor and following negotiations to take place with plenty of time to then develop a comprehensive package that could garner the necessary votes.

The Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP 2025) included:

- A gas tax increase - currently \$.40, going to \$.50 in 2026 and then \$.55 in 2028
- Automatic indexing for the gas tax based on CPI
- Increases in vehicle registration fees and title fees
- A tripling of the payroll tax paid by workers in Oregon to fund mass transit (from .1% to .3%)
- A “vehicle transfer tax” on car sales (2% on used cars over \$10,000 and 1% on new cars)
- An increase in the existing “vehicle privilege tax” from 0.5% to 1.0% at the time of sale
- Enactment of a road user charge (RUC) program for electric and other high-mileage (such as hybrid) vehicles, including a separate RUC program for commercial vehicles
- Increases to other vehicle permits and fees
- Changes to the weight-mile rates paid by freight and heavy-duty trucks
- The 50/30/20 revenue sharing formula.

The proposal required a supermajority vote due to its revenue components. However, Republican lawmakers opposed the tax increases, and key Senate Democrats withheld their support. Leadership pulled the bill before a vote in the House. A pared-down version ([HB 2025-B](#)) also stalled. A last-ditch alternative ([HB 3402](#)) provided limited funding for ODOT through a modest gas tax and fee increases but excluded transit and local project funding, as well as backing away from the commitment to the 50/30/20 revenue sharing formula. It was widely criticized by local governments and advocates alike.

The failure to pass new funding for the Oregon Department of Transportation will lead to historic layoffs, around 800 positions, unless or until a special session of the legislature is called to address the agency’s funding needs.

Labor & Affordability

While transportation policy floundered, [SB 916](#)—a bill allowing workers on strike, including public employees, to collect unemployment—passed after a series of amendments. Oregon became the first state to extend this benefit to both public and private sector workers. The final bill capped benefits at 10 weeks to win enough support, after earlier versions proposed up to 26 weeks (Washington State passed a similar bill with a cap of 6 weeks).

Opponents – a wide swathe of business associations, local governments and school districts – expressed concern that the bill would prolong labor disputes, potentially bankrupt public bodies, and strain Oregon’s \$6.4 billion unemployment insurance trust fund. Proponents argued it was a necessary step to protect workers’ rights in an era of increased labor activism.

Additionally, many bills passed that legislators trumpeted as helping to reign in the ever increasing cost of living, including:

- The POWER Act—Protecting Oregonians With Energy Responsibility—requires data centers to pay more for the large amount of electricity they use rather than cause an increase in residential rates ([HB 3546](#))
- Expanding access to consumer assistance services at utilities ([HB 3156](#))
- Requiring utility companies to slow down their rate hikes ([HB 3179](#)), show good performance along with any rate increases ([SB 688](#)), and double the amount of assistance for people struggling to pay their bills ([HB 3792](#))
- Pushing medical debt off credit reports ([SB 605](#))
- Outlawing surprise fees in online prices ([SB 430](#))
- Investing in rental assistance and down payment assistance ([HB 5011](#))
- Extending a tax benefit to save for a down payment ([HB 2087](#))

Wildfire Funding

Another effort that found success as the transportation vehicle sputtered and ultimately died, was wildfire funding. Passing in the final days of session, [HB 3940](#) establishes permanent funding specifically for wildfire mitigation and prevention efforts:

- The goal was \$150 million per year dedicated funding for wildfire, but instead stable funding came in the form of \$45 million for wildfires every two years from a new 65-cent tax on oral nicotine products and a transfer of 20% of the interest earned by the Rainy Day Fund (RDF), the state's savings account designed to cushion the impacts of economic downturns or other emergencies.
- The nicotine pouch tax and the 20% RDF revenues are ongoing and dedicated to wildfire mitigation in both landscape resiliency and community risk reduction programs:
 - The Landscape Resiliency Fund: a grant program to fund landscape projects that reduce wildfire risk on public and private forestlands and rangelands.
 - The Community Risk Reduction Fund: managed by the State Fire Marshal, provides grants to local governments to reduce wildfire risk.

Something has to give...

The 2025 legislative session saw record levels of bills introduced. Coupled with the ability to testify remotely, policy development and the transparency of the legislative process took a hit. While remote testimony is an important tool, especially for those that live in rural Oregon, work at a full-time job, or cannot make arrangements to testify at hearing scheduled only hours earlier, it also means that testimony offered at public hearings often has to be limited to 2-3 minutes per person to accommodate everyone who signed up to testify. This results in little to no interaction with committee members. With a lot more people offering testimony on a lot more bills, something has to give.

Recognizing the growing tension between the two, legislators introduced [HB 2006](#) to limit bill introductions in future sessions—but the proposed caps still allowed over 3,400 bills per biennium, which is not much of a solution. The bill did not move forward and the conversation is still underway about how to handle going forward.

In the end, the 2025 legislative session saw important legislation on a number of issues, but fell short on the most structurally significant package of the year: transportation. The session was defined as much by its missed opportunities as by its victories. Despite bipartisan passage of most bills, the volume and pace of lawmaking continue to raise questions about accessibility, deliberation, and long-term governance.

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

Utilizing THPRD's adopted legislative platform, values, and budget priorities, THPRD was an active participant during the 2025 legislative session, as members of workgroups/coalitions, meeting with legislators, and offering testimony on priority pieces of legislation. Below is a list of bills tracked by THPRD, many of which we engaged with in some form (categorized in the same category titles used in board presentations and reports).

Policies of particular interest/activity for the district included:

- [HB 3209](#) – RV Registration Fees **FAILED**
 - This proposal was rolled into HB 2025, the transportation package that ultimately failed. However, securing the inclusion of these fee increases into the package was a victory in itself and the result of a lot of hard work.
- [HB 3505](#) – Restricts SDCs on residential fire sprinkler systems **PASSED**
 - This was the only SDC related legislation that passed after several more onerous proposals had been floated.
- [HB 3626](#) – Micromobility Regulations **FAILED**
 - THPRD's Peter Swinton participated in the workgroup and the district was supportive of the bill, however, it got stuck in the Ways & Means process. We look forward to a more robust version being introduced in the future.
- [SB 179](#) – Recreational Immunity **PASSED**
 - Made permanent the changes from the 2024 session – a major victory.
 - THPRD was an active participant in the ORPA-led coalition.
- [SB 243](#) – Community Safety Firearms Act **PASSED**
 - Includes provisions from SB 698 that restrict concealed weapons from public buildings.

Lastly, as we have done for the last few long sessions, THPRD once again held a lobby day that resulted in valuable engagement with our legislative delegation and was meaningful for THPRD's advocacy efforts in the Capitol. Board members and staff provided an update on the district, including the future Westside Trail development and the upcoming replacement bond, as well as providing an overview of our 2025 legislative priorities and relevant legislation. This was especially timely as [SB 698](#), which among several other things would've authorized governing bodies of certain public entities – including special districts – to restrict carrying firearms in public building and adjacent grounds. The bill had just been rolled into SB 243 which was dubbed the "Community Safety Firearms Act." However, when that happened, special districts were removed from the provision concerning concealed weapons and public entities. THPRD was able to express our concerns and advocate for the inclusion of special districts in the restrictions on concealed handguns in public buildings and adjacent grounds. This was particularly pertinent with Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Lieber and House Majority Leader Bowman. Eventually, special districts were added back but the adjacent grounds piece was dropped.

2025 Equitable Access

[HB 2007](#) - Modifies the Oregon Department of Education's summer learning program to focus on improving reading proficiency. The measure requires the Department of Education to establish and administer a grant program to fund summer learning programs. It specifies the program elements and number of program hours for grant eligibility, establishes grant application requirements and the types of organizations that may apply for grants, and directs the Department to prioritize grants

for programs using research-aligned literacy strategies and focused interventions to serve students in areas with the lowest rate of reading proficiency.

Of note....[SB 896](#) was not successful, but would've established the After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program. Directs the Department of Education to administer the grant program. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Education for the After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

This was ORPA's second attempt (SB 531 in 2023) to help legislators vying for permanent statutory notice of and funding for after school learning programs. THPRD supported ORPA to work with legislators on our specific interest to ensure that parks & recreation programs are included as recipients of funds. But, the efforts were overshadowed by the Governor and leadership focusing on reading failures in education system after disturbing [reports](#).

[HB 2814](#) - Authorizes the Department of Early Learning and Care to waive certain requirements for certified child care facilities upon good cause shown and if the resulting circumstances protect the welfare of the children and the consumer interests of the parents of the children. Directs the Early Learning Council to define by rule the number of children per age group allowed at a registered family child care home. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

[HB 3560](#) - Expands areas where a child care facility may be sited. Requires local governments to update their land use laws to comply within one year after the effective date of the Act.

2025 Funding

[HB 2089](#) – A response to U.S. Supreme Court case *Tyler v. Hennepin County* (598 U.S. 631) from May of 2023, where the court made decided that when a county forecloses on property to pay delinquent property taxes, it can't take more property than what is owed. Oregon HB 4056 (2024) responded to the litigation, but then more was forthcoming in Linn County. HB 2089 provides for a process, through the Unclaimed Property program of the Oregon State Treasury, for former owners to claim the surplus proceeds of real property that has been foreclosed, deeded to a county, and sold to pay delinquent property taxes.

[HB 2321](#) - Directs the Legislative Fiscal Officer to analyze and prepare a report on the current state property tax system and options to modernize the state property tax system. Requires the officer to submit the report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue no later than December 1, 2026. Sunsets [the task force] January 2, 2027. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Of note....[HB 2321](#), [2333](#), [2334](#), [2335](#) were a suite of bills that would have created task forces to study the impacts of Measure 5 and Measure 50 on disadvantaged communities (2321), local governments (2333), public education (2334) and alternative revenue sources (2335). Rather than pass several different bills related to the same topic, House Revenue Chair Nancy Nathanson, combined them into one bill, HB 2321, that requires the Legislative Revenue Officer to produce a report on the current state property tax system and options to modernize it. Requires the report to include: an overview of the current system, the effects Measure 5 and Measure 50 have had on the system, and stakeholder and local government concerns about the system. Requires the report be submitted to the Legislature by December 1, 2026.

HB 3209 would have imposed a surcharge on certain vehicle registration fees and recreational vehicle trip permits; transfer proceeds of the surcharge to the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account; and, authorize the Department of Transportation to provide reimbursements for the costs of towing and disposing of abandoned recreational vehicles with a sunset of the new surcharges after 10 years.

Of note... This was ORPA's bill and one of the association's top priorities for the session. Garnering bipartisan, geographically diverse legislative leaders to support HB 3209 was a highlight of session, and being rolled into the transportation package considered a coup. It has been 24 years since fees on campers, trailers and motorhomes have been increased and for multiple sessions ORPA and other stakeholders have tried to find a process and funding mechanism for the abandoned RV problem. We will need to strategize on when and how to reintroduce this concept into the transportation conversation.

HB 5026 – This is the State Parks and Recreation Department budget bill and includes:

- \$394 million total funds, which supports 865 positions.
- Includes approximately \$8 million in General Fund
- \$206 million in Lottery Funds; \$151 million in Other Funds
- \$29 million in Federal Funds.
- This budget represents a 5% increase over the legislatively approved budget, and a 16% increase over next biennium's current service level.
- The cumulative investment focuses on the continuation of grant delivery and support for the next phase of the park reservation system upgrade.

SB 838 - Provides that the Public Contracting Code does not apply to the contracting activities of the State Parks and Recreation Department, except with respect to surplus property, information technology, photogrammetric mapping or telecommunications. Exempts the department from the requirements that apply to state printing for printing and binding the department does for the purposes of communicating with persons who are interested in the state's recreational sites and resources or advertising, promoting or providing education concerning the state's recreational sites and resources. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

2025 LACA

HB 2356 - Adds lands to a metropolitan service district when those lands are within Metro's urban growth boundary and annexed by a city in Metro. This bill was at the request of Metro, because they feel that their annexation process is redundant and duplicative. While most land in Metro's UGB is also inside its service district, there are some instances where it is not. Impacted landowners had to undertake two separate processes when interested in being annexed to a city: city annexation and Metro annexation. This condenses the two.

HB 2922 - Provides that State Parks and Recreation Department employees whose job classification is a park manager or a park ranger are eligible to request that records kept by the Department of Transportation contain the employer's address instead of the employee's home address.

HB 2944 - Directs the Employment Relations Board to impose civil penalties against a public employer that has a history of failing to comply with certain requirements under the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act. Provides that a violation resulting from certain events is not

subject to a civil penalty. Permits the board to consider extenuating circumstances when determining the amount of the civil penalty to impose.

HB 3021 - The measure amends the Oregon Employment Department's (OED) general administrative statutes and updates terminology. Clarifies that the Director of the Oregon Employment Department (OED) is responsible for determining all questions of general policy related to Paid Leave Oregon laws that OED administers. Removes providing “childcare advocacy, coordination of childcare policy and planning, and related support services for childcare providers” as one of OED's responsibilities. Replaces the Child Care Fund with the Paid Leave Oregon Trust Fund as a potential source of compensation for the salary of the Director. Establishes that any future changes in law to ORS chapter 657 that do not conform with federal law will not have any force or effect.

HB 3022 - Authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose information to the Employment Department for purposes of administering the paid family and medical leave insurance program. Makes provisions requiring reports required to be filed by employers with the Department of Revenue consistent across agency programs. Removes the requirement that the Department of Revenue must determine contribution payment methods by rule. Authorizes the Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice to release reporting information on newly hired employees to the Employment Department. Includes a program eligibility determination in purposes for which a county supervisory authority must submit defendant information to the Director of the Employment Department. Applies to information disclosed and reports required on or after January 1, 2023. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

HB 3024 - Eliminates the reduction of an individual's maximum benefit amount by eight times the individual's weekly benefit amount after the individual is disqualified from the receipt of benefits for cause and has not earned at least four times the individual's weekly benefit amount. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

HB 3190 - Limits the property tax special assessment program for historic property to commercial property. Makes other structural changes to the program. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

SB 170 - Increases the offense level of assault in the fourth degree when the defendant commits the assault against a victim performing official duties as part of the victim's employment and has certain prior convictions for assault in the workplace. Punishes by a maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

SB 179 - Makes permanent the temporary changes made to the landowner immunity laws by chapter 64, Oregon Laws 2024. Extends local government immunity to explicitly include claims arising via the use of nonhorse equines.

Of note.... THPRD was very engaged in the advocacy of this bill. Thank you to the board for their work and support. Ensuring that the temporary changes made in 2024 were made permanent was critical - the assurance that it provides for entities like THPRD and parks and recreation providers across the state cannot be understated.

SB 243 – Named the “Community Safety Firearms Act,” it creates the crime of unlawful transport, manufacture or transfer of a rapid fire activator. Punishes by a maximum of 10 years'

imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both. Creates the crime of unlawful possession of a rapid fire activator. Punishes by a maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Specifies exceptions for both crimes. **Authorizes the governing body of a city, a county or a special district that owns or controls a public building that is used for official meetings to limit the affirmative defense for concealed handgun licensees for possessing a firearm in the public building.** Provides that in a prosecution for possessing a firearm in a building subject to such limit, the concealed handgun licensee affirmative defense is not a complete defense, but results in a Class A misdemeanor conviction punishable by 364 days' imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Provides that the provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022) apply to firearm transfers conducted, and large-capacity magazine manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale or transfer occurring, on or after March 15, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Of note.... The bolded language is what was at issue for local governments and special districts. At the time of the THPRD lobby day, the operative language of the bill did not include special districts. Our ability to have timely conversations with bill sponsors and legislative leadership was integral to making sure that special districts were included in the end.

SB 808 - Provides hiring and promotion preferences in public employment to members and former members of the Oregon National Guard.

SB 858 - Makes technical changes to statutory provisions concerning the administration of the family and medical leave insurance program. Specifies actions an authorized agent may take on behalf of a deceased or incapacitated person within Paid Leave Oregon if the person was a covered individual who became deceased or incapacitated before submitting a claim for Paid Leave Oregon benefits or before the Director of the Employment Department made a final decision regarding a pending or existing claim for benefits. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

SB 859 - Authorizes the Director of the Employment Department to compromise or adjust certain debts and overpayments relating to the paid family and medical leave program. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

SB 906 - Requires employers to provide to all employees, at the time of hire, a written explanation of earnings and deductions shown on itemized statements. Describes the ways in which an employer may satisfy the requirement. Establishes specifications for the contents of the written explanation. Requires employers to review and update the information provided in the written explanation by January 1 of each year. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to impose civil penalties for violations of the requirements. Directs the Bureau of Labor and Industries to develop and make available to employers a model written guidance document in English and in Spanish and, if requested, in other languages, to the extent practicable.

SB 916 - Provides that an individual otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits is not disqualified for any week that the individual's unemployment is due to a labor dispute in active progress at the individual's place of employment. Provides that individuals unemployed due to a strike are disqualified for benefits for one week before eligibility begins, with the usual unpaid waiting week, subject to a [possible] limit based on the tax schedule in effect at the time. Provides for the collection of benefits overpaid during a strike due to the later receipt of back pay. Requires a school district to deduct from an employee's future wages benefits charged for weeks during a labor dispute.

Of note...One of the most debated pieces of legislation that passed. See description above, most notably the curtailing of the benefits from 26 weeks to 10 weeks.

SB 983 - Permits local public officials to participate in discussion and debate and to vote on the adoption of a local budget that includes compensation for the public official or a relative of the public official after announcing an actual conflict of interest. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

SB 1176 - Requires the Bureau of Labor and Industries to conduct an effort to publicize and explain the obligation to accept cash as payment for goods and services to places of public accommodation and residents of this state. Requires the bureau to continue the effort until the bureau determines that a high rate of compliance exists among persons that are subject to the obligation. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Lastly, there were a series of bills related to public meetings and records that had troublesome or concerning provisions – all of them failed to pass:

- **HB 3638** - Extends the time a person may file a written grievance that a governing body acted in violation of the rules and requirements for executive sessions.
- **HB 3883** - Requires public meetings to include a time for public comments at the start of each public meeting.
- **HB 3887** - Defines a "work session" for purposes of public meetings. Requires a governing body of a public body to include a time for public comment and requires notice of the public comment period if the body votes.
- **SB 1077** – A placeholder bill originally introduced as a study bill that would have required the Public Records Advisory Council to “study” public records, the bill was amended in the final weeks of session to require public bodies to do more work to process public records, especially when fee waivers or reductions are requested. THPRD supported the submission of a letter from ORPA expressing concerns about the additional work required of public bodies with little to no benefit, and highlighting that the bill did nothing to modernize public records policies and processes.

2025 SDCs

HB 2968 - Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to guarantee a housing developer's payment of system development charges that the local government has agreed to defer until after occupancy. Allows the department to assess a civil penalty and interest against defaulting developers. Allows the Department of Revenue to pursue collections against developers. Becomes operative on January 1, 2026. Establishes the Municipal Development Protection Fund for such purposes. Appropriates moneys to the fund. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Of note....This is the only bill regarding system development charges that passed during the session.

2025 Climate Adaptation & Community Resiliency

The climate adaptation and community resiliency policy proposals were primarily focused on wildfire issues and the access and availability of water. Some of the major proposals that passed include:

- **SB 83** - Eliminates certain building code standards and mapping requirements for wildfire hazard mitigation. Instead, it directs the State Fire Marshal to develop a model code for

defensible space to reduce wildfire risk and the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt certain wildfire hazard mitigation code standards. It also modifies the membership of the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council to add a member representing the structural fire service who has experience with managing, fighting or preventing wildfire within the wildland-urban interface and a member representing the insurance industry and makes changes to certain wildfire risk reduction reports that certain state agencies are required to prepare.

- [SB 85](#) - Requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Department of the State Fire Marshal, in collaboration with the Department of Forestry and insurance industry representatives, to evaluate and develop community-based wildfire risk mitigation strategies to reduce wildfire risks and improve insurance affordability in Oregon. It declares an emergency, effective upon passage.
- [HB 3364](#) - Modifies the Water Conservation, Reuse, and Storage Program and the Water Supply Development Account. The Water Conservation, Reuse, and Storage Grant Program (commonly known as Feasibility Study Grants) was established through Senate Bill 1069 (2008) to fund studies that evaluate the viability of water conservation, reuse, and storage projects. It supports local governments, Tribes, and individuals, with grants awarded annually, typically in the spring. Recipients must provide a 50 percent cost match, and funding was capped at \$500,000.
- [SB 1154](#) - Modifies processes for managing ground water quality contamination concerns, including the declaration of ground water quality concern areas and ground water quality management areas and related responsibilities. It requires coordination among state agencies and local entities to address these areas, including monitoring, action planning, and remediation strategies. It authorizes the Governor to appoint agencies to develop an agency assessment, prepare an action plan, implement regulations, and take necessary actions to address ground water quality, while allowing for increased monitoring, reporting, and coordination to protect public health and water resources.

Some of the bills tracked by THPRD, which all ended up failing to proceed, included:

- [HB 2067](#) - Directs the State Department of Energy to establish a rebate program for the purchase of battery-powered leaf blowers. Establishes the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.
- [HB 2963](#) - Directs the Environmental Quality Commission to establish by rule a program for providing rebate vouchers to qualifying individuals who purchase electric assisted bicycles. Establishes the Electric Bicycle Incentive Fund. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.
- [HB 3016](#) - Directs the Environmental Quality Commission to establish a program to provide rebate vouchers for the replacement of combustion lawn and garden equipment with zero-emission lawn and garden equipment. Establishes the Lawn and Garden Equipment Rebate Fund. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.
- [HB 3477](#) - Modifies state greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. Replaces the term "global warming" with "climate change" in provisions related to the Oregon Climate Action Commission. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.
- [HB 3512](#) - Prohibits the distribution or sale of certain covered products that contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances. Requires a manufacturer of covered products to provide a certificate of compliance to persons that sell or distribute covered products in this state. Authorizes the Attorney General to investigate and bring an action to obtain an injunction or a civil penalty for violations of the Act. Becomes operative on January 1, 2027.



[9B]

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Doug Menke, General Manager
RE: **General Manager's Report**

Summer Camps and Events Recap

Cynthia Guajardo, Program Coordinator at Garden Home; Lori Jensen, Program Coordinator at Cedar Hills; and Dan McGatha, Center Supervisor overseeing the Aloha and Beaverton Swim Centers, will share a recap of summer camps and events that took place this season.

Upcoming Events

September

Date	Event Name	Time	Location
9/17	Zumba From Around the World	6 – 7:30 pm	Garden Home Recreation Center
9/18	Special Tumble Tots Event – Little Leaves, Big	9 am – 12 pm	Garden Home Recreation Center
9/19	Inclusion Fall Festival	3:30 – 8 pm	Elsie Stuhr Center
9/20	Threads of Culture	10 am – 6 pm	Conestoga Recreation and Aquatic Center
9/21	Cedar Mill Cider Festival	1 – 4 pm	John Quincy Adams Young House
9/25	Harvest Park Grand Opening	5:30 – 7pm	North Bethany at NW Eleanor Ave. & Evelyn St.
9/27	Health & Wellness Resource Fair	9 am – 1:30 pm	Elsie Stuhr Center

October

Date	Event Name	Time	Location
10/2	Harmony Park Grand Opening	5 – 6:30 pm	South Cooper Mountain between SW Burrows Rd. and Oystercatcher Ln. at SW Bittern Terr
10/11	Pumpkin Bob	12:30 – 2:30 pm, 4:30 – 6:30 pm	Harman Swim Center
10/11	Westside/Waterhouse Trail Ribbon Cutting & Talking Walls Project/Event	TBD	Waterhouse Trail by S Laidlaw Road in Bethany
10/18	Halloween Silly Walk & Dance Party	4 – 6 pm	Conestoga Recreation and Aquatic Center
10/24	Pumpkin Patch Pool Party	5 – 6:30 pm	Aloha Swim Center
10/25	Fall Festival	11 am – 2 pm	Cedar Hills Recreation Center
10/25	Sunset's Spooky Saturday	1 – 4 pm	Sunset Swim Center
10/25	Sempoashochitl Festival	4 – 8 pm	Garden Home Recreation Center
10/31	Spooktacular Open Swim	3 – 6 pm	Beaverton Swim Center



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2025
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Holly Thompson, Communications Director
RE **Update to District Equity & Inclusion Statement**

Introduction

Staff requests board consideration of an update to the district's Equity & Inclusion Statement.

Background

The THPRD Board of Directors adopted an Equity & Inclusion Statement in September 2021. Based on staff feedback, as well as legal review, the board is being asked to consider an update to the district's statement. Staff recently met with the district's Equity & Engagement Advisory Committee and the staff Welcoming & Inclusive Group to incorporate their feedback into the updated draft.

Current: Equity & Inclusion Statement

We acknowledge that all U.S. government agencies have roots stemming from systemic racism and oppression, including THPRD.

We seek to hold ourselves accountable for our role in perpetuating these systems and are committed to taking action to create meaningful change.

We aspire to bring people together, to be a welcoming and inclusive park & recreation district, and to live our values of advancing social and racial equity.

Proposal Request

After meeting with the Equity & Engagement Advisory Committee as well as the staff Welcoming & Inclusive Group, staff are prepared to share an updated statement for the board's consideration.

Proposed Update: Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Statement

THPRD's goal is to serve every individual with dignity, fairness, and respect. We are dedicated and hold ourselves accountable to being a welcoming and inclusive organization that lives our values by advancing equity, inclusion, fairness, belonging, and respect for all. As stewards of public lands and spaces, we are committed to keeping these spaces safe, accessible and bringing people together.

Action Requested

Board of directors' adoption of the proposed Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Statement.