**Ash Creek Water Control District**

Board Meeting – **February 6, 2025**

Pre-meeting gathering at 6:30 PM, board meeting begins at 7 PM

The meeting will be an in-person event held **Indy Commons, 154 S Main St, Independence. *Please note new location.***

Zoom will also be available: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82158510794

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Administer oath of office to Brooke Getty, Director 5
4. Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2024 (minutes attached)
5. Audience Comments
6. Director Comments
7. Reports
8. Finance: Monthly Report
9. Phone: Monthly Report
10. Nutria: Monthly Report
11. Precipitation: Monthly Report
12. Engineer’s Report
13. Unfinished Business
14. BOD positions and expiration dates
15. Trestle Cleanup on hiatus until March 2025
16. New Business
17. Filling empty BOD position #8?
18. Collaborative Conservation Community meeting, 1-31-25, 1-4:45 ms
19. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items
20. Correspondence

10. Adjournment: Discussion of future meeting dates/times/locations

Additional Documents:

Latest available financial information, Latest SDAO newsletters and/or links to same, List of current Ash Creek Water Control District Directors and term dates

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**Ash Creek Water Control District**

Meeting of Board December 5, 2024, 7 PM, Independence City Hall Event Center, with Zoom option (https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82158510794)

**MINUTES**

Mancil called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Those present: Tom Wilson, Andrea Melendy, Ed Matteo, Molly Barbano, Madeline Fisher, Mancil Russell, Emmanuel Goicochea, Todd Whitaker. Guest: Brooke Getty. Staff: Marilyn Morton.

Approval of Minutes: Madeline moved to approve the November minutes, Andrea 2nd, motion passed unanimously

Audience Comments: Introductions were made. Brooke Getty is potentially interested in a board position.

Director Comments:

Prior to the meeting, Karin Johnson was in attendance. Many thanks were given to her for her years of service to ACWCD, along with an award acknowledging the board’s gratitude.

Reports

Finance (Tom): The parts of the November Finance Report and the 3rd quarter financial reports that were available by meeting time are attached to these minutes. Though the LGIP statement was not yet available, Tom gave a verbal report on the current balance: $524,484.19, an increase of $54,094.49 .

Precipitation (Madeline): 8.35” in November. Gareth Hopkins (WOU Professor) and students have placed the traps for the emerald borer month on Madeline’s easement.

Phone: Nothing to report. Andrea will handle the phone for December

Nutria (Ed): Two animals were spotted in Old Town, one in South Independence. 33 traps are currently deployed. The much reduced presence of nutria speaks to the good control that has been exercised by ACWCD.

Engineer’s Report: None at this time

Unfinished Business

Noted, the next elections will be held in May 2025. Elected positions are for 4 years, appointed positions for 2 years.

Mancil visited the site(s) of clean-up efforts along Ash Creek. (The trestle project is on hiatus until March 2025.)

New Business: Tom moved to appoint Brooke Getty as Director 5. Mancil 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Brooke must still take the oath of office.

Miscellaneous Business/Information Items

Correspondence - none

Task Log - discontinued

Adjournment:

The Independence City Hall meeting room is available through January 2025. Mancil asked that the board consider meeting place and time after the January meeting. Meeting was adjourned by consensus by 8 PM.

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| **Financial Reports for Ash Creek Water Control District for 2-6-2025 meeting** | | | |  |
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| **Pioneer Trust Bank Through 2024** |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Date** | **Credit** | **Debit** | **Running Balance** |
| Beginning Balance | 6/1/2024 |  |  | $ 2,815.19 |
| Interest earned | 4/30/2024 | $ 10.89 |  | $ 2,826.08 |
| 2314, Tom Wilson, Office Suppls | 6/20/2024 |  | $ 12.47 | $ 2,813.61 |
| Interest for April/May | 6/20/2024 | $ 10.17 |  | $ 2,823.78 |
| 2315, Media Country | 7/2/2024 |  | $ 180.00 | $ 2,643.78 |
| 2316, Ascension Accounting | 7/2/2024 |  | $ 87.50 | $ 2,556.28 |
| 2313, Tom Wilson (Zoom Reimb) | 7/2/2024 |  | $ 159.90 | $ 2,396.38 |
| 2318, Ind. Nursery, Nutria Traps | 7/2/2024 |  | $ 600.00 | $ 1,796.38 |
| 2319, USPS P O Box rental | 7/2/2024 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 1,596.38 |
| 2320, Karin Johnson, 4 mos pay | 7/2/2024 |  | $ 800.00 | $ 796.38 |
| LGIP Transfer In | 7/2/2024 | $ 10,000.00 |  | $ 10,796.38 |
| 2321, Marilyn Morton (June) | 7/2/2024 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 10,596.38 |
| 2322, CAN Surety (Increase) | 7/17/2024 |  | $ 518.17 | $ 10,078.21 |
| 2323, Marilyn Morton (July) | 7/30/2024 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 9,878.21 |
| Interest earned | 7/31/2024 | $ 14.97 |  | $ 9,893.18 |
| 2325, Marilyn Morton (August) | 8/19/2024 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 9,693.18 |
| 2324, Ascension Accounting | 8/19/2024 |  | $ 286.33 | $ 9,406.85 |
| Interest earned | 8/30/2024 | $ 13.62 |  | $ 9,420.47 |
| 2326, Talmadge Middle School | 9/5/2024 |  | $ 500.00 | $ 8,920.47 |
| From Surety, Overpay for Upgrade | 9/12/2024 | $ 325.00 |  | $ 9,245.47 |
| 2327, Marilyn Morton (September) | 9/30/2024 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 9,045.47 |
| Interest earned | 9/30/2024 | $ 9.58 |  | $ 9,055.05 |
| 2532, Gov't Ethics Commission Fees | 10/8/2024 |  | $ 75.66 | $ 8,979.39 |
| 2328, Andrea Melendy, Signs | 10/8/2024 |  | $ 58.00 | $ 8,921.39 |
| 2329, Ascension Accounting | 10/8/2024 |  | $ 247.33 | $ 8,674.06 |
| 2330, Marilyn Morton (October) | 10/8/2024 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 8,474.06 |
| 2331, Mancil Russell, Karin Johnson Gift Certificate | 10/8/2024 |  | $ 100.00 | $ 8,374.06 |
| ACH, Ascension Accounting | 10/23/2024 |  | $ 103.00 | $ 8,271.06 |
| Interest earned | 10/31/2024 | $ 6.38 |  | **$ 8,277.44** |
| ACH, Ascension Accounting | 11/4/2024 |  | $ 54.00 | $ 8,223.44 |
| 2333, Marilyn Morton (November) | 11/4/2024 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 8,023.44 |
| 2334, SDAO Annual Dues | 11/13/2024 |  | $ 237.00 | $ 7,786.44 |
| 2335, Whitaker Engineering | 11/14/2024 |  | $ 1,468.75 | $ 6,317.69 |
| Interest earned | 11/29/2024 | $ 4.39 |  | **$ 6,322.08** |
| 2336, Marilyn Morton (December) | 12/5/2025 |  | $ 200.00 | $ 6,122.08 |
| 2337, Andrea Melendy (Trophy) | 12/5/2024 |  | $ 120.75 | $ 6,001.33 |
| ACH, Ascension Accounting | 12/4/2025 |  | $ 54.00 | $ 5,947.33 |
| Interest earned | 12/31/2025 | $ 3.60 |  | **$ 5,950.93** |
| Pioneer Trust Bank 2025 |  |  |  |  |
| **Pioneer Trust Bank 2025** | Date | Credit | Debit | **Running Balance** |
| Beginning Balance | 1/1/2025 |  |  | **$ 5,950.93** |
| 2338, Streaming Annual | 1/10/2025 |  | $ 1,260.00 | **$ 4,690.93** |
| 2339, Marilyn Morton | 1/8/2025 |  | $ 200.00 | **$ 4,490.93** |
| 2340, SDIS Annual | 1/10/2025 |  | $ 2,780.00 | **$ 1,710.93** |
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| **LGIP - State of Oregon, through 2024** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Date | Credit | Debit | **Running Balance** |
| Beginning Balance | 7/1/2024 |  |  | **$ 471,359.02** |
| Debit, xfer to Checking (ACH) | 7/5/2024 |  | $ 10,000.00 | **$ 461,359.02** |
| Polk Co Treasury | 7/8/2024 | $ 410.95 |  | **$ 461,769.97** |
| Credit, interest earned July 2024 | 7/31/2024 | $ 2,068.10 |  | **$ 463,838.07** |
| LGIP Fees, ACH Redemption | 8/7/2024 |  | $ 0.05 | **$ 463,838.02** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 9/3/2024 | $ 206.80 |  | **$ 464,044.82** |
| Accrual Income Div. Reinvest | 9/9/2024 | $ 2,082.95 |  | **$ 466,127.77** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 9/9/2024 | $ 116.60 |  | **$ 466,244.37** |
| Annual Income Div. Reinvest | 10/1/2024 | $ 2,024.75 |  | **$ 468,269.12** |
| Interest/Dividends | 11/1/2024 | $ 2,120.58 |  | **$ 470,389.70** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 11/1/2024 | $ 2,136.43 |  | **$ 472,526.13** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 11/8/2024 | $ 6,056.96 |  | **$ 478,583.09** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 11/18/2024 | $ 8,053.92 |  | **$ 486,637.01** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 11/22/2024 | $ 35,837.48 |  | **$ 522,474.49** |
| Interest/Dividends | 11/30/2024 | $ 2,009.70 |  | **$ 524,484.19** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 12/3/2024 | $ 3,939.88 |  | **$ 528,424.07** |
| Polk County Treasury, Tax | 12/6/2025 | $ 245.95 |  | **$ 528,670.02** |
| Accrual Income Div Reinvestment-Dist. | 12/31/2025 | $ 2,170.26 |  | **$ 530,840.28** |
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| **LGIP Prepaid Visa Card, through 2024** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Date | Credit | Debit | **Running Balance** |
| Beginning Balance | 7/31/2024 |  |  | **$ 398.76** |
| Debit, to Ascension | 7/31/2024 |  | $ 73.50 | **$ 325.26** |
| No debits/credits in August | 8/31/2024 |  |  | **$ 325.26** |
| Debit, to Ascension | 9/30/2024 |  | $ (10.00) | **$ 335.26** |
| Debit, to Ascension | 12/30/2024 |  | 247.26 | **$ 88.00** |

**Board of Directors, Positions & Terms**

Mailing Address & Phone Number for all Directors:

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503 779-9869

**Director #1**

Tom Wilson

Term: 2027

Email: director1@ashcreekwcd.com

**Director #2**

Emmanuel Goicochea

Term expires: 2027

Email: director2@ashcreekwcd.com

**Director #3**

Madeline Fisher

Term expires: 2027

Email: director3@ashcreekwcd.com

**Director #4**

Molly Barbano

Term expires: 2026

Email: director4@ashcreekwcd.com

**Director #5**

Brooke Getty

Term expires: 2027

Email: director5@ashcreekwcd.com

**Director #6**

Ed Matteo

Term expires: 2027

Email: director6@ashcreekwcd.com

**Director #7**

Mancil Russell

Term expires: 2025

Email: director7@ashcreekwcd.com

**Director #8: Position Vacant**

**Director #9**

Andrea Melendy

Term expires: 2025

Email: director9@ashcreekwcd.com

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Utilize the Legislative Toolkit Resources: The [SDAO Legislative Action Toolkit](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=4YOOz8c3NLw-wDqHklwZb0EsDyz76Y83cfUqGLyXXDC4LA3lIoFqlb7mjzrenwEPVG1AYG-Mu9OmaALm2fk7UQ~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) is an invaluable resource designed to help you effectively advocate for your district's interests. Download sample policies and letters and review guidance on interacting with elected officials. 2. Initiate Conversations: Begin discussions now about how to prepare for the legislative session. Early planning is key to successful advocacy. 3. Respond Swiftly to Calls to Action: Stay alert for SDAO's calls to action and respond promptly to ensure your district's voice is heard. 4. Adopt a Policy: If your board has not yet adopted a policy for taking positions on legislation, please download the [sample policy](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=91864AKc7CnuVw-eH9kfQg1ne9eLOHfVPplwopsOvMwN0IXPW5aD1AVbHkU8hpRL3BjYh_MnZNY6iYKmbvi0oQ~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) available on the [SDAO website](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=vI-4yskN_7mSRXBXV1UvRtedW8AmiGGUuTZz2SRcUADe0xfNqDbH6_8jEbZFtTvsMJNDwm6VvZTtmMFyFK2n8g~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID). This allows you to take action without having to wait for your next board meeting. | | A close up of a word  Description automatically generated | | |  | | --- | | **Background Check and Drug Free Workplace Program** If your district has property/casualty coverage through SDIS, your district is eligible for five free tests and checks annually through the SDIS Background Check and Drug Free Workplace Program. Through BIO-MED Testing Services, members can help ensure the safety and integrity of their workforce. Additional tests beyond the first five in one year will be billed directly to the district.  Contact [SDAO Member Services](mailto:memberservices@sdao.com) for assistance with getting started. | | |  | | |  | | --- | | **Annual Conference Update** The annual conference is less than two months away, and registration is already filling up! Unfortunately, our room blocks are full; however, luckily, there are several hotel options in Bend with reasonable rates. We encourage members to check back on the room blocks in January as we often see cancellations begin at that time. You may check with the hotels about a waiting list, but SDAO does not maintain one, nor do we make room reservations.  We have received a lot of questions from members this past week! Don't forget to check out our [FAQ](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=Hvm3yciajhlb9YoO_H_LMFnLYgvxDcYBSfW1CzssOWFodktNTXWDyyl61x_bua4fJqz-ij4ZaX04gjEnVFTrNQ~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) for information about the conference. Here are a few of the top questions we received last week:   * Is there a conference agenda? Yes, please visit our website for [the schedule](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=eYwzeJ3X9pgiYSalONWh8SxaPOAhgxg7kNb_oXGsXg481tvXcu7FOV92rZG-svry3Q04ZhHNupGANTD4qO97Ug~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID). * Do I have to choose which sessions I am going to attend during registration? No! While it is helpful for our planning purposes, you do not have to choose which sessions you will be attending. It is also ok for you to say you are going to one session and then change your mind once you are on site. | | |  | | |  | | --- | | **Safety Committee Series (2 of 4) – Hazard Identification** This training is part two of our Safety Committee Series. During this webinar we will be discussing Hazard Identification. This class will discuss ideas and examples of what types of hazards your safety committee should be looking for and might find during your quarterly inspections.  **January 2nd | 12pm**  [REGISTER NOW...](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=q0LIcDrhBqZciNupfwgFlrW-DcqXfFKmXmDCyyKdipwq98uSDeC22tfSbfBPNThXMWlritAOAEeIcDHBlEBCww~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) | | | A close up of a name  Description automatically generated | | |  | | --- | | **Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (DR-4768-OR)** The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) has a new Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (DR-4768-OR).  Eligible jurisdictions are encouraged to submit pre-applications to the mitigation team at [oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov](mailto:oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov). Preapplications to be considered this grant round must be submitted no later than January 13, 2025.  Please see [the notice of funding opportunity](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=Aw4AsDmEkwMNeHFPHEBvpnhIVid5UCo3kV_Kt4cs3yz3ub6qGHK1tqL3WZ_Yvfss5PvXZsh7fbNp6xFowdcBiA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)[and state priorities](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=LfeJxyRpQVpoDlAO8Bl5F0Bkmgl3nQB4HgFm7INzGBnz4Y6voRvRXcp4EE-ajLsyg9salxjyoAR4C_1ndPJrkA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) on the Mitigation webpage. There were developed by [Kail Daniel, deputy state hazard mitigation officer](mailto:kail.daniel@oem.oregon.gov). OEM's team can assist if you are new to Hazard Mitigation Grants or need additional support. | |  | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***Calendar*** | | **SDAO/SDIS Trainings and Events**  **Legislative Reception** 3/12/25 | 430 - 630pm  Salem Convention Center  [LEARN MORE](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=5UcN25GVmraSFPnT-2QfxBdr7RWeTtHGVWLlewcP0hYFlGJiHXjCaGLK_QRq8ENW7geaSBmDP8S1Ow7WlaLQ4w~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)  **Boiler Training** 03/26 | 9am - 11am  Reedsport, Oregon  [LEARN MORE + REGISTER](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=1ijvIlTkzr-x6oDUro2xGo69jG6oMcv40f9wAapMxQ2o9n4CzUAXTnPhrmpTbNk3dhrz6JObcN2x-FLwS4AJ5A~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)  *Dates, times and locations subject to change. All changes will be communicated in advance to registrants and members via email and our website.*    **Other Trainings and Events**  **Webinar: Google Tools Training at Your Pace** Offered by SDAO Vendor Solutions Network vendor Strike Services, learn how simple, one-on-one virtual training with Google tools can save time and money by Streamlining your internal processes.  [Sign up!](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=aHwGYZnEmJmIUeytppt70jPPf6h1UOeufS__Unn2pNaMnIN_JUVCdFpunTarve3bQjXXfPe8CYkKHyLxspIBiw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) No cost to SDAO members.    **BOLI**  Visit the [BOLI website](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=uDhA9MtU-aod3FEn0bOfPGy4pmNcZdBkYtwRoP9ETyWtI_ySlGfIa70fPPqaNzl7tg9OC3P7G7L9RmvroCTpPw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) for information about upcoming trainings.    [Click here for BOLI seminar information](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=aaYSc5JPTgXKQpG9UX2r2C0YckUxEDRQnT1a7Bknso9XSkGvsdakLZ4kuiNd1KFL3J3ssyrXzT5GAmqQKr1Pwg~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)    [Click here for BOLI seminar registration information.](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=RZap-3eDKJBHFOigXgOlEbqnfJJjr26K1VUOw2M4mSCRVVCAR-8cC9eSr3krcIW2W353oOPpXOQMt4dO3tF3eg~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)    *Have an event coming up? Share it with SDAO members. Email event information to*[*SDAO Member Services*](mailto:memberservices@sdao.com)*.* | | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | | | | A close up of a logo  Description automatically generated | | ***December 18th - December 24th*** | |
| |  | | --- | | **At-Large** [Amazing Generosity of Former North Coast Resident: Nehalem Bay Health District Recipient of Remarkable $250,000 Gift](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=w9KaCBGpmMffZDZwhJ45WKPS7FRD3BL0zDxrz3c-oXgLuNkwOxk3R0Ubs7Pkbzqypm7krv2j7dYHKwdPCvKOSw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Tillamook County Pioneer | 12/24/2024  [Construction continues on treatment and recovery facility in Newport](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=tEkYNtqqvYDchCUmhgIWXk_1PYUuGcS3icOp3yu1Ey7HDrhcUzbaPpJhETeIVsPdTchmJsUwiZNTXXlAYF03Yw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Newport News Times | 12/23/2024  [LTD's Board Of Directors approves $37.1M plan for STIF-funded projects](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=it2mb1WvJyUo8Mi8FuLAtPFBNccwVoQqUPyAxo_ceXygJPPUpYXNLqnFMBWqU-vdoIIjKjzHNEilmrh_QHskcA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Cottage Grove Sentinel | 12/21/2024   **Fire Districts** [Umatilla County Fire District No. 1 hiring firefighters and EMTs with federal grant](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=FcobFfTsmIACBPTXKww8Nft0gdat404maZ9vkNGxckUwdSyVwm3sUKxxTBIyzD4pe7PGOSufIIOXFbT5zc09kg~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) East Oregonian | 12/24/2024  [Sweet Home Fire District enhances response with new life-saving equipment grant](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=JQK7Pm94h0QTnWowwactyaLEl3xGw_Nyym8H1cf1qItEsC0Xq0itJBogAMDhTaOXPo-t83dTLjIr6Tz15TQlfg~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) KMTR 16 NBC Eugene | 12/19/2024    **Parks and Recreation** No News.  **Irrigation**  No News.  **Ports** No News.  **Sanitary** No News.  **Water** No News. | |
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January 2nd | 12pm       |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [REGISTER NOW](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=0iEVXDGjiPO3UGhcNKARZaQqhFowK0NyeXUWybiRb1Qzm2rOO7hI-67BBrAjYqoifojuFuzJTgrBT432UCTq8Q~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) | | | | A close up of a word  Description automatically generated | | |  | | --- | | **SDAO Staff Spread Holiday Cheer to Families in Need** This Christmas season, the SDAO Community Outreach Committee led a giving event in partnership with **Family Building Blocks**, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting children and families in need.  Initially, the goal was to provide gifts for **12 children and 6 adults**. However, thanks to the generosity of SDAO staff, we were able to exceed expectations by adopting **7 additional parents** and donating over **$400 in toys and books** for other children.  The sheer volume of gifts meant they could support even more families this year, making the holidays brighter for so many in our community.  A huge thank you to everyone who participated and to the SDAO Community Outreach Committee for organizing this effort. Your generosity embodies the true spirit of giving, and we couldn’t be prouder of the SDAO team.  **Wishing you all a joyful holiday season!  A group of toys on the floor  Description automatically generated** | | |  | | |  | | --- | | **Annual Conference Update** The annual conference is less than two months away, and registration is already filling up! Unfortunately, our room blocks are full; however, luckily, there are several hotel options in Bend with reasonable rates. We encourage members to check back on the room blocks in January as we often see cancellations begin at that time. You may check with the hotels about a waiting list, but SDAO does not maintain one, nor do we make room reservations.  We have received a lot of questions from members this past week! Don't forget to check out our [FAQ](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=VkLbT3AvviOTa2T0f1AGO5hQmKBUEOBOUmrNBdhJ9hP9rS3Qga7sm7sVKiMym9Uy2hbTm0_v2WYjtpoTjv65HA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) for information about the conference. Here are a few of the top questions we received last week:   * Is there a conference agenda? Yes, please visit our website for [the schedule](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=akNS5ohtAS8Zw-KOcIzit54Fm5Ro0-UH9K0CFPNQ3l2jm92oGLXBH4pC3PllhPw8wBE18COYGGm_dDe5BuusOw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID). * Do I have to choose which sessions I am going to attend during registration? No! While it is helpful for our planning purposes, you do not have to choose which sessions you will be attending. It is also ok for you to say you are going to one session and then change your mind once you are on site. | | | A close up of a name  Description automatically generated | | |  | | --- | | **Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (DR-4768-OR)** The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) has a new Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (DR-4768-OR).  Eligible jurisdictions are encouraged to submit pre-applications to the mitigation team at [oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov](mailto:oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov). Preapplications to be considered this grant round must be submitted no later than January 13, 2025.  Please see [the notice of funding opportunity](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=_eRLD32vKvDMTrAlIiiaS4WFCpOf87pKRbisyEqhQWF-opCo5_LR6hBW6mZ5VJAr3RvarueL6MANHQXN_u1bZQ~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)[and state priorities](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=qA5XW0DHPU7-mVqOBKvie5ub_yVZ9mUtse177s9ShzmzNkEeYuFqv8pgdNbfc3LXqroJ-gM3NDiy61qAZGKn-w~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) on the Mitigation webpage. There were developed by [Kail Daniel, deputy state hazard mitigation officer](mailto:kail.daniel@oem.oregon.gov). OEM's team can assist if you are new to Hazard Mitigation Grants or need additional support. | |  | | **Oregon Agencies Urge Residents and Visitors to Prepare for Earthquakes and Tsunamis** Taking steps now to ensure readiness can make all the difference during natural disasters.  What You Can Do to Stay Safe and Prepared:   * Know your evacuation routes: Whether you’re at home, work, or visiting the coast, familiarize yourself with local tsunami evacuation routes. Maps are often posted in coastal areas or can be found online using the DOGAMI/NANOOS [Tsunami Evacuation Zones](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=75gj2Fs2KrnQACAQaZUniNWA9jd7OWrD0ozYTmvFzHhtAhNV9T42zcjqW0FJVN2mo-vyQPHlnqZZIx3uqYtMMw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) portal. * Sign up for emergency alerts: Stay informed by subscribing to alerts at [ORalert.gov](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=A0KhcDVTedzL5LN6VVMIExZmOqcLyG5KVsgiNxTxCQhPWWML9nb2pyxHFOs52KMEFmaoveXUGQtFqBRW-aBn9w~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) for emergency notifications tied to your zip code—including earthquake and tsunami alerts. 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You can learn more about emergency planning with the free [Be2WeeksReady Toolkit](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=GCLhyzk5oSUbTUx07oq78Ge3_j9TRbcsVZx-uBd28V4ZwHPkDTwLJT25dSskLJBajkL-Qm-OVJJjCJEW0oEogQ~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID). | |  | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***Calendar*** | | **SDAO/SDIS Trainings and Events**  **Legislative Reception** 3/12/25 | 430 - 630pm  Salem Convention Center  [LEARN MORE](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=VCZwR5LgmxMwxL3_oOui9lwlXhreN28jFyGNBTKV4_dEsWhFDuBTZLmQs2lohtj9keKkFxT7NHU_sOY0Z6UIxA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)  **Boiler Training** 03/26 | 9am - 11am  Reedsport, Oregon  [LEARN MORE + REGISTER](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=nbd7Dy8KgvOeAieDrwJ7R4vojf91VqJQ2HPq9tVD0XFiHzbC6BDt47gBvxJbfM6NzTZu64eQVLzUEWXPdkbNog~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)  *Dates, times and locations subject to change. All changes will be communicated in advance to registrants and members via email and our website.*    **Other Trainings and Events**  **Webinar: Google Tools Training at Your Pace** Offered by SDAO Vendor Solutions Network vendor Strike Services, learn how simple, one-on-one virtual training with Google tools can save time and money by Streamlining your internal processes.  [Sign up!](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=E-OHJa_YEzNyw4coqMDkaSlg76w-mrnrHaMLxnWwmDtRg_ciqoLIVL7pj0-TzNwRyQ-b4ySrHIbJboi2Hp_idg~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) No cost to SDAO members.    **BOLI**  Visit the [BOLI website](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=YasMdUc9-I0cqmcpVX7UnmLeW5_udMBwMIZl9jWp-efGLKGd3XMKDvWCq6eos7DNA3LWpUx5-NrB_dCCr9dLAA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) for information about upcoming trainings.    [Click here for BOLI seminar information](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=4M0Ud4A5McQlI5NNE6bGSO7eg_COlBa0HsLwllooS07ZjYPB4bH_Rbq6HHoTEVC-EE0ff3hDF5UBf3WBZJJfXA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)    [Click here for BOLI seminar registration information.](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=LejMGSx4i62IolIoNq0UjR5g4Hj6CT0mewxLI0RyTm-PSQTJXjCbOscUUlScS00ERbyLb2OuaS8krtOR9_rJqg~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID)    *Have an event coming up? Share it with SDAO members. Email event information to*[*SDAO Member Services*](mailto:memberservices@sdao.com)*.* | | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | | | | A close up of a logo  Description automatically generated | | ***December 11th - December 17th*** | |
| |  | | --- | | **At-Large** [Seven bus operators graduate LTD's training course](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=JEjIYs1A3xqtb7Z-3jTKjgQtfHq0A6BPSd316PBtj4pabBj9GVxHqywWd6tYDloEpXSPaRe5OFCNludvq13gyw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) KMTR 16 NBC Eugene | 12/17/2024  [Troutdale 14-acre farmland saved through ongoing easement program](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=lHDdak4QGW0YoPcuPAYZSg8Fqznkzz2DpCmD-009r2nOC-byeRLSPr0MAxRqaSxZ2v8J3OQuTPwGYNYk_DemEw~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Gresham Outlook | 12/17/2024  [South Coast Orgs receive over $200,000 from Oregon Community Foundation](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=g3erpj2-XBD3DZJakMoE-d560lk8dRsFy967Aibr9rpBa0mdV2YyaupUXn_VlHBL43hrFil4OwTqs6CPTWYn5g~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Curry Coastal Pilot| 12/16/2024  [FROM THE SCAPPOOSE SHELVES: End of year wrap up](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=llqi1Ur_uPqo8ip8hbiDYG5rylJVvlBlKfJ1LPAzJB060drF1D7QPe5yOFugvQOIcH7OR6TLXmSBwuSvHV9XtQ~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Columbia County Spotlight | 12/16/2024   **Fire Districts** [Photos: Keizer Holiday Lights Parade brings festive cheer](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=xmRQn6FrKdKzxhitNrfo3WRlzVG3wzZeRxdKwPQGDokZ2kV7n7YB3hTgRn-DrxIWg5KbJoVI03x0TuJKSBeq5g~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Statesman Journal | 12/15/2024  [Josephine County begins process to find a chief for its rural fire district](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=UOHzQ_ajWqovymrurT3aTJqQVhKh-3VA5Oj80pbWySm_235TpLLR2wwEfPBcMPvB-Td6JsRezcp6UnxQte0qLA~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) The Daily Courier | 12/13/2024    [Josephine commissioners establish fund to support new rural fire district](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=DpfGptKrv7ExMQVtFHiA9apGvqrv2wCLvZmwPsbd_7HELSFwayyelF68xdhwsyIPWlRTMOtl1S7KnW2IdCCSXQ~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) The Daily Courier | 12/13/2024  **Parks and Recreation** No News.  **Irrigation**  [Major Eastern Oregon solar project wins approval without formal protests](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=IeQRVudEz9nQGGO0yoWkOqUBeAH_VCPYY4j-vvz7JUnJQIaLMXDA2hZL3kb2TiXT0xKPBEQXWdBI3dny3hQVQg~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) Rogue Valley Time | 12/14/2024  **Ports** [Hill Meat Co. expands with help of Port of Umatilla](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=WY23ZKu7IYis0K1_6ZfNCb4go0W2BozfOoC15eoyC0PZ7Zl6Ji9KzAOWpHKe15qdJxvzzONWgktqejYG59iZ0Q~~&t=INSERT_TRACKING_ENCID) East Oregonian | 12/16/2024  **Sanitary** No News.  **Water** No News. | |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A blue background with white text and a light bulb  Description automatically generated | | | **Did You Know?** *A monthly email from SDAO highlighting member benefits.*  Welcome to our first *Did You Know?* email! Each month, we'll spotlight a few benefits available to your district as a SDAO member. We'll review these benefits and encourage you to explore and take full advantage of what’s available through your district’s membership in SDAO and enrollment in the SDIS insurance program.   **Training Opportunities** One of our primary focuses is education and training. Staying informed on issues that pertain to local government, and specifically special districts, is crucial as a representative of a special district.   * **Regional Trainings** Each year, we offer a series of regional trainings focused on human resources and legal matters, risk management, and board education. These trainings take place throughout the state. Be sure to mark your calendar and [save the dates](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=82nDtEH6-qJS_p9IHwQwo_WUmbZdLMzgnSbYTaUSaG4BDW26WOjmamomy-msPl90zMrAwgwzN0_OTHNyfKIOFw~~&t=aazbx3ebYoO-Ww3AIEuvfw~~). More information, including registration details, will be sent about six weeks prior to the first date in the series. * **Annual Conference** Our annual conference is a great opportunity for special district representatives to network and choose from over 20 different training sessions to attend. A variety of trainings are offered, ensuring there is something of interest for everyone. This year’s event will take place February 6-9 in Bend. [Learn more](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=MfJfL5Brkt2qTzDx7vlESEruh91bHw_ntfpYBFxyGbjjuekEuFweZbZkgMoiqUydGbLIZV1N0UK6BBkskDjxCg~~&t=aazbx3ebYoO-Ww3AIEuvfw~~) and register today! * **Online Training** All member districts with SDIS property/casualty insurance coverage have access to a library of free online trainings through Vector Solutions. Each district has a personalized training website set up where the district admin can manage users, assign trainings, track progress, and more. Users can take trainings at their convenience. If your district is not utilizing this free benefit, please fill out [this form](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=aMRU1ECQ52ft8ACGkG82xKqcA4vulcI3dD5QdX8n1YiJmduVcx_2E-7cJgvarTbr5jhOPg63_C3qgOXElLqnYA~~&t=aazbx3ebYoO-Ww3AIEuvfw~~) to get started.     **Legislative Advocacy** SDAO provides legislative representation and advocacy services on behalf of its members on issues that come before the Oregon Legislature and various state administrative agencies. Most of these services are performed by SDAO’s government affairs team, with policy direction and guidance provided by the SDAO Board of Directors and SDAO’s Legislative Committee. In a typical legislative year, SDAO will review approximately 1,000 pieces of legislation, each of which may have an impact on special districts.  We invite you to get involved and utilize the [SDAO Legislative Action Toolkit](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=aAuW_mNA0hrAopvYxErUZlYb7ewNg2ralNF-kel7qPqQBDtqUWnoceKPlT0Mbr0Z3Rl1iSl5P6RYuZAsxrFvBg~~&t=aazbx3ebYoO-Ww3AIEuvfw~~). The SDAO Legislative Action Toolkit is an invaluable resource designed to help you effectively advocate for your district's interests. Download sample policies and letters and review guidance on interacting with elected officials.  Additionally, as we head into legislative session, if your board has not yet adopted a policy for taking positions on legislation, please [download the sample policy](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=IsimuJZFLNfy42wYfkmfWF_7ThLxEcPK6syEY7jHZmzHq-SojKrvH0xvrlhom8lilm_AqQ6yZvNcyLnGYd690g~~&t=aazbx3ebYoO-Ww3AIEuvfw~~) available on the [SDAO website](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=ruDMcswMGUSeNMARfShDNInv9pbInkphRm3BY9TWpEHILyp-Wbah_rBmIEtkPgCYJYdFJDgCdWfyTQmt7bXcrw~~&t=aazbx3ebYoO-Ww3AIEuvfw~~). This allows you to take action without having to wait for your next board meeting.    **Explore All Programs and Services** This email just touches on a fraction of what is available to your district as a SDAO member. Learn more about all of our programs and services online at [www.sdao.com/services](http://send.sdao.com/link.cfm?r=ZoXD3_Cku4o3dv8jJhDd_g~~&pe=pE02L0B5Ps3owaSQ_h5rrVJs0Eo-Qj8UJ4VepL928-nbJcBgkF7W9uc_8hJFLDAupCC1AdOFWkYXI1-hpHwHow~~&t=aazbx3ebYoO-Ww3AIEuvfw~~).    If you have any questions, please contact us at [memberservices@sdao.com](mailto:memberservices@sdao.com). | | |

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