



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

April 29, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	May 4	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Municipal Court / Virtual
Council Meeting	May 18	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Municipal Court / Virtual

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DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Drought Declaration for Deschutes County

Governor Kate Brown recently issued a declaration of drought for Deschutes County. This does not directly impact the City of Bend's water utility, but may increase the number of inquiries we receive on water, drought, and conservation efforts.

Below is a section from our [Water Management and Conservation Plan](#) that touches on drought declarations and how that impacts the City's water utility. Please reach out to Michael Buettner, Utility Director, or Dan Denning, Utilities Program Manager, with any questions.

4.7 Drought Declaration In the event the Governor of Oregon declares a drought emergency in Deschutes County, the City's conservation and curtailment elements of this WMCP meet the requirements of ORS 536.720. If the City is within a drought area declared by the Governor, the City will consider whether mandatory or voluntary curtailment measures are needed to meet system demands and the stage of curtailment that should be initiated. Regardless of whether curtailment is needed, the City will encourage customers to conserve and use water efficiently as part of their regular Seasonal Advisory Alerts and other WaterWise Program efforts.

Additional references:

[OPB: Gov. Kate Brown declares drought in 4 more counties](#)

[Drought Declaration Status Map](#)

BEND IN THE NEWS

Bend's Growth Highlighted in PEW Article

Bend, Oregon was highlighted in a recent PEW Article, linked below, reporting on small town growth during the pandemic. Bend drew more new residents than any other part of Oregon in the first year of the pandemic. The article includes quotes from City of Bend employees Lynne McConnell, Housing Director, and Sharon Wojda, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, regarding the growth's impact on housing costs and tax revenue.

[Small Towns Drew Most New Pandemic Residents | The Pew Charitable Trusts \(pewtrusts.org\)](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles-issues/2021/04/01/small-towns-drew-most-new-pandemic-residents)

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