

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

February 16, 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	February 21	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Transportation Fee Listening Session	February 26	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Transportation Fee Listening Session	February 29	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	March 6	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

**Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here.** Access the latest news for cities from the legislative session and join LOC Fridays at noon on Zoom for weekly legislative session updates.

Additionally, the LOC Women's Caucus has launched an exciting new podcast featuring Oregon women in government. **Listen here.**

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### OPB's Live Show on Water & Drought in Central Oregon



Be part of the in-person audience on **Friday, March 1 at 2 PM** (doors open at 1:30) for an engaging, solution-oriented discussion about how Central Oregon is tackling the ongoing drought. OPB's "Think Out Loud" host Dave Miller will talk with local officials, including Commissioner Phil Chang, policy makers, advocates, irrigators, conservationists and water users of all kinds. Discover the innovative strategies and initiatives being implemented to conserve water and safeguard the environment and economic interests. This in-person event will be held at **Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend**, in the Deschutes South room. Audience participation is welcomed. Tickets are free, but your RSVP is required. [Register here](#).

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### **Mirror Pond Fish Passage Update**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), PacifiCorp, and the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (UDWC) have been working on plans to implement a nature-like fishway at Mirror Pond Dam following the recommendations of the Mirror Pond Fish Passage Advisory Committee. Currently, PacifiCorp, ODFW and UDWC are working on an agreement to outline roles and responsibilities going forward, as they foresee that the overall process to raise funds and design, permit and implement a project like this will take years. Unfortunately, a recent proposal for \$2 million submitted to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Fish Passage Program was not funded, but the group will continue to look for funding opportunities.

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## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### **Winter Operations Map**

The Transportation & Mobility Department has updated the City's winter operations web page to include a new "Public Interactive Map." The map provides live updates every half hour to show where plows, sanders and deicers have been, with a 30-minute delay. View the new winter operations map at [www.bendoregon.gov/snow](http://www.bendoregon.gov/snow) to see where our fleet has been working! Click on the legend in the top right corner of the map to get more detailed information.

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### **Water Right Application**

With thanks to the City's water conservation efforts such as leak-detection, outreach, and rebates, per capita water use has decreased over the past ten years. However, overall water demand and use are continuing to increase slightly as Bend's population grows. In December 2023, the City of Bend submitted an application for a new groundwater permit to ensure we have access to sufficient water to maintain storage for fire flows and meet customer needs. The requested rate is projected to be sufficient to meet peak demands through 2045. [Learn more here](#).

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