

City of Bend



Water Advisory Group

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Location: Hybrid Meeting

In-person: City of Bend Water Services Department, Deschutes Conference Room,
62975 Boyd Acres Road

Online: [Microsoft Teams Meeting Link](#)

Date: October 1, 2025

Time: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Speakers: Lori Faha, City of Bend Environmental Resources Manager

Dan Denning, City of Bend Water Conservation Program Manager

Elisabeth O'Keefe, City of Bend Stormwater Program Manager

Brian Wilkinson, AKS Engineering

Aubrie Koenig, Facilitator

Meeting Agenda

Purpose: Provide a Butte Overturf update and discuss opportunities and values related to long-term management of urban open space sites. Collect input on new residential lot stormwater template.

1. **Welcome & Introduction – 10 mins**
2. **WaterWise/FireWise Discussion – 50 mins**

- a. Overturf Butte update
 - i. Defensible space project outcomes
- b. Urban open space considerations
 - i. Example locations (utility sites, parks, schools, HOA green belts and common areas bordering residential areas)



- ii. Planning for coordinated long-term management



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- c. Discussion questions:
 - i. *What values are important to include in management plans for these large urban open space sites to balance ecological health, social impact, and functional use?*
 - ii. *Are there partnership opportunities or other considerations for long-term management of Overturf Butte and similar sites?*
 - iii. *How do we define success for resiliency at this type of site?*
- d. Denser urban space considerations
 - i. Related efforts in Bend
 - ii. Learning from other places (California)
- e. Discussion questions:
 - i. *What opportunities are there to combine WaterWise and FireWise guidance materials?*
 - ii. *What are effective outreach methods for these materials?*

3. **Stormwater Program Updates – 25 mins**

- a. Preview new template for residential lot stormwater management
- b. Discussion questions:
 - i. *How easy do you think this would be to carry out?*
 - ii. *Do you think the template content is clear for builders? Any ideas to make it better?*

4. **Summary & Closing – 5 mins**

- a. Next meeting: November 5, 2025 (virtual only)

WAG Meeting Roadmap *draft*



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November 5, 2025 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Virtual: on Teams	TOPIC: Stormwater Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stormwater program: preview updated drywell standard and share regulatory updates• Water rate planning research and process update
December 3, 2025 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hybrid: in-person at new Public Works building or virtual on Teams	TOPIC: WAG Year in Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflect on how WAG input is being used• Collect input on potential topics for the coming year• Optional tour of new Public Works campus
Spring 2026	Potential topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conservation-based rates• Right-of-way codes and standards updates• Water conservation program metrics and planning• Drainage and density policy and implementation considerations• And more...

Accessible Meeting Information

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