

**PORT OF MORROW
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**Riverfront Center, #2 Marine Drive Boardman,
Oregon**



**April 8, 2026
1:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

Zoom meeting information is available on our website.



**Regular Commission Meeting
April 8, 2026, 1:30pm
2 Marine Dr., Boardman, OR 97818**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
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 - F. Strategic Business Plan Update**
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 - A. Resolution 2026-03 – Dissolution of Morrow County Broadband**
 - B. Resolution 2026-04 - Public Meetings Policy**
 - C. Other**
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 - A. Projects Update**
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 - C. Financial Update**
 - D. Usage Reports**
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- VIII. OTHER REPORTS**
 - A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group**
 - B. BCDA**
 - C. ICABO**
 - D. Other**
- IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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X. UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 8 th	3:30pm	POM Budget Committee Meeting
April 14-15		SDAO Regional Training in Pendleton
April 15		SEI Filing Deadline
April 20-23		PNWA – Mission to Washington
May 13 th	1:30pm	POM Regular Commission Meeting
May 13 th	3:30pm	POM Budget Committee Meeting
June 10 th	1:30pm	POM Budget Hearing

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- A. **For the Purpose of Consideration of Deliberations with the Port's Executive Director and Other Staff Members Who Have Been Designated by the Port to Negotiate Real Property Transactions – ORS 192.660 (2)(e)**
- B. **For the Purpose of Consultation with Counsel Concerning the Legal Rights and Duties of a Public Body with Regard to Current Litigation or Litigation Likely to be Filed – ORS 192.660 (2)(h)**

Next Resolution 2026-06

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Commission Workshop
February 11, 2026 – 9:00 AM
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

John called the workshop to order at 9:00 AM.

Commissioners Present: Rick Stokoe, John Murray, Kelly Doherty, Joel Peterson was present on Zoom

Staff Present: Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Mark Patton, and Brandy Warburton

Visitors Present: None

By Zoom Meeting: (Staff) Erika Morton
(Guests) Mike Gorman

II. COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT – Review and Finalize Interview Questions

The commission reviewed/discussed the list of questions and decided what procedure to use.

The following questions were selected:

1. Do you foresee having any conflicts of interest issues?
2. What do you believe is the single most important responsibility of a Port Commissioner, and how do you understand the overall role of the position?
3. How do you distinguish the role of a commissioner from day-to-day port management?
4. Can you describe a time you had to make an unpopular decision in the public interest?
5. How should the Commission balance debt, reserves, and long-term infrastructure needs?
6. Of the qualities you have, which two would most benefit the success of the port?
7. What are the top three priorities you feel the port should focus on, in order of priority?
8. In terms of working effectively on a board, how do you foresee balancing working together versus speaking up on issues you feel strongly about? How do you plan to communicate in these instances?

There was discussion regarding the process and order for asking questions and the process for making the appointment.

III. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

John adjourned the workshop at 9:25 AM.

Submitted by:

John Murray, Commission President

Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

**Commission Tour
March 11, 2026 – 8:30 am
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818**

- I. Tour of Port Projects – Informational only, no decisions or actions will be taken.**

**Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026 – 1:30 pm
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

John Murray called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rick Stokoe, John Murray, Kelly Doherty, Joel Peterson, and Jerry Rietmann

Staff Present: Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Mark Patton, Miff Devin, Chad Snyder, Marcine Brangham, Jacob Cain, Jason Hendricks, Marcine Brandham, Brandy Warburton, and Erika Morton

Visitors Present: Raymond Akers, Nick Graue, Peter Belair

By Zoom Meeting: (Staff) Anna Browne
(Guests) Mark Vendenborg, Angel Melendrez, Angie Sullivan, Amando Nunez, Bernadette Brennan, Brandon Hammond, Aaron Palmquist, Cody Vavra, David Ulbricht, Debbie Radie, Debbie's Notetaker, Doug Scott, E81632 (Laura Barquist), Griffin Beach, iPhone10, Isabel Gonzalez, Jamie Stewart, Jim Doherty, Joseph Mitzel, Kaleb Lay, Karen Pettigrew, Kelly Morgan, Kirby Garrett, Lauryn Guerissi, Mark VandeVoorde, Mike Hiatt, Nick Graue, Ryann Glason, Sam Tucker, Sam Brown

***Conflict of Interest Declarations* - None given**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mark VandeVoorde read a public comment for Klean Industries and provided a written copy for the public record, as follows:

*Written Public Comment for Port of Morrow Commission
Meeting March 11, 2026
From Klean Industries Boardman*

Chair, Commissioners, and members of the public:

My name is Mark VandeVoorde, and I am Executive Vice President of Klean Industries Boardman.

Thank you for accepting this public comment. I have also provided a written version for inclusion in the meeting minutes.

Over the past several months, we have been engaged with the Port regarding the sale of Klean Industries Boardman's assets to DMG Infrastructure, which paid a deposit at the beginning of October 2025, (6 months ago). DMG is a publicly traded company engaged in the operation of data centers. We have provided the Port with detailed documentation describing DMG's intentions for the development of a data center at the Boardman site. Our goal has been to bring clarity and transparency to DMG's plans, technical approach, operational capabilities and long-term commitment to the community. These plans are backed by public statements that DMG has made on recent earnings calls and in its press releases.

We appreciate the Port's time and attention in reviewing these materials, and we look forward to the opportunity to schedule a meeting with Port staff to walk through the information in detail, answer any remaining questions and discuss the specific path forward. Our goal is to address your concerns and work collaboratively toward completing the lease assignment and change-of-use process, or if more appropriate, helping to establish a new agreement that reflects the objectives of both the Port and DMG. In addition, we anticipate that upon close, the tax value of the property will see a 300% increase immediately prior to any investment of DMG, which is significant value for the community.

We believe DMG, a public company with a strong balance sheet and substantial data

center operations, will be an important long-term partner for the Port of Morrow and an asset to the citizens of Morrow County. The project represents an opportunity for responsible development, economic contribution and partnership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Raymond Akers gave a public comment and a complaint regarding an event earlier today with one of the Port projects and traffic control.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. February 11, 2026, Commission Workshop Minutes**
- B. February 11, 2026, Special Commission Meeting Minutes**
- C. February 11, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**
- D. March 6, 2026, Joint Commission Workshop Minutes**

Rick made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Kelly seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - Yes

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- A. State** – Ryann gave the state legislative update for the short session. During this short session, legislators tackled larger policy endeavors relating to budget and transportation. She highlighted several items that related to the Port, including house bills and funding.
- B. Federal** – Kirby gave the federal legislative report. Much of the focus in DC is currently on foreign policy and concerns regarding the impact of the conflict with Iran. He also briefed the commission on the Port's funding requests.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CDA Update** – Joel gave an update for the CDA. He is recommending that they move forward with a public budget process, even though it's not required. There was a discussion by the Port Commission regarding the latest bill from Tapani for \$1.2 million.

Joel made the motion for the Port to advance funds (i.e. a short-term loan) to the CDA to pay the latest Tapani bill, which was \$1.2 million. Rick seconded the motion. There was discussion about whether this was one time or for the duration of the project and about the availability of funds. The total amount of the contract is \$8.466 million, and we have paid \$1.5 million of that. John requested that we not exceed \$7.2 million without coming back to the commission. Joel and Rick agreed to the amendment to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann – Yes

John requested a tour of the CDA property.

Brandy said she added the final action of the settlement agreement showing it's done.

B. WIFIA Update – David Ulbricht gave an update. They will be meeting with WIFIA next week.

C. CWSRF Update – Mark said there's nothing new to report, but steady progress is being made. The design has been submitted.

D. Morrow County Clean Water Consortium Update – Kelly reported on the meeting, which was last night. The new administrator has a website up and running. The major discussion was regarding the three available options for getting water to West Glen. Things are on hold pending discussion and feedback from interested parties.

E. SIP IGA with County – John summarized the results of the workshop between the Port and County and asked who would be interested in serving on the workgroup committee.

Rick recommended John, Jerry, and Lisa, to serve on the workgroup - if they're available to do so. John and Jerry agreed that they are willing. Joel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann – Yes

F. Secondary Treatment Update – Aqua – Nick Graue gave a presentation with a progress update on Secondary Treatment and answered questions.

G. Secondary Treatment Update – Parametrix – Joseph Mitzel and Lauryn Guerrissi gave

a presentation and answered questions.

H. Other

No other old business was discussed at the time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2026-02 – Updating Banking Signatory

Rick made the motion for Resolution 2026-02, A Resolution Authorizing Signatures and Online Banking on All Accounts at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Boardman Branch. Kelly seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - Yes

B. ODOT IGA – Lisa explained the IGA, an agreement between the Port and ODOT regarding the Salt/Equipment Storage Shed located at HWY 730 and I-84. Sam provided legal feedback. Rick made the motion to approve the ODOT IGA and authorize our executive director, Lisa, to sign. Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - Yes

C. Airport Discussion – John said he has asked for this agenda item, but most of his questions were answered during the tour this morning. As someone who lives close to the airport, Kelly commented that as airport sponsors, she feels we need to consider safety concerns with the airport. There was a discussion by all regarding the airport.

D. Other

Eileen said she should have spoken during old business. We need to fill one budget committee member. Jerry said that Rob Crumb is willing to serve.

Jerry made the motion to appoint Rob Crumb from Ione to serve on the budget committee. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - Yes

Lisa followed up regarding 15% that the State has previously indicated would be held back for the Ione and Heppner projects is now replenished to the full amount.

Lisa spoke with Becky Bryant with OBDD regarding the Port's Strategic Plan. They have not raised the level. Ryan DeGroft will do the intake. Hopefully we can get funds committed from the state so we can put out an RFP and move forward.

Eileen said that tax exempt bonds have something called arbitrage that happens if you earn more on the bond funds than you're paying on them. In 2021, we issued very low interest bonds. We are currently working with our bond attorney to see if we will need to pay the IRS.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Project Updates** – Erika showed pictures of projects while Mark gave a description and answered questions.
- B. Maintenance Update** – Maintenance update was combined with project updates.
- C. Financial Update** – Eileen gave the financial update and answered questions.
- D. Usage Reports** – The commission reviewed the usage reports in the packet.
- E. Other**
No other staff reports were discussed at the time.

VIII. OTHER REPORTS

- A. WCVEDG** – None available.
- B. BCDA** – None available.
- C. ICABO** - Their meeting is tomorrow.
- D. Other**

- IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Kelly asked about something she had seen online concerning the SAGE Center not being open Saturdays. Lisa replied that it's seasonal and has been that way for years based on visitor numbers. They open for Saturday hours beginning Memorial Day.

X. UPCOMING EVENTS:

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April 8	3:30 pm	POM Budget Committee Meeting

**April 14-15
April 20-23**

**SDAO Regional Training in Pendleton
PNWA – Mission to Washington**

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

John read the following statement and recessed the open session at 3:45 PM.

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A. For the Purpose of Consideration of Deliberations with the Port's Executive Director and Other Staff Members Who Have Been Designated by the Port to Negotiate Real Property Transactions – ORS 192.660 (2)(e)

B. For the Purpose of Consultation with Counsel Concerning the Legal Rights and Duties of a Public Body with Regard to Current Litigation or Litigation Likely to be Filed – ORS 192.660 (2)(h)

John reconvened the regular session and asked if there was anything else that needed to come before the commission. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

John Murray, Commission President

Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

2026

Legislative Session Report



2026 Legislative Session Summary

The Oregon Legislature closed its 2026 short session on March 6 after a fast, tense five weeks in Salem. Lawmakers walked into the Capitol dealing with a shaky revenue outlook, the ripple effects of federal tax changes, and constant debate about how Washington, D.C. policy will affect Oregonians. Despite the limited time, legislative leaders aimed to tackle other significant issues, including keeping a rural hospital afloat, preventing corporations and private equity from buying up homes, and addressing Oregon's public meetings laws, to name a few.

Budget pressure hung over nearly every conversation in the building. Oregon's financial outlook is tied closely to federal policy, and lawmakers spent much of the session responding to changes in the federal tax code and preparing for possible shifts in Medicaid funding. SB 1507 partially disconnects Oregon from federal tax provisions created under H.R. 1. The change limits the use of federal bonus depreciation, car loan deduction, and small business stock exclusions when filing state taxes. Supporters said the move protects state revenue while business groups warned it undercuts investment at a time when Oregon is already struggling to compete for jobs and capital. During floor debate, Representative Ed Diehl (R-Scio) made clear he intends to refer the bill to voters as soon as possible.



Lawmakers approved a financing package (SB 1501) that directs income tax revenue tied to the Portland Trail Blazers and arena events toward a major renovation of the facility. A broad, bipartisan group of legislators saw the deal as a practical step to keep the NBA franchise in Oregon and protect the surrounding downtown economy.

After hefty debate in the House, lawmakers ultimately watered down a gun bill by simply delaying implementation of Measure 114 firearm restrictions while the courts continue to sort through legal challenges (HB 4145).

Economic development came up often but produced modest results. Governor Tina Kotek pushed legislation (HB 4084) aimed at improving Oregon's competitiveness through faster permitting, expanded support for industrial site development, and changes to the standard enterprise zone program. Most of the bill survived the process, though lawmakers added a one-year moratorium on data centers qualifying for the standard enterprise zone incentives. A separate proposal designed to expand land for semiconductor manufacturing in Washington County (SB 1586) failed to advance after strong opposition from land use and agriculture groups. For Oregon's wine industry and other agricultural producers, the decision preserved more than 1,700 acres of rural reserve farmland that had been proposed for inclusion in the urban growth boundary.

The Legislature also approved two bills altering how lodging taxes are used. HB 4134 increases the statewide lodging tax and directs the additional revenue toward wildlife and conservation programs, away from tourism promotion. HB 4134 represented significant policy shift from the long-standing model of reinvesting visitor taxes primarily into tourism promotion. A second bill, HB 4148, changes how local lodging tax revenue can be allocated, expanding flexibility for communities to fund law enforcement and other services important to tourism communities.



Lawmakers moved several targeted bills affecting Oregon's health system this year. One measure in an omnibus health care package (HB 4040) raised the threshold for presumptive eligibility and hospital financial assistance screening from \$500 to \$1,500 per encounter. Legislators also passed a bill establishing clearer and more transparent rate-setting requirements for Oregon's Medicaid coordinated care organizations (HB 4039). Another measure addressed how hospitals respond to immigration enforcement activity on their campuses (SB 1570). Several proposals strongly opposed by hospitals failed to advance before adjournment.



Workplace policy also received attention. Lawmakers approved a bill creating a new funding stream for the Bureau of Labor and Industries to support enforcement of wage and workplace laws (HB 4027), along with legislation clarifying criminal penalties related to wage theft cases (HB 4089). More expansive employer mandates introduced earlier in the session stalled before adjournment.

Transportation was one of the session's biggest unresolved fights. After key fee and tax increases in HB 3991 (2025 special session) were referred to the voters, most of the new revenue was suspended pending a statewide vote, leaving ODOT to manage a \$297 million maintenance and operations shortfall. Lawmakers responded by passing SB 1599, which moved Referendum Petition 2026-302 to the May 19, 2026 primary, and by assembling a short-term budget fix to keep core functions running through the remainder of the biennium.

That fix relied on a combination of fund shifts and spending reductions. SB 1601 redirected \$218 million to ODOT operations and maintenance, including \$42 million from Connect Oregon, \$17 million from Safe Routes to School, and \$8 million from Oregon Community Paths. Separately, HB 5204 reduced ODOT's authorized State Highway Fund spending by \$78.2 million, with the agency absorbing those cuts by holding more than 130 positions vacant and reducing spending on services and supplies.



In practical terms, the Legislature preserved highway maintenance, storm response, and DMV operations for now, but only by delaying or shrinking several grant and multimodal programs. That stabilized the system in the short run, but it did not solve the underlying State Highway Fund problem. The larger transportation funding debate now shifts to the May referendum vote and, more significantly, to the 2027 session, when lawmakers will have to confront the structural gap, they deferred this year.

What hung over the building most of all was the federal government. Many proposals introduced this year were written as direct responses to the federal government and actions of President Donald Trump. Legislators talked openly about how federal decisions could affect Oregon's Medicaid program and state finances in the next few years.



The session ended with a handful of wins for different interests and a long list of unfinished work. Long-term transportation funding, tax policy, and broader economic strategy all remain unresolved. Those debates are waiting for lawmakers when they return in 2027, which will run for six months instead of five weeks.

Your CFM team will begin developing comprehensive interim strategies on legislator and stakeholder engagement, issue monitoring and advocacy as we enter the 2026 campaign season and beyond.

Port of Morrow

Economic Development (HB 4084) – Passed

HB 4084 was the Governor's economic development proposal this session. The bill included several provisions intended to improve Oregon's business climate, including changes to the *standard* enterprise zone program, additional investments in industrial site readiness, and implementing fast track permitting. Once in Joint Ways and Means, additional amendments were adopted that limited data centers from accessing the new e-zone extensions under the legislation and added a one-year moratorium to data centers being eligible business entities within the enterprise zone program. Funding for industrial site readiness was removed from HB 4084 and funded through the end of session bills at \$15 million (split GF and LF), down from the \$40 million asked for in the original legislation. The bill passed with broad, bipartisan support and additional conversations around data centers are expected ahead of the 2027 legislative session. CFM will continue tracking this issue, as well as the Governor's Data Center Task Force and update the staff and commission on those developments.

City of Hillsboro Economic Development Proposal (SB 1586) – Dead

On behalf of the City of Hillsboro, Senator Sollman dropped SB 1586 which was another omnibus economic development bill with more of a focus on advanced manufacturing. The bill included changes to the standard enterprise zone program but after discussions with the Governor's Office, an agreement was made to have enterprise zone changes in HB 4084 only. SB 1586 also proposed adding 1,700 acres of rural reserve farmland in Washington County into the urban growth boundary. This drew the ire of 1000 Friends of Oregon and other land use advocates who made the bill a top target for the session. The bill ultimately did not advance.

Industrial Symbiosis (HB 4086) – Passed

The bill included \$900,000 for planning and technical assistance to OBDD to support industrial symbiosis pilot projects at the Port of Morrow, Clatsop County, Klamath County, and COR Healthy Communities. The bill also included \$640,000 for the Oregon Coast Visitors Association for food and nonfood product manufacturing. The Port of Morrow and businesses in the region supported the legislation.

Transportation Rebalance – Passed

A major priority this session was rebalancing the ODOT budget after the successful referral of the transportation package to the ballot. While legislative Democrats ultimately moved the referral to the May ballot, it did not change the fact that ODOT needed roughly \$300 million funds for operations and maintenance. The plan was kept under wraps for most of the session and was unveiled during the final week, providing no opportunity for comment on or adjustments to the plan. The rebalance included:

- \$71 million in vacancy savings: positions connected to project delivery, local projects, administration and budget, and driver and motor vehicle services will go unfunded for the remainder of the biennium.
- \$85 million in federal funds redirected to projects that do not require a State Highway Fund match

- \$42 million from the Connect Oregon program
- \$35 million from funds dedicated to bridge projects, seismic improvements, highway preservation, culverts, and safety projects
- \$20 million from the Transportation Operating Fund (funded by non-road gas taxes)
- \$17 million from the Safe Routes to Schools grant program
- \$8 million from the Community Paths program
- \$6 million from the Highway 58 enhancement and expansion
- \$5 million from the student driver training program

CFM coordinated closely with the Port of Coos Bay on strategies to preserve funding in the Connect Oregon program once it was made apparent that cuts were on the line. Knowing this is a funding opportunity the Port of Morrow could utilize for various projects in the short and long-term, it was important to protect the current grant cycle that is accepting applications. Interim ODOT Director Lisa Sumption and Daniel Porter were asked during the Joint Ways and Means Committee meeting if the agency planned on keeping the current grant cycle, despite the reduced funding, to which they answered yes. CFM will begin coordinating with Port of Morrow staff on an application to the Connect Oregon grant program for projects that supplement federal asks currently in the pipeline.

Public Meetings (HB 4177) – Passed

HB 2805 (2023) unintentionally regulated the use of serial electronic written communication or the use of an intermediary to communicate between members of a public body, including volunteer boards and commissions. The law made it challenging for elected officials to do their jobs effectively, and local governments advocated for a change to allow for communication between members while still meeting the requirements of public meeting laws.

Representative Nathan Sosa, one of the chief sponsors of HB 2805, introduced HB 4177 to address the issue. The bill clarifies when communications among members of a governing body constitute a meeting, including rules related to serial communications such as texts and emails. Additionally, it explicitly allows in-person, virtual and hybrid meetings, updates training requirements for public officials and revises the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) complaint process. Finally, it allows public bodies to use a cure process to correct certain violations and clarifies that enforcement may apply to a public body rather than to individuals. After protracted negotiations between local governments and the OGEC and other stakeholders, the bill sailed through both chambers on its way to passage.

Miscellaneous Bills

Below is a status report of bills that CFM tracked on behalf of the Port of Morrow but did not engage in.

Color of Water (HB 4006) – Dead

Relating to water rights with points of diversion between river miles 252 and 303 on the Columbia River. *At the request of the Northeast Oregon Water Association.*

Water Professionals Appreciation Week (HB 4005) – Passed

Creates Water Professionals Appreciation Week and encourages public water and wastewater

agencies to offer tours, open houses and other events to educate Oregonians. *At the request of the League of Oregon Cities.*

Threats to Public Officials (SB 1530) – Dead

Expands the crime of aggravated harassment to include threats concerning public officials in specified circumstances.

Agency Permitting Standards (HB 4019) – Dead

Requires certain agencies (included DEQ and ODOT) to base approval or denial of an application for a new permit on the rules and standards that are applicable at the time that the agency determines the application is complete.

Agency Permit Denials (HB 4020) – Passed

Requires certain agencies (includes DEQ) to specify the authority justifying the denial of a permit application and provide the applicant a guide on how to contest the denial.

Expediting DEQ Regulatory Processes (HB 4102) – Passed

Allows the Department of Environmental Quality to enter into agreements with regulated entities to expedite or enhance a regulatory process.



**Port of Morrow, Oregon
Transmission Facilities Revenue Bonds
Series 2026 (Federally Taxable)**



Financing Timetable as of March 27, 2026

Apr-26							May-26							Jun-26						
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Working Group Members	Symbol
Port of Morrow	POM
Port of Morrow Counsel - Monahan, Grove & Tucker	PC
Bonneville Power Administration	BPA
Bond Counsel - Orrick	BC
Financial Advisor - Public Financial Management	PFM
Senior Manager - Wells Fargo Securities	WFS
Co-Senior - BofA Securities	BofA
Co-Manager - TD Financial Products	CM
Full Syndicate	UW
Underwriters' Counsel - Norton Rose Fulbright	UC

Represents POM Related Events

Represents Energy Northwest Related Events

Week of	Activity	Participants
Week of Mar 23		
Tue, 03/24	■ Kick-Off Call (10am PT)	All
Week of Mar 30		
Wed, 04/01	■ First draft of Documents circulated (POS, BPA, Resolution)	BC, UC
Week of Apr 6		
Mon, 04/06	■ Call to review documents (TBD)	BPA
Wed, 04/08	■ BPA Due Diligence Meeting	BPA, BC, UW, UC
Week of Apr 13		
Mon, 04/13	■ Second draft of Documents circulated (POS, BPA, Resolution)	BC, UC
Week of Apr 20		
Tue, 04/21	■ Call to review documents (TBD)	All
Wed, 04/22	■ Notice published in the Heppner Gazette Times	BC
Fri, 04/24	■ BPA Q2 Financials Released	BPA
Week of Apr 27		
Tue, 04/28	■ Post Energy Northwest POS and Internet Roadshow	BC
Wed, 04/29	■ Notice published in the Heppner Gazette Times	BC
Fri, 05/01	■ Distribute revised draft of Documents (POS, BPA, Resolution)	UC
Week of May 4		
Tue, 05/05	■ Pre-Pricing of Energy Northwest Series 2026-A	EN/BPA/PFM/UW
Wed, 05/06	■ Pricing of Energy Northwest Series 2026-A	All
	■ Notice published in the Heppner Gazette Times	BC
Fri, 05/08	■ Distribute documents to rating agencies (POS, Appendix A, Resolution)	BPA, BC, WFS
	■ Document package due for POM Board Meeting	POM, PC, BPA, BC
Week of May 11		
Tue, 05/12	■ Finalize and Post Energy Northwest Official Statement	EN/BPA/BC/PFM/UW/UC
Wed, 05/13	■ POM Board Meeting to approve transaction (1:30pm PT) (Resolution, Indenture, Lease Purchase Agreement)	POM, PC
	■ Updated draft of POS and BPA circulated	UC
Fri, 05/17	■ Updated draft of Appendix A circulated	BPA
	■ Distribute Due Diligence questions	UC
	■ First draft of Investor Presentation circulated	BPA, WFS



Corporate &
Investment Banking



**Port of Morrow, Oregon
Transmission Facilities Revenue Bonds
Series 2026 (Federally Taxable)**



Financing Timetable as of March 27, 2026

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Week of May 18		
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Wed, 05/20	■ Closing of Energy Northwest Series 2026 A (Pricing A&B)	EN/BPA/PFM/UW
Fri, 05/22	■ Receive ratings	BPA
Week of May 25		
Mon, 05/25	■ Memorial Day Holiday	
Tue, 05/26	■ Bring Down Due Diligence Call (time TBD)	All
Wed, 05/27	■ Signoff Call - POS, Appendix A & Roadshow (time TBD)	All
	■ Post Preliminary Official Statement and Internet Roadshow	BC, WFS
	■ BPA website updated	BPA
	■ Investor Presentation Posted on EMMA	BPA
Fri, 05/29	■ Market Update Call (time TBD)	POM, BPA, PFM, UW
Week of Jun 1		
Mon, 06/01	■ Solicit Price Views	WFS
Tue, 06/02	■ Pre Pricing Call with Full Syndicate (time TBD)	POM, BPA, PFM, UW
	■ Investor Calls and/or Meetings (if necessary)	BPA, PFM, WFS
Wed, 06/03	■ Bond Pricing	All
	■ Finalize Numbers and Purchase Agreement	WFS, UC
	■ Execute Purchase Agreement (Award Date)	POM, BPA, BC, UW, UC
Fri, 06/05	■ Employment (May)	
Week of Jun 8		
Tue, 06/09	■ Finalize and Post Official Statement	All
Wed, 06/10	■ CPI (May)	
Week of Jun 15		
Tue, 06/16	■ Pre-Closing	All
Wed, 06/17	■ Closing (time TBD)	All
	■ FOMC Statement	
Week of Aug 31		
Tue, 09/01	■ Pay off existing bonds	BPA

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Week of May 4		
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Wed, 05/06	■ Pricing of Energy Northwest Series 2026-A	All
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Fri, 05/08	■ Distribute documents to rating agencies (POS, Appendix A, Resolution)	BPA, BC, WFS
	■ Document package due for POM Board Meeting	POM, PC, BPA, BC
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Tue, 05/12	■ Finalize and Post Energy Northwest Official Statement	EN/BPA/BC/PFM/UW/UC
Wed, 05/13	■ POM Board Meeting to approve transaction (1:30pm PT) (Resolution, Indenture, Lease Purchase Agreement)	POM, PC
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The total amount disbursed was \$3,195,470.71.

1. Bond Funds	
1. Morrow County School Dist. Bond	\$823,642.71
2. Additional Annual Payment	\$405,900.00
1. <i>Pending final names & numbers from Mike</i>	
3. Student Success Fee	
1. Morrow Education Foundation	\$57,964.00
4. Public Safety Impact Fee	
1. Boardman Rural Fire District	\$19,321.33
2. Morrow County (ambulance svcs)	\$19,321.34
3. Morrow County Sheriff	\$19,321.33
5. Annual Improvement Fee	
1. Port of Morrow	\$616,666.67
2. City of Boardman	\$616,666.67
3. Morrow County	\$616,666.66

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF MORROW CONSENTING TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MORROW COUNTY BROADBAND NETWORK CONSORTIUM AND TERMINATION OF THE RELATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, Morrow County and the Port of Morrow (the "Parties") entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on May 17, 2023, creating the Morrow County Broadband Network Consortium (the "Consortium") pursuant to ORS Chapter 190; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.4.1 of the IGA provides that the Parties may terminate the Agreement and dissolve the Consortium at any time by the Parties' unanimous written consent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Consortium, at its meeting on March 17, 2026, adopted a resolution recommending dissolution effective June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Morrow has reviewed the recommendation and the proposed dissolution plan and finds that terminating the IGA is in the best interest of the Port and its constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PORT OF MORROW RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. **CONSENT TO DISSOLUTION:** The Port of Morrow hereby consents to the dissolution of the Morrow County Broadband Network Consortium and the termination of the Intergovernmental Agreement dated May 17, 2023, effective **June 30, 2026**, and to act as trustee following the dissolution as appropriate to wind up the affairs of the business of the Consortium.
 2. **APPROVAL OF MANAGERS:** The Port of Morrow concurs with the appointment of **John Murray, David Sykes, and Torrie Griggs** as Dissolution Managers to oversee the winding up of Consortium affairs.
 3. **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:** The Port of Morrow authorizes the Dissolution Managers to distribute the Port's 50% share of remaining cash and assets following the satisfaction of all Consortium financial liabilities and final accounting.
 4. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE:** Commissioner Murray or their designee is authorized to execute any additional written consents or documents necessary to formalize the termination of the IGA and the dissolution of the Consortium.
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ADOPTED by the Port of Morrow Commission on this 8th day of April, 2026.

SIGNED:

John Murray, Commission President

ATTEST:

Joel Peterson, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORROW COUNTY BROADBAND NETWORK CONSORTIUM AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CONSORTIUM, APPOINTING DISSOLUTION MANAGERS, AND ESTABLISHING A PLAN FOR LIQUIDATION.

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Broadband Network Consortium (the "Consortium") was established on May 17, 2023, via an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Morrow County and the Port of Morrow pursuant to ORS Chapter 190; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.4.1 of the IGA provides that the Parties may terminate the Agreement and dissolve the Consortium at any time by unanimous written consent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the Consortium's mission and the evolving broadband landscape and determined that dissolution is in the best interest of the member entities; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to provide for an orderly wind-down of operations and the equitable distribution of remaining assets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORROW COUNTY BROADBAND NETWORK CONSORTIUM AS FOLLOWS:

1. **DISSOLUTION:** The Board hereby approves the dissolution of the Morrow County Broadband Network Consortium, effective **June 30, 2026**, subject to the subsequent consent and resolution of the governing bodies of Morrow County and the Port of Morrow, and the agreement of the governing bodies to act as trustees following the dissolution as appropriate to wind up the affairs of the business of the Consortium.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF DISSOLUTION MANAGERS:** Pursuant to Section 7.4.1 of the IGA, the Board hereby appoints the following three individuals as **Dissolution Managers** to oversee the winding up of Consortium affairs:
 - **John Murray**
 - **David Sykes**
 - **Torrie Griggs**
3. **AUTHORITY OF MANAGERS:** The Dissolution Managers are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to dissolve the Consortium, including but not limited to:

- Providing legal notice to the Oregon Secretary of State and other regulatory bodies.
 - Terminating all service contracts, including administrative and professional services.
 - Satisfying all outstanding debts, liabilities, and grant compliance obligations.
 - Facilitating a final financial audit and accounting.
4. **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:** Upon satisfaction of all grant commitments and other financial liabilities, the Dissolution Managers shall distribute the remaining cash assets to Morrow County and the Port of Morrow in accordance with their 50/50 contribution percentages as specified in the IGA.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Morrow County Broadband Network Consortium this 17th day of March, 2026.

VOTE: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

APPROVED:


John Murray (Mar 18, 2026 2:07:20 CDT)

John Murray, Board Chair

ATTEST:



Torrie Griggs, Secretary

Resolution No. 2026-01 - Dissolution Resolution

Final Audit Report

2026-03-19

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RESOLUTION 2026-04



Preparation for Board Meetings

Distribution of Materials to Board Members

The agenda, financial reports, and other materials related to Commission business shall be given to each member of the Commission at least three (3) days prior to any regularly scheduled Commission meeting. Updated financial information will be given to the Commission the day of the meeting.

Distribution of Agenda to the Public

The proposed agenda will simultaneously be distributed by email to all Port facilities, local and other news media, requested contact list, and posted at one or more locations convenient for review by Port personnel and the public including the Port's website.

Board Meeting Agenda

The Executive Director and staff shall draft the agenda after conferring with the Commission President. Unless modified by the Commission, the agenda shall follow the following general format:

- Call to order
- Roll call by Commission President or designee
- Conflicts of interest declarations
- Public comment period
- Approval of the minutes/consent agenda
- Legislative Updates
- Old business
- New business
- Staff reports
- Other Reports
- For the good of the order
- Executive Session (*include citation to statutory authority*)

Notice and Location of Meetings

Application

This policy applies to all meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Port, and to any meetings of subcommittees, or advisory groups appointed by the Commission if such subcommittees or advisory groups normally have a quorum requirement, take votes, and form recommendations as a body for presentation to the Board of Directors.

Compliance with Law

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Oregon Public Meetings Law, ORS 192.610-192.705.

Location of Meetings

All meetings shall be held within the geographic boundaries of the Port, except for training sessions held without any deliberations toward a decision. No meeting shall be held in any place where discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability is

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RESOLUTION 2026-04



practiced. All meetings shall be held in places accessible to the handicapped.

Meetings Held By Electronic Means

All meetings of the Commission, excluding executive sessions, must provide members of the general public, to the extent reasonably possible, an opportunity to:

- (a) Access and attend the meeting by telephone, video or other electronic or virtual means;
- (b) If in-person oral testimony is allowed, submit during the meeting oral testimony by telephone, video or other electronic or virtual means; and
- (c) If in-person written testimony is allowed, submit written testimony, including by electronic mail or other electronic means, so that the governing body is able to consider the submitted testimony in a timely manner.

Regular Meetings

The Commission shall hold regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Such meetings shall be held at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Administration Building, 2 E Marine Dr. Boardman, OR at 1:30pm, or at such other places and times as the Commission may designate from time to time.

Special Meetings

The Commission may hold special meetings at the request of the Executive Director, Commission President or Vice-President in the absence of the President; or any three members of the Board. No special meeting shall be held upon less than 24 hours' public notice.

Emergency Meetings

Emergency meetings may be held at the request of the Commission or Executive Director upon less than 24 hours' notice in situations where a true emergency exists. An emergency exists where there are objective circumstances which, in the judgment of the person or persons calling the meeting create a real and substantial risk of harm to the Port which would be substantially increased if the Commission were to delay in order to give 24 hours' notice before conducting the meeting. The convenience of Board members is not grounds for calling an emergency meeting.

At the beginning of any emergency meeting, the officer or directors calling the meeting shall recite the reason(s) for calling the emergency meeting, and the reason(s) shall be noted in the minutes. Only business related directly to the emergency shall be conducted at an emergency meeting. If the Commission determines that the reasons for calling the meeting are insufficient, the meeting shall be immediately adjourned.

Notice of Meetings

Notice of the time, place, and principal subjects to be considered shall be given for all meetings. For regular or special meetings, the notice shall be in the form of an agenda, which shall be sent by email to all Commission members, local media, and to all persons or other media representatives having requested notice in writing of every meeting. The agenda shall also be published or posted on the Port's website.

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Written notice via email shall also be sent to any persons who the Port knows may have a special interest in a particular action, unless such notification is unduly burdensome or expensive. For emergency meetings, the Port shall give as much notice as possible under the circumstances, but at minimum will contact local media to inform them of the meeting.

Executive Sessions

Notice for a meeting called solely to hold an executive session shall be given in the same manner as notice for regular, special and emergency meetings set forth above. The notice shall indicate the general subject matter to be considered and set forth the statutory basis for calling the executive session.

Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired

The Port shall comply with ORS 192.630(5) regarding the provision of interpreters for the hearing impaired at Commission meetings, in accordance with the following rules:

- The Port shall make a good faith effort to have an interpreter for hearing impaired persons provided at any regularly scheduled meeting if the person requesting the interpreter has given the Port at least 48 hours' notice of the request, provided the name of the requester, the requester's sign language preference, and any other relevant information which the Port may require. "Good faith efforts" shall include contacting the Oregon Disabilities Commission, or other state or local agencies that maintain a list of qualified interpreters.
- If a meeting is held upon less than 48 hours' notice, the Port shall make reasonable efforts to have an interpreter present.
- The requirement for an interpreter does not apply to emergency meetings.

Board Meeting Conduct

Presiding Officer

The President shall preside at Commission meetings. In the President's absence, the Vice-President shall preside. If both the President and Vice-President are absent, the remaining members shall select a board member to preside.

Conduct of Meetings

The President or other presiding officer at any Commission meeting shall have full authority to conduct the meeting. Meetings shall be conducted in such a manner as to provide a full and fair opportunity for discussion of the issues in an efficient and timely manner. Any decision of the presiding officer at the meeting may be overridden by a majority vote of the Commission.

Public Participation

If public participation is to be a part of the meeting, the presiding officer may regulate the order and length of appearances, and limit appearances to presentations of relevant points. Persons failing to comply with the reasonable rules of conduct outlined by the presiding officer, or causing any disturbance, may be asked or required to leave. Any individual who fails to leave the premises when asked to do so may be treated as a trespasser, and law enforcement personnel may be

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contacted to remove the individual.

Electronic Equipment

The presiding officer shall inform persons attending any meeting of the Port Commission of reasonable rules necessary to ensure an orderly and safe meeting, including rules related to the operation of electronic recording equipment. The physical comfort and safety of members of the Commission and the public attending the meeting shall be of primary concern in formulating such rules.

Recording of Votes

Votes shall be recorded. Any member may request that his or her vote be changed prior to consideration of the next order of business.

Quorum Requisites

A majority of the positions on the Commission (filled or vacant) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is required to be present in order for the Commission to deliberate or take any final action. If only a quorum is present, a unanimous vote shall be required to take final action.

Vote Explanations

Members of the Commission may append to the record, at the time of voting, a statement indicating either the reason for their vote or abstention.

Conflict of Interest/Ex Parte Contacts

Any Commission member with a potential conflict of interest shall declare the conflict for the record but may participate in discussions and vote. Any Commission member with an actual conflict of interest shall declare the conflict for the record, and refrain from discussion or voting. If any member of the Commission has had any ex parte contact in a quasi-judicial matter, the member shall declare the contact prior to participating in discussion on the matter.

Smoking

Oregon's Indoor Clean Air Act prohibits smoking in Port buildings and within 10 feet of all entrances, exits and accessibility ramps that lead to and from an entrance or exit, windows that open and air-intake vents. "Smoking" includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and the use of "inhalant delivery systems" (vaping); and other devices. The Commission may adopt anti-smoking policies that are stricter than state law and prohibit smoking on Port properties other than buildings.

Adjournment

Upon completion of the entire agenda, the Commission President (or acting chair) shall declare the meeting adjourned.

Special circumstances: in the case of emergency circumstances (medical emergency, threat to public safety, etc.), the meeting may be adjourned without preamble. If a loss of board quorum occurs for any reason during the course of the meeting, the meeting is considered adjourned at that point. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect how and why the meeting was adjourned.

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Executive Sessions

Notice

Notice for meetings called only to hold executive sessions shall be given in the same manner as notice for regular, special and emergency meetings set forth above, except that the notice shall indicate the general subject matter to be considered at the executive session and set forth the statutory basis for calling the executive session.

No Final Decisions

The Commission may fully discuss board members' views but may not make any final decisions during any executive session.

Authorized Purposes

Executive sessions shall be held only for the following purposes:

ORS 192.660(2)(a). To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent if:

- A. The Port has advertised the vacancy;
- B. The Commission has adopted regular hiring procedures;
- C. In the case of an officer, the public has had the opportunity to comment on the employment of the officer; and
- D. In the case of a executive director, the governing body has adopted hiring standards, criteria and policy directives in meetings open to the public in which the public has had the opportunity to comment on the standards, criteria and policy directives.

This authority does not apply to:

- 1) The filling of a vacancy in an elective office.
- 2) The filling of a vacancy on any public committee, commission or other advisory group.
- 3) The consideration of general employment policies.
- 4) The employment of the executive director, other public officers, employees and staff members of a public body when the procedures listed above have been followed.

ORS 192.660(2)(b). To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.

ORS 192.660(2)(c). To consider matters pertaining to the function of the medical staff of a public hospital licensed pursuant to ORS 441.015 to 441.119 and 441.993 including, but not limited to, all clinical committees, executive, credentials, utilization review, peer review committees and all other matters relating to medical competency in the hospital.

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ORS 192.660(d). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

ORS 192.660(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

ORS 192.660(f). To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

ORS 192.660(g). To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations.

ORS 192.660(h). 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.

ORS 192.660(i). To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

ORS 192.660(j). To carry on negotiations under ORS chapter 293 with private persons or businesses regarding proposed acquisition, exchange or liquidation of public investments.

ORS 192.660(k). To consider matters relating to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school.

ORS 192.660(n). To discuss information about review or approval of programs relating to the security of any of the following:

- (A) A nuclear-powered thermal power plant or nuclear installation.
- (B) Transportation of radioactive material derived from or destined for a nuclear-fueled thermal power plant or nuclear installation.
- (C) Generation, storage or conveyance of:
 - (i) Electricity;
 - (ii) Gas in liquefied or gaseous form;
 - (iii) Hazardous substances as defined in ORS 453.005 (7)(a), (b) and (d);
 - (iv) Petroleum products;
 - (v) Sewage; or
 - (vi) Water.
- (D) Telecommunication systems, including cellular, wireless or radio systems.
- (E) Data transmissions by whatever means provided.

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ORS 192.660(o). To consider matters relating to the safety of the governing body and of public body staff and volunteers and the security of public body facilities and meeting spaces.

ORS 192.660(p). To consider matters relating to cyber security infrastructure and responses to cyber security threats.

ORS 192.660(3). Labor negotiations IF negotiators for both sides request that negotiations be conducted in executive session. Labor negotiations conducted in executive session are not subject to the notification requirements of ORS 192.640.

Conduct of Executive Session

The President or other presiding officer shall announce the statutory authority for the executive session before going into closed session. Once the executive session has been convened, the President shall direct any representatives of the news media who are present not to report information from the executive session. Board members, staff and other persons present shall not discuss or disclose executive session proceedings outside of the executive session without prior authorization of the Commission as a whole.

Minutes of Board Meetings

Minutes

The Board shall keep minutes of all of its meetings, including executive sessions, in accordance with the requirements of ORS 192.650. Minutes may be taken in writing or by audio recording, and shall include at least the following information:

- All members of the Commission present.
- All motions, proposals, resolutions, orders, ordinances and measures proposed and their disposition.
- Results of all votes, including the vote of each member by name.
- The substance of any discussion on any matter.
- A reference to any document discussed at the meeting.

Minutes of executive sessions shall be kept separately from minutes of open meetings.

Disclosure of Executive Session Minutes

If disclosure of material in the executive session minutes would be inconsistent with the purpose for which the executive session was held, the material may be withheld from disclosure. No executive session minutes may be disclosed without prior authorization of the Commission.

Retention

Any recordings or written minutes of public Commission meetings or executive sessions shall be retained by the Port until such time as their disposal is authorized by rule or specific authorization of the State Archivist pursuant to ORS 192.105.

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Availability to the Public

Written minutes of public sessions shall be made available to the public following Commission approval at the next regular commission meeting or within a reasonable time after the meeting.

ADOPTED by the Port of Morrow Commission on this 8th day of April, 2026.

Signed:

John Murray, Commission President

Attest:

Joel Peterson, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-14

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PORT OF MORROW COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC
MEETING AND RECORDS LAW

WHEREAS, compliance with Oregon's Public Meeting and Records Law set
out in Oregon Revised Statutes 192, is required by all Oregon special districts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE PORT OF MORROW:

That the District shall comply with the provisions of Public Meeting and
Records Law, and with the instructions and requirements of the Oregon Department of
Justice, in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 192.

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007


Marvin Padberg, President

ATTEST:


Larry Lindsay, Secretary



Commission Report for March 2026 - **TOTAL Count: 3,574**

March General Summary

The SAGE Center & Event Center continues to see strong growth and engagement across all areas, welcoming 3,574 visitors through a mix of events, educational programs, museum tours, and classroom experiences. Marketing efforts remain effective, with a 32% increase in social media engagement alongside expanded outreach through newsletters, radio, and local advertising. Several exhibit and facility updates are underway, including new installations, exhibit refreshes, and ongoing improvements to enhance visitor experience and functionality. Operationally, key initiatives such as SAGE On The Go, exhibit partnerships, and a new membership program are progressing, while updated Event Center pricing has driven a 242% increase in Q1 rental revenue. The center also celebrated receiving the Distinguished Service Award at the Oregon FFA Convention, highlighting its continued impact and community support.

Facility Usage- 3,574

- **Event Center:** 2,110 guests
- **Educational Visits:** 326 students
- **Museum Visitors:** 826 Guests (507 SAGE tours | 319 Tesla/Welcome Center)
- **AWS TBS Classroom:** 277 students/educators
- **SAGE Events:** 35 (Science Friday)

Marketing & Outreach-

- Scheduled posts on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram & LinkedIn. Social media engagement has shown an increase of **32%**!
- Our interns continue to lead and develop our Tik Tok series
- Monthly email newsletter featuring upcoming events, recaps and news.
- Radio advertisements on 103.5 K Wheat
- Sponsored posts on the East Oregonian
- Cart advertising at Harvest Town Foods

Exhibit/Facility Updates:

- **Round Room Exhibit** (formally known as the Hot Air Balloon)
 - We are currently hosting a temporary traveling exhibit focused on Rangelands and pastoralists in recognition of the 2026 Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.
- **POM Map Wall**
 - Lighting adjustments have started as of 3/30/2026 with additional work to follow in the next couple weeks.
- **Boardman Foods / OFI Exhibit**
 - Installation of the exhibits has started as of 3/30 and completion is scheduled for 4/3.
- **Photo Op**
 - We are receiving concepts for a refresh of our photo op design further branding the SAGE Center.
- **Community Room**
 - Discussions have begun with Amazon to renovate this space into a second classroom/workforce training space.
- **Outdoor LED Sign** (exterior of building)
 - We are in the decision-making process of repairing or replacing this sign due to unusable panels.
- **Museum Benches** (indoor)
 - We replaced the original interior museum benches in the gallery area with new benches.
- **Tillamook Exhibit**
 - This exhibit has been pulled from the floor to our mechanical room for updates for the scheduled refresh. Completion is scheduled for 4/6.
- **Key Ingredient Theater**
 - Erika and Angel have discussed recreating the videos for this space to keep them current.

Operations Updates

- **SAGE On The Go** (outreach to schools)
 - We are working with Pierre Ford of Hermiston on a cargo van for this project. A site visit to view the vehicle will be this week.
- **Exhibit Design Outreach**

- Angel has reached out to companies who provide exhibit design and installation service in our region. 3 companies have scheduled site visits.
- **Museum Memberships**
 - In an effort to further increase local participation and revenue streams we are developing a membership program.
- **Exhibitor Agreements**
 - Currently reconciling exhibitor past payments and looking to increase total agreements.
 - Meeting with potential new exhibitors.
- **Event Center**
 - 2026 pricing increase has been in effect and positively impacted quarterly facility rentals. **242.39% increase over Q1 the previous year.**
 - We are showing consistent positive feedback and event ratings.
 - Year to Date: 46 events/meetings held, hosted approximately 4,002 people thus far.
- **Oregon FFA Convention Award**
 - The SAGE Center was honored with the **Distinguished Service Award** at the Oregon FFA Convention. This award recognizes individuals and organizations that support FFA through financial contributions, volunteer efforts, and dedicated service.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please feel free to contact **Angel Aguilar, Interim Manager (angel.aguilar@portofmorrow.com)**, at any time. I welcome your input and will be happy to provide additional information as needed.



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Port of Morrow Warehousing Monthly Report: March 2026

# of Employees	62
Starting Tonnage	68,314,517
Ending Tonnage	65,584,737
# of Pallets in Storage	37,476
Inbound Trucks	559 Year to date: 1871
Outbound Trucks	627 Year to date: 2115
Outbound Rail	36 Year to date: 126
Shipment Accuracy	99.80%
# of OB Trucks Turned on Time	99.42%
# of IB Trucks Turned on Time	99.3%
# of Loss Time Injuries	0

Notes:

For March the warehouse handled 52.9 mil lbs. Down 5.9 million lbs. YOY

EOM Tonnage 65.5 mil. down 1.7 million lbs. YOY

Cooler is at 22.7 mil. Lbs. - Capacity 88% 8,872 pallets filled.

Dry Storage 90% capacity. 2,390 pallet position filled.

Working on Productivity tool for the warehouse. Working with our Warehouse Management Systems IT on this project.

Training employees - working on getting employees to the next skill level during this slower time.

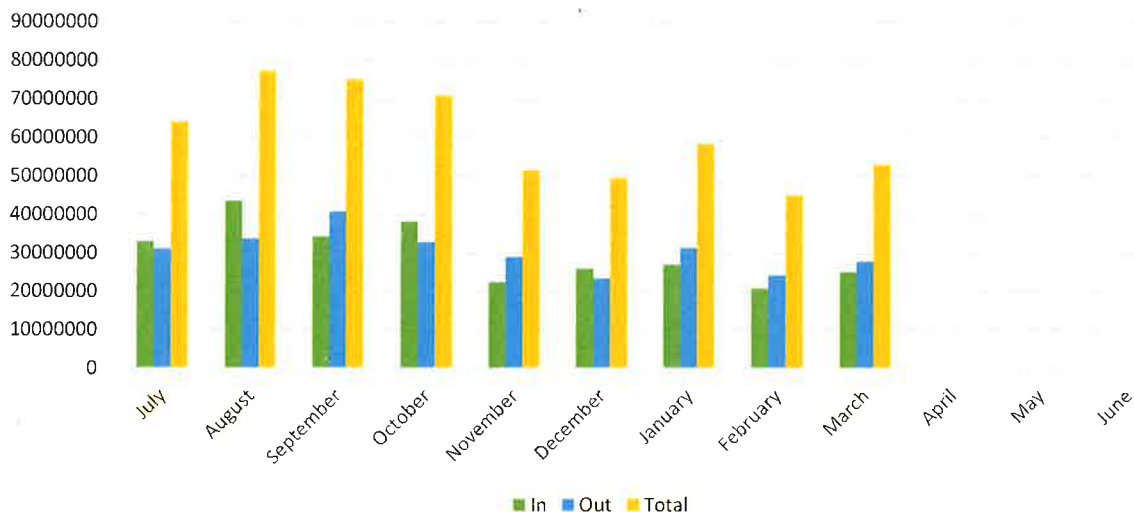
April 15th -16th - Eastern Oregon Workforce Board- Jeff, Bobby, Bob, Jess and Marcine.

April 15th Regional HR Training - Marcine, Jess & Jeff

WFLO INSTITUTE -best practices in temperature-controlled logistics, sent two employees to this in March 2026. Bobby Barnes/Sergio Arevalo has completed the 1st year of training.

Three tours of the freezer were done. Real Oregon tours and last two where FFA students.

Tonnage Comparison FY26



Marker 40 Golf Club

2026	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Rounds of Golf	93	161	478										732
Members	83	109	233										425
POM Employee	15	38	50										103
Total Rounds	191	308	761										1260
Cart Rental	46	91	290										427

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Rounds of Golf	5336	4594	3348	3362	3501
Members	3445	2541	2582	2525	2387
POM Employee	738	399	369	408	462
Total Rounds	9519	7534	6299	6295	6589
Cart Rentals	3470	2908	2557	1808	2279

Total Memberships 2026

Memberships	Single	Couple/Family	Associate	Junior	Returning	POM Add on
2026	2	10	2		16	1

Operations Overview: The course has remained in good condition.

Course Usage: We finished the month of March with 761 total rounds of golf, including paid green fees, POM employees, and members. Weekends continue to be our busiest days.

Upcoming Events: Heppner High School Golf Team will host a high school golf tournament at M40 on April 3, 2026. Operation Graduation will host a tournament on April 25. RNI hosted by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce May 8-9.

Notes: Working on youth golf outreach with WRE. Will provide youth golf during the Park and Recs Teen Summer program in July.

The team's efforts this month continue to contribute to a positive golfer experience and strong course presentation.

Communications Update – April 2026

- Social Media Posts
- Website Updates
- Meeting minutes and videos
- Monitoring news sources
- Port Project Photos
- UAS Part 107 Certification (in progress)
- Monthly recurring/special ads
 - SAGE Center
 - Marker 40 Golf Club

March 2026 Facebook Analytics



Facebook



Last month: Mar 1, 2026 - Mar 31, 2026



Content overview

Breakdown: Organic/ads

All Reels Live Posts Stories

Views

120.1K ↑ 35%

3-second views

2.8K ↑ 170.8%

1-minute views

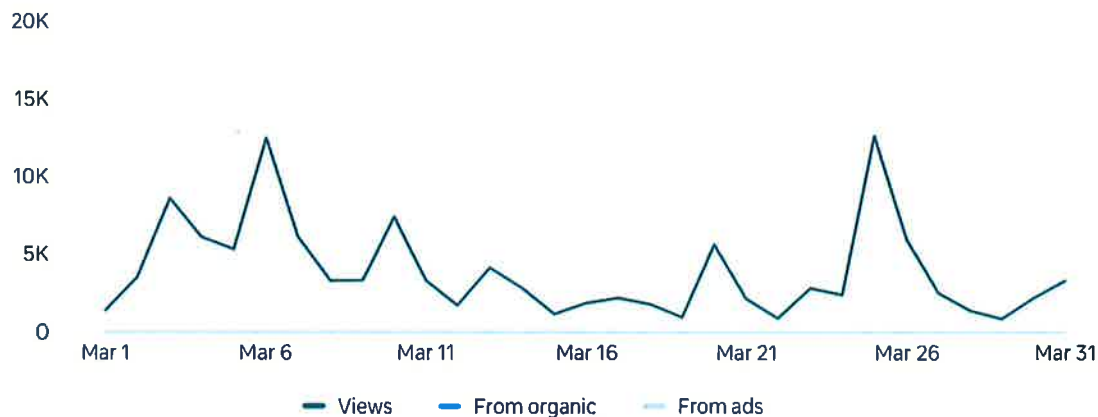
8 ↑ 700%

Content interactions

1.2K ↑ 85.4%

Watch time

14h 27m ↑ 175.9%



Views breakdown

Mar 1 - Mar 31

Total

120,080 ↑ 35%

From organic

120,080 ↑ 47.7%

From ads

0 ↓ 100%

Viewers

21,952 ↑ 18.6%

Top content by views

Boost content

See all content



The Port of Morrow has an opening for a...

Wed Mar 25, 10:01am

9.6K 10 1 19



Join us in congratulating Peter...

Fri Mar 20, 10:00am

8.6K 77 7 7



We have many great career opportunities ...

Tue Mar 3, 4:03pm

7.5K 15 0 20



Morrow County Clean Water Consortium...

Thu Mar 5, 3:53pm

4.5K 24 4 9



This week, we are shining the spotlight ...

Fri Mar 6, 12:00pm

4.3K 54 2 2

Views

Views ⓘ

106.6K ↑ 22.6%

From followers ⓘ **22.3%** ↑ 0.4%

From non-followers ⓘ **77.7%** ↓ 0.1%

Viewers ⓘ **20,890** ↑ 16.2%

Interactions

Content interactions ⓘ

1.1K ↑ 55.7%

From followers ⓘ **555** ↑ 42.3%

From non-followers ⓘ **518** ↑ 73.2%

Visits

Facebook visits ⓘ

1.8K ↑ 49.3%

Follows

Follows ⓘ

34 ↓ 12.8%

Unfollows ⓘ **7** ↑ 75%

Net follows ⓘ **27** ↓ 22.9%

All content

Create post

Posts and stories

Media type

Filter

Search by ID or caption

Columns

Title	Views ⓘ ↓	Viewers ⓘ ↑↓	Likes and reactions ⓘ ↑↓	Shares ⓘ ↑↓	Link clicks ⓘ ↑↓	Interactions ⓘ ↑↓
 The Port of Morrow has an opening for a W... Photo • Port of Morrow	9,651	6,710	10	19	198	27
 Join us in congratulating Peter on his new r... Photo • Port of Morrow	8,628	4,534	77	7	---	91
 We have many great career opportunities i... Photo • Port of Morrow	7,543	4,804	15	20	41	38
 Morrow County Clean Water Consortium C... Photo • Port of Morrow	4,463	2,836	24	9	---	36
 This week, we are shining the spotlight on ... Photo • Port of Morrow	4,338	2,700	54	2	---	58
 Behind every project, event, and success st... Reel • Port of Morrow	4,284	2,923	42	2	---	45
 We have an opening on our maintenance cr... Photo • Port of Morrow	3,232	1,998	12	16	124	26
 Terminal 1 dredging wraps up March 31! ✓ Reel • Port of Morrow	2,181	1,728	14	1	---	15
 The Morrow County High School Internshi... Photo • Port of Morrow	1,721	983	9	11	8	20

Audience

Demographics Trends Potential audience

Follows ⓘ

42 ↑ 10.5%

Returning viewers ⓘ

0 0%

Engaged followers ⓘ

0 0%

Based on last 28 days



Followers breakdown
Mar 1, 2026 – Mar 31, 2026

Unfollows ⓘ
7 ↑ 75%

Net follows ⓘ
35 ↑ 2.9%

Followers ⓘ
Lifetime
1,620

Total followers at the end of February: 1,585



Port Commission Report for Workforce Development

April Meeting 2026

School Tours



-4 schools attended with 87 participants. Thank you to Threemile Canyon Farms for sponsoring lunch

Continuing Education Classes

Registration information posted on the website <https://www.portofmorrow.com/workforce-training/courses>

-Registration is open for LME/Electrician Continuing Education Hours

-Forklift Training

-Community Health Worker class

ELECTRICIANS-CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS 2026
CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FOR LME'S, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, SUPERVISOR/MASTER ELECTRICIANS, PLANT SUPERVISORS. APPROVED HOURS FOR OR, WA, AND ID

CLASSES OFFERED
7:30-11:30 2023 ELECTRICAL CONDUCTOR AND CABLE REQUIREMENTS
CONDUCTOR ALLOWABLE AMPACITY
CONDUCTOR ALLOWABLE TEMPERATURES
CONDUCTOR TERMINATIONS
CABLES AND CORDS

12:00-4:00 2023 GROUNDING AND BONDING
CODE TRAINING CLASS
INSTRUCTIONS
GROUNDING & UNGROUNDING SYSTEMS
DIRECT CURRENT CURRENT
GROUNDING ELECTRICAL METHODS
GROUNDING & BONDING

WEDNESDAY
22 APRIL 2026
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
LUNCH PROVIDED
11:30-12:00
541-945-2231

AT THE SAGE EVENT CENTER
101 OLSON RD
BOARDMAN, OR

REGISTER NOW
<https://form.jotform.com/250415791574158>

QUESTIONST EMAIL
ANNAB@PORTOFMORROW.COM
541-945-2231

JAMES IMLAH
TRAINER
SPONSORED BY:
PLATT **POM**

Forklift Operator Training

Class Session Options:
April 23rd 8-4PM
April 30th 8-4PM
June 18th 8-4PM
(Spanish only class)

\$20 registration fee and lunch is provided

Workshop includes classroom instruction, exam and skills test
Workforce Training Center Boardman
251 Olson Rd Boardman OR 97818

Register Now:
English
<https://www.jotform.com/form/2606064>
81569060
Espanol
<https://form.jotform.com/260605980148157>

One day Forklift Safety Program covers:

- Law and standards related to forklift operation
- Daily forklift and area inspection
- Stability, key components, load engagement, signaling
- Stacking and tying, refueling/recharging, traveling
- Understanding load rating charts
- Dealing with jobsite and electrical hazards

For questions please contact Port of Morrow Workforce Development
at annab@portofmorrow.com or 541.945.2231

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Blue Mountain EQUITY
EQWB

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CAPACITACION PARA PROMOTORES DE SALUD
¡INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS!
PRIMAVERA 2026

ABRIL - MAYO
BOARDMAN, OREGON
*sesiones los viernes y sábados

ESTA CAPACITACIÓN ES CULTURALMENTE ESPECÍFICA ENFOCADA EN LA EXPERIENCIA LATINA. INVITAMOS A QUE APLIQUEN PERSONAS QUE REPRESENTAN NUESTRA COMUNIDAD CON DIFERENTES NIVELES DE ESPAÑOL. NO SE REQUIERE EDUCACIÓN PREVIA

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School Connections

- Meetings and presentations planned for 2026-2027 high school internships
- 106 high school internships applications

Partner/Business Connections

Meeting with a variety of workforce development partners to establish relationships and gain knowledge about combined activities and plans for future partnerships. Agencies include:

- Presented at Lone High School career fair
- Attended RHS Business Advisory Committee meeting
- Meetings with Eastern Oregon Workforce Board regarding upcoming training and funding opportunities
- Meetings with Familias en Accion regarding Community Health worker class
- Planning meetings with BMCC, upcoming computer classes

- Meetings, planning sessions and funding for Community Health Worker class this spring
- 3-part forklift training class coming April, May, June, planning and coordination for that
- Website updates
- ODA Pesticide Certification course coming soon
- Industrial Symbiosis team meetings, planning and coordination of committee work

Job Seekers/Student Engagements

- 4 job seeker in-person meetings, 9 emails/messages, 5 phone calls.
- Updated monthly job opportunities website and marketing
- social media updates
- Assisted communications with monthly social media and other articles

Professional Development

- Anna is serving on the BMCC Foundation Board of Directors, and as the scholarship committee chair
- BMCC Foundation quarterly board meeting
- Stephanie is attending the Proud River Leadership Academy (formerly Leadership Hermiston)

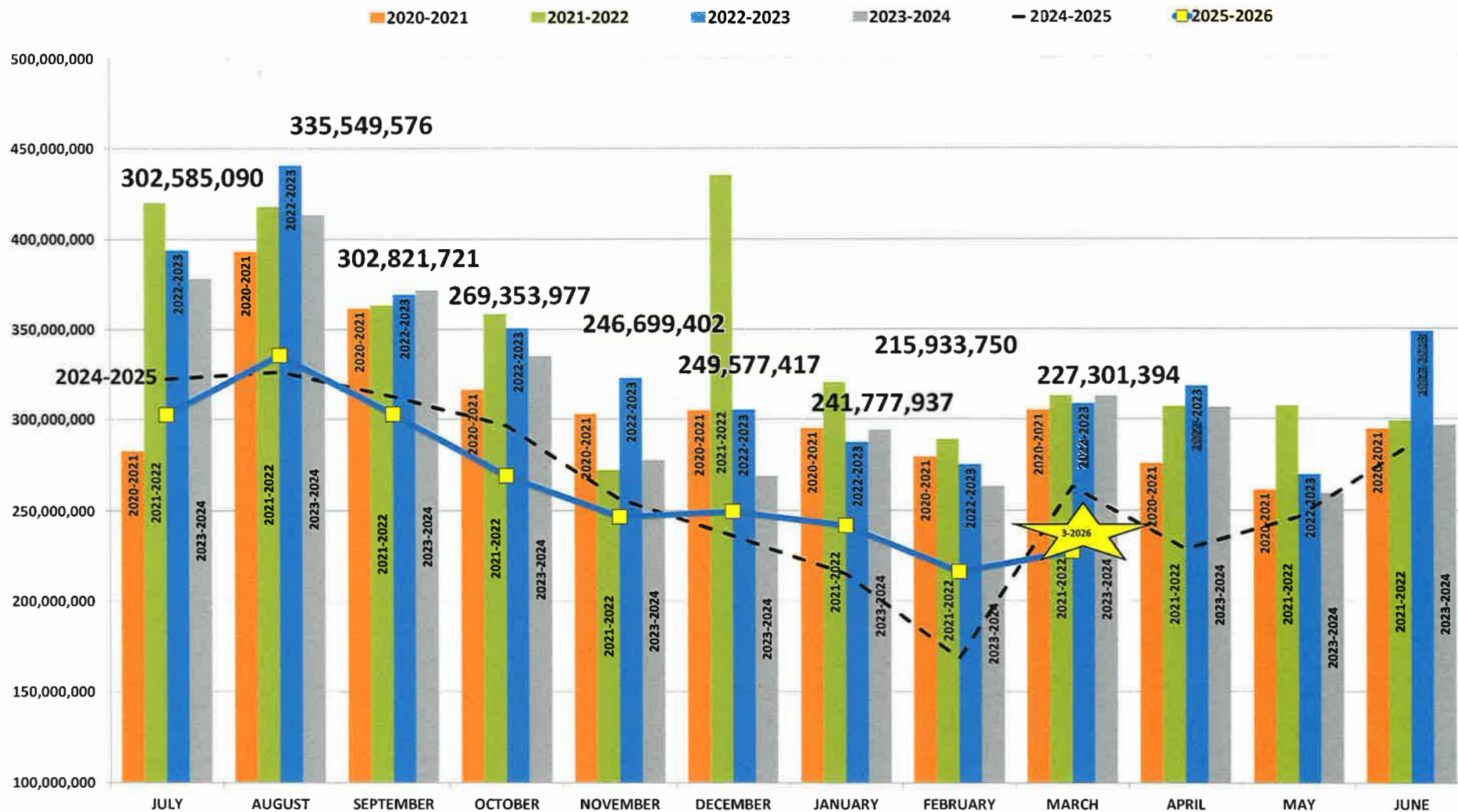
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DISCHARGE | GALLONS

MONTH	2022-2023	% OF FRESHWATER	2023-2024	% OF FRESHWATER	2024-2025	% OF FRESHWATER	2025-2026	% OF FRESHWATER
JULY	320,257,298	81%	263,329,992	70%	227,572,720	71%	203,289,466	67%
AUGUST	338,128,584	77%	295,516,306	72%	239,290,170	73%	225,905,521	67%
SEPTEMBER	275,558,216	75%	272,338,346	73%	229,676,280	73%	206,611,075	68%
OCTOBER	271,400,534	77%	253,506,078	76%	233,118,110	79%	196,483,626	73%
NOVEMBER	262,215,440	81%	202,962,783	73%	191,010,520	75%	178,871,914	71%
DECEMBER	235,403,362	77%	192,324,105	71%	165,165,100	70%	167,227,950	67%
JANUARY	220,744,906	77%	217,266,150	74%	143,447,950	67%	172,252,439	71%
FEBRUARY	214,323,805	78%	191,415,330	73%	109,689,733	65%	150,340,524	70%
MARCH	241,883,699	78%	223,890,110	72%	188,474,904	72%	191,220,646	84%
APRIL	237,228,741	74%	228,491,570	75%	177,395,970	78%		
MAY	237,609,133	88%	210,109,950	81%	185,667,167	75%		
JUNE	252,799,588	73%	230,573,430	78%	203,241,012	71%		
TOTAL	3,107,553,306		2,781,724,150		2,293,749,637		1,692,203,161	
% Comparison to Prior Year			89.51%		82.46%		97.96%	

FRESH WATER USAGE

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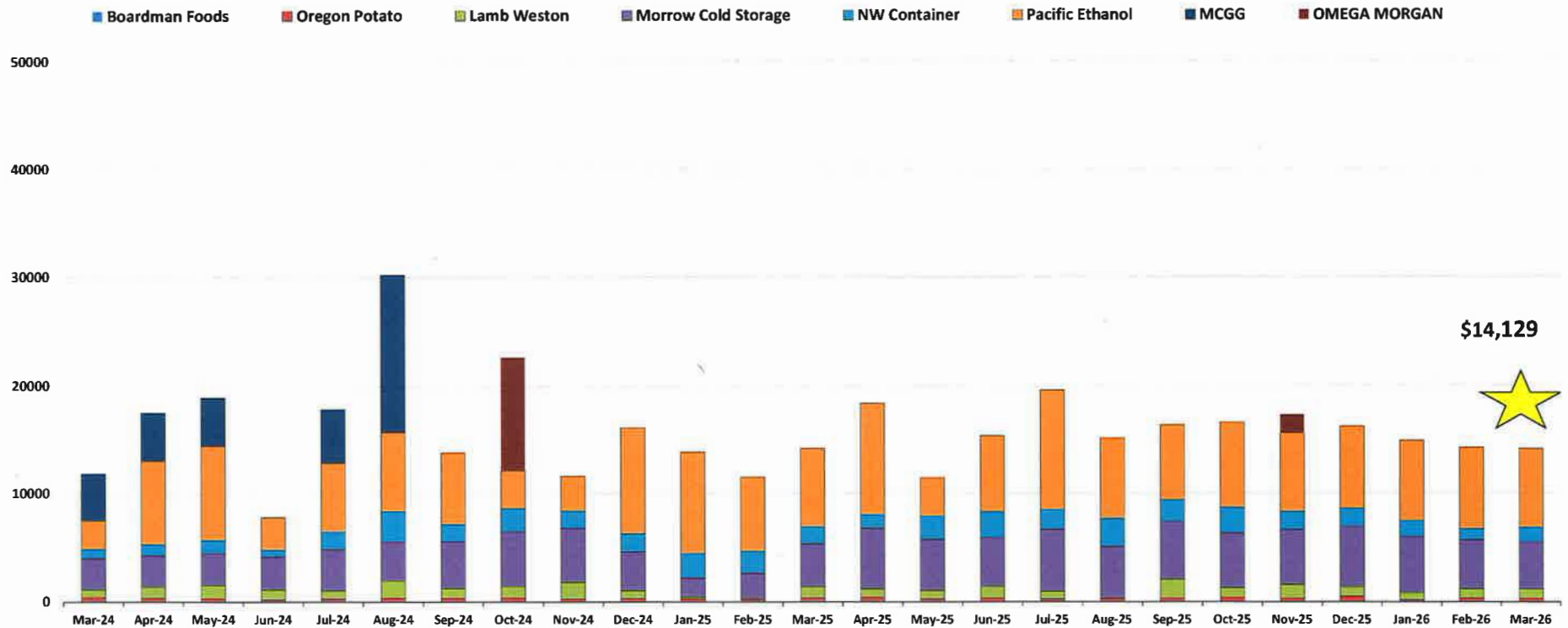
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MONTH	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
JULY	377,176,782	364,996,361	282,798,613	420,156,033	394,099,327	378,296,544	322,458,735	302,585,090
AUGUST	408,700,950	394,447,003	393,308,568	418,092,877	440,610,549	413,250,789	326,234,493	335,549,576
SEPTEMBER	371,555,364	376,316,538	361,824,007	363,337,404	369,222,300	371,553,776	312,601,627	302,821,721
OCTOBER	322,276,471	329,412,865	316,338,088	358,621,863	350,597,015	335,008,670	296,490,913	269,353,977
NOVEMBER	328,108,354	340,867,947	303,106,812	272,661,760	322,925,308	277,795,184	256,372,887	246,699,402
DECEMBER	263,833,618	325,237,392	304,861,310	435,165,524	305,451,594	269,232,266	236,214,824	249,577,417
JANUARY	327,697,612	313,780,888	295,170,832	320,528,880	287,611,055	294,225,537	214,740,475	241,777,937
FEBRUARY	279,727,769	268,354,892	279,800,684	289,225,101	275,594,810	263,544,967	168,166,879	215,933,750
MARCH	343,631,014	340,085,377	305,167,862	313,115,041	308,887,380	312,744,328	263,196,106	227,301,394
APRIL	292,554,567	284,196,934	276,225,507	307,025,023	318,554,548	306,512,421	228,653,211	
MAY	282,013,206	281,976,127	261,617,601	307,398,660	270,102,512	259,540,515	246,478,165	
JUNE	324,088,125	205,849,813	294,769,136	299,098,094	348,642,687	296,454,620	286,126,330	
TOTAL	3,921,363,832	3,825,522,137	3,674,989,020	4,104,426,260	3,992,299,085	3,778,159,617	3,157,734,644	2,391,600,263
% Comparison to Prior Year		97.56%	96.07%	111.69%	97.27%	94.64%	83.58%	99.80%

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Events and Programs

36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet – March 11, 2026

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce proudly hosted the 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet at the SAGE Event Center, celebrating individuals whose leadership, service, and commitment continue to strengthen our community.

This year's honorees included:

- **Citizen of the Year – David Boor**
- **Business of the Year – Threemile Canyon Farms**
- **Business Person of the Year – Dr. Earl**
- **Youth Citizen of the Year – Kaylee Christy**
- **Pioneer of the Year – Mary Lou Daltoso**
- **Educator of the Year – Chris Hull**
- **Frontline Worker of the Year - Shari Stokoe**

This signature event not only recognizes excellence but also reinforces the Chamber's mission to promote Boardman by elevating the people and businesses that make our community thrive. Proceeds from the evening directly support Riverside High School senior scholarships, further investing in the future workforce and leadership of our region.

1st Quarter Luncheon (Annual Membership Luncheon) – March 18, 2026

The Chamber hosted its Annual Membership Luncheon in partnership with Umatilla Electric Cooperative, bringing together business leaders, community partners, and stakeholders.

Highlights included:

- A legislative update from Representative Greg Smith, providing insight into policies impacting rural communities, infrastructure, and economic development.

- A presentation from FBLA President Abrianna Lomeli, showcasing the strength of our local talent pipeline and future workforce.
- A Chamber Annual Report, highlighting 2025 accomplishments and outlining strategic priorities for 2026 focused on economic vitality, housing, workforce development, and tourism growth.

This event reflects the Chamber's role as the voice of business and a connector of community, providing meaningful engagement opportunities while aligning partners around shared regional goals.

Ryan Neal Invitational Golf Tournament – May 8 & 9, 2026

The Ryan Neal Invitational (RNI) is a premier two-day charity golf tournament benefiting Riverside High School senior scholarships. Registration is open, and sponsorships are currently available. This regional event draws strong participation and generates scholarship funding for local students. Get your team entered today!

Boardman 4th of July Celebration – July 4, 2026

As one of Boardman's largest annual events, the 4th of July Celebration is a cornerstone of our **tourism strategy**, attracting visitors from across the region.

The event features:

- A community parade
- Live entertainment and family activities
- Vendor marketplace supporting local and small businesses
- A fireworks display over the Columbia River, sponsored by MCURD

This event plays a critical role in showcasing Boardman as a destination to **Live, Work & Play**, while generating economic activity and community pride.

End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026

The End of Summer Celebration brings residents and visitors together for an evening of connection and appreciation. The event includes live entertainment, complimentary food and ice cream, and recognition of our first responders.

Fully sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MCURD), this event remains free and accessible, reinforcing Boardman's commitment to quality of life and community engagement. The evening concludes with a fireworks display over the Columbia River, further enhancing the visitor experience.

Tourism & Community Visibility Impact

Through these events and programs, the Chamber continues to advance its mission by:

- Increasing **visibility** of Boardman as a regional destination
- Strengthening the **voice** of business through advocacy and engagement
- Delivering **value** through economic impact, tourism activity, and community investment

Signature events drive measurable outcomes including increased visitation, support for local businesses, and enhanced community identity—directly aligning with the City of Boardman’s Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) investment and tourism development goals.

Upcoming Chamber Events

- RNI Golf Tournament – May 8 & 9, 2026
- 2nd Quarter Luncheon – June 17, 2026
- 4th of July Celebration – July 4, 2026
- End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026
- 3rd Quarter Luncheon – September 16, 2026
- Community Christmas Celebration – December 5, 2026
- 4th Quarter Luncheon – December 16, 2026

For more information, please contact **Torrie Griggs, CEO**, at **541-571-2394** or email torrie@boardmanchamber.org. Visit www.boardmanchamber.org or call our office at **541-481-3014** for further details.



Major Capital & Leveraged Investments

Business Opportunity Incubator

BCDA continues to advance the approximately \$6 million Business Opportunity Incubator, anchored by a secured \$1.5 million U.S. Small Business Administration grant. This transformative project will provide a two-story, mixed-use facility featuring retail storefronts, executive office space, medical and service-based opportunities, and dedicated incubator suites. The project is designed to support small business development, with a focus on women-, minority-, and low-income entrepreneurs, while strengthening Boardman's local economy. Additional funding partnerships and financing tools are being pursued to complete the full project investment.

Pickleball Court Development

BCDA is progressing plans for an 8-court pickleball complex, with an estimated project investment of \$600,000. Current funding includes \$300,000 from MCURD and \$50,000 from AWS, demonstrating strong regional partnership support. This project will serve as a valuable recreational asset, promoting community wellness, enhancing livability, and attracting visitors to Boardman.

Homebuyer Incentive Program

To address ongoing housing needs, BCDA has committed \$250,000 in 2026 to continue the Homebuyer Incentive Program. This program provides \$5,000 grants to qualifying homebuyers within the 97818 zip code, directly supporting workforce housing, encouraging homeownership, and contributing to long-term community stability.

Annual Community Investments

BCDA remains committed to sustained annual investments that strengthen families, workforce development, and community vitality:

- \$90,000 to support youth recreation and community programming partnerships

- \$30,000 annual contribution to Families First Child Care, supporting early childhood education and workforce participation
- \$20,000 sponsorship of the Annual BAM Fishing Tournament, held in conjunction with the End of Summer Celebration, enhancing regional visitation and community engagement
- \$90,000 allocated for program administration through the Chamber partnership, ensuring effective delivery and alignment of initiatives

Strategic Impact

BCDA's 2026 priorities reflect a disciplined and impactful investment strategy focused on leveraging outside resources, advancing housing solutions, supporting business development, and enhancing community amenities. These efforts collectively contribute to a stronger, more resilient Boardman—supporting economic vitality, workforce sustainability, and an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

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FFA honors SAGE Center & Event Center

By Terry Murry on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026

BOARDMAN – (News release from the SAGE Center) The SAGE Center & Event Center is proud to announce that it has been recognized with the Distinguished Service Award at the Oregon FFA Convention. This prestigious award honors individuals and organizations that demonstrate exceptional support of FFA through financial contributions, volunteerism, and ongoing service.

Receiving this award reflects the SAGE Center & Event Center's continued commitment to advancing agricultural education, leadership development, and community engagement throughout the region. Through hands-on learning experiences, partnerships with local industry, and support of youth programs, SAGE remains dedicated to connecting students with opportunities in agriculture, energy, and sustainability.

"We are incredibly honored to receive this recognition," said Angel Aguilar, Interim Manager of the SAGE Center & Event Center. "Supporting FFA and the next generation of leaders is at the heart of what we do. This award is a reflection of the strong partnerships we've built and the shared commitment to our community's future."

The SAGE Center & Event Center extends a heartfelt thank you to those who submitted nominations for this award. Their support and recognition reinforce the importance of collaboration in strengthening agricultural education and workforce development.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/silicon-forest/2026/03/oregon-communities-envision-9100-acres-for-new-data-centers-quadrupling-the-industrys-footprint.html>

Oregon communities envision 9,100 acres for new data centers, quadrupling the industry's footprint

By Mike Rogoway | The Oregonian/OregonLive, March 27, 2026

Oregon communities are making way for 9,100 acres of new data centers, including the state's first "exascale" project — a gargantuan multibillion-dollar installation the size of 1,000 football fields that Amazon hopes to build near the small city of Boardman.

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development tallied up the potential new acreage last month for an inventory of new data centers in the pipeline. The records show communities are maneuvering to make enough land available to quadruple the data center industry's footprint in Oregon.

Data centers are already straining Oregon's power grid, raising fears they could prompt steep increases in electricity rates or temporary blackouts amid surging energy demand. They're also consuming vast amounts of water in small communities like The Dalles.

By some estimates, Oregon's data center industry is the third largest in the nation. It already occupies about 2,900 acres statewide, according to records collected by The Oregonian/OregonLive. Industry analysts say data centers consume about 11% of the state's electricity, with that share set to double in the coming years.

Individually, data centers aren't major employers. Some have just a handful of workers. Even billion-dollar installations typically employ no more than a couple hundred.

But that's enough to have a big impact in a small community like Prineville, where Facebook parent Meta started construction of its first data center installation anywhere in the world 15 years ago.

The small communities say the data centers have been a lifeline, reviving their economies and providing an infusion of public revenue. They're also changing the physical landscape of eastern Oregon, replacing arid land with imposing concrete buildings the size of shopping malls.

The data centers' enormous scale may itself inhibit the industry's growth. It's far from clear there's enough electricity available in Oregon to energize all the projects on the drawing board and it could be many years before some of them are built. Some of the acreage may never be developed. But several new facilities are already under construction and communities are planning for many more in the years ahead.

“As a state, we have only begun to grapple with what our role should be in shaping this industry’s growth and presence in Oregon,” Amy Schlusser, Gov. Tina Kotek’s energy policy advisor, said at the first meeting of the state’s new Data Center Advisory Committee in February.

The governor convened the advisory group in January and gave it the difficult task of catching up to an industry that is already well established in the state and growing rapidly. Kotek said data centers’ effect on Oregon’s environment and community resources is “not sustainable” and asked the task force to find a way to balance its impacts with economic opportunities.

“How Oregon approaches data center development,” Schlusser said last month, “will shape our energy costs, water resources, land use and economic trajectory for decades to come.”

Like nothing else in Oregon

Amazon, Apple, Google and Meta all have huge installations in rural communities across central and eastern Oregon. Several other well-known tech companies, including LinkedIn, Adobe and the social networking giants TikTok and X operate data centers in Hillsboro.

Oregon is attractive to big tech companies because the state has no sales tax to levy on data centers’ expensive computers and puts no cap on the size of tax breaks awarded by local governments. This year alone, data centers will save more than \$450 million in Oregon property taxes, according to records compiled by The Oregonian/OregonLive.

Business Oregon, the state’s economic development agency, says data centers employed about 7,800 Oregonians in 2025. It found a roughly equal number of workers have temporary or part-time jobs in the data center industry as construction workers or contractors.

Most of the growth now on the drawing board is near the small cities of Prineville, Boardman, Hermiston, Arlington and Madras, all near established data centers. Cities and counties are working to expand their urban growth boundaries and rezone farmland for 9,100 acres of more data center development, according to the state’s land-use planning agency.

That’s an enormous expansion — nearly equal to the land area of the entire city of Springfield.

“The magnitude of urban growth boundary expansions for data center development is without modern precedent under Oregon’s statewide land use planning program,” staff with the Department of Land Conservation and Development wrote in a report last month.

Oregon law doesn’t give the state veto power over the projects in development. Local governments can expand their industrial land by showing there is an economic opportunity, gathering community feedback and demonstrating that local utilities have the capacity to serve the site. Oregon law prioritizes industrialization of properties with the least agricultural value.

The state does have authority to shape the course of data center development. The Legislature passed a landmark bill in 2025 that aims to protect residential ratepayers and other businesses from the costs of providing electricity to data centers. And last month, lawmakers put a one-year moratorium on new tax breaks under one of the three large incentive programs used by Oregon data centers.

Oregon's biggest data center proposal, by far, is a planned complex of data centers envisioned for a vast site just south of the Columbia River along Interstate 84 near the Boardman Airport. Threemile Canyon Farms, a megadairy operating in Morrow County, sold the land to Amazon earlier this month for \$37 million, according to local property records.

While Amazon already has several data centers in that area, and is building more by the airport, it said development plans "are not final" for the Threemile Canyon site. It declined to specify what kind of project it envisions there or when it might build, saying decisions will be "based on customer demand."

Before selling the land to Amazon, though, Threemile Canyon submitted a land-use application to Morrow County that envisions a project unlike anything else in Oregon — or just about anywhere else in the world.

The application describes 4 million square feet of data centers — triple the size of Tigard's Washington Square mall — divided among at least 16 separate buildings. Applicants said they expect developers would spend \$8 billion to \$12 billion on the "exascale" data center, employing about 560.

The 1-gigawatt project would use more power than all the homes in Portland. At full scale, it would approach the demand of the entire Portland metro area.

It's not clear where all that electricity would come from, but Pacific Power submitted a letter in conjunction with the application indicating it had the capacity to serve the site's ambitious plans with transmission lines that are already permitted to serve other data centers in the area.

Data centers use huge volumes of water to keep their computers cool. The exascale project would have access to 35 million gallons of water annually from the Port of Morrow, according to the application, up to 1,300 gallons per minute to meet peak demand.

Morrow County leaders have approved well over \$1 billion in tax breaks for other Amazon data centers but the exascale site doesn't have an incentive agreement yet. The application says the property would likely seek property tax breaks through Oregon's Strategic Investment Program. David Sykes, chair of the Morrow County commission, said he's not aware of any discussions about incentives for that site yet.

The scale of the exascale project astonishes and alarms Kaleb Lay, director of policy and research for environmental watchdog nonprofit Oregon Rural Action.

Morrow County is already dealing with an environmental disaster from nitrate pollution in local drinking water, the consequence of large-scale farming in the area. Lay said it's confounding that the port is ready to supply water for Amazon's exascale data center while some residents don't have clean drinking water.

"We can find 1,300 gallons per minute for an exascale data center? It just doesn't make sense," Lay said. "I think it's just money. Money talks. And the people who are affected by pollution in the basin, they don't have it."

The development application describes the new Amazon site as grazeland unsuitable for cultivated agriculture. But Lay said its gentle hills have a stark beauty that would be lost if Amazon builds the exascale data center.

“That high desert rolling grassland is really something to behold,” he said.

Economic infusion

For some rural communities, though, data centers have converted unproductive land into an economic renaissance. Prineville, a city of about 12,000 residents in central Oregon, credits data centers built by Meta and Apple with bringing the struggling community into the 21st Century.

Prineville was shedding jobs and population in the years after the Great Recession, reeling from the closure of timber mills and Les Schwab Tire Centers’ decision to move its corporate headquarters to Bend. Unemployment rose near 20%, and nearly 1 in 7 Crook County residents moved away.

The tech companies helped turn that around, Prineville City Manager Steve Forrester told the state’s Data Center Advisory Committee last month.

“We were in a spot when this first happened to us, when this development started, that we really didn’t have anywhere to go but up,” Forrester said. Meta — then known as Facebook — picked Prineville for its first data center in 2010. Apple followed soon after.

The data centers brought jobs, construction workers, electrical contractors, taxes and fees that buoyed the city’s budget.

“What it’s meant for our community is truly this: We’re a very prosperous community, much like we were after World War II in the ’50s and ’60s when we had lots of sawmills, lots of loggers,” Forrester said. He said that enabled a new police station without public bonds, money for other emergency and public services and support for Prineville community groups.

“It’s a prosperous looking town, with a lot of residential development. It doesn’t have the smell of a dying town, and I have to think a lot of it has to do with the data centers there in town,” said Jeff Omelchuck, an electronics engineer who has spent his career promoting sustainable technology.

Lately, Omelchuck has developed an expertise in data centers’ operations and impacts, and he spoke to the state’s task force in February. Omelchuck said Oregon could take a cue from northern Virginia, home to the nation’s largest data center industry.

“They’re having problems with elected officials and communities deciding, what kind of community do we want to live in? Is it rural or is it industrial? Oregon will face the same thing,” Omelchuck said.

Data centers tend to cluster close together. They benefit from access to contractors, utilities and other resources that expand near large industries. Additionally, tech companies like to have their data centers close together so they can share information rapidly.

From Oregon’s perspective, though, Omelchuck said the state could benefit if it can find a way to distribute data centers more broadly rather than concentrate them in a handful of areas. He said that would protect small communities from being overwhelmed and would share the economic benefits to struggling communities that need it.

“What Oregon should want is to spread out the data center development a little bit so more towns and communities benefit from the tax base brought by data centers without propping them up so much that a few people get fabulously wealthy,” Omelchuck said. “Think of all the timber towns that are desperate for new development. If we could find a way to put a half-dozen data centers in each of them, it may change the nature of state politics and economic development.”

That’s not what’s happening now, and the state data suggests new development will remain clustered in just a few areas now designating more land for the data center industry. All those communities have offered the industry tens or hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks, with neighboring Oregon counties sometimes bidding against one another to see who will offer the biggest public incentives.

If the state is going to give up tax revenue, it should ensure those incentives reward productive industries without placing an undue burden on public resources, said Mary Kyle McCurdy of the conservation group 1000 Friends of Oregon.

“How are we using our taxpayer dollars to create high-quality, long-lasting jobs in Oregon and grow the businesses that are already here?” McCurdy asked.

She acknowledges that data centers have real economic benefits in the communities where they operate. But McCurdy said data centers’ vast appetites for water, land and electricity have consequences all across Oregon. She said the state should slow down to consider data centers’ implications.

“The impacts are statewide on energy and water,” McCurdy said. “Let’s take a pause to take a look at it.”

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Plans call for Oregon's first 'exascale' data center on Amazon site

By Mike Rogoway | The Oregonian/OregonLive, March 27, 2026

Amazon bought nearly 1,300 acres near Boardman earlier this month, paying \$37 million for land that planning documents indicate could become Oregon's first "exascale" data center.

Planning documents submitted to Morrow County last year describe a hypothetical 1-gigawatt facility with as many as 20 buildings spread over 4 million square feet. The project could be three times bigger than the Washington Square mall in Tigard.

Amazon hasn't submitted a development application for the site and hasn't set a timetable to start building.

"Development plans are not final, and Amazon is performing our normal due diligence process as we develop new locations based on customer demand," the Seattle company said in a written statement acknowledging the acquisition.

Amazon already has several data centers operating or under construction in Morrow County, spread across 800 acres. But this project would be on another level, much bigger than any other Oregon data center, fueled by demand for artificial intelligence.

Portland consulting firm Johnson Economics described the potential development last year in a land-use proposal submitted to Morrow County. At the time of the proposal, the site was owned by the megadairy Threemile Canyon Farms, which used it as grazeland.

"Exascale" data centers are 800 to 1,500 acres, according to Johnson Economics, a big step up from "hyperscale" facilities that are typically 100 to 200 acres. Here's how the firm described the potential project, based on industry standards and third-party information:

- 16 to 20 data center buildings built over six years, 250,000 square feet apiece.
- Total investment of at least \$8 billion, potentially as high as \$12 billion.
- 560 full-time employees earning \$110,000 apiece on average, plus 490 support staff working for vendors, maintenance and security.

A 1-gigawatt data center would use more power than all the homes in Portland. Running full tilt, the exascale site's energy needs could rival the household demand of the entire Portland metro area.

Oregon's electricity supply is already severely strained, mostly because of the growth of the state's data center industry. It's not clear where all the power would come from for Amazon's exascale project, but Pacific Power says it could serve the exascale site with transmission lines that have been approved but not yet built.

Data centers can use enormous volumes of water to keep their computers cool. Planning documents indicate the Port of Morrow has committed to supply 35 million gallons of water annually to the exascale site, up to 1,300 gallons per minute to meet peak demand.

<https://pulse2.com/amazon-235-million-investment-to-expand-clean-water-access-in-oregon-communities/>

Amazon: \$235 Million Investment To Expand Clean Water Access In Oregon Communities

By Amit Chowdhry • Mar 31, 2026

Amazon is investing \$235 million in two major surface water supply projects in Oregon aimed at improving water sustainability, replacing aging infrastructure, and supporting both local communities and industrial needs. The investment represents approximately 96% of the total \$245 million cost for the combined initiatives.

The projects include \$144.5 million allocated to the City of Umatilla's new Columbia River Intake and Water Treatment Facility, along with \$90.6 million for two additional surface water treatment plants serving the Port of Morrow. These efforts are designed to address declining groundwater levels in Umatilla County by shifting reliance from aquifers to surface water sourced from the Columbia River.

Amazon data centers will use only about 5% of the total system capacity, with the remaining 95% dedicated to regional municipal and industrial users. The Umatilla facility alone is expected to supply around 80 million gallons annually for Amazon's cooling operations, while being scalable to produce up to 1.7 billion gallons of potable drinking water per year for residents.

At the Port of Morrow, the two treatment plants will deliver a combined capacity of approximately 10 billion gallons annually. Amazon's usage is projected at about 455 million gallons, with the majority of capacity supporting broader industrial demand across the region.

The Umatilla facility is scheduled for completion in May 2026, while the Port of Morrow plants are expected to be operational by April 2027. A new Columbia River intake structure supporting the system is anticipated to be completed by April 2028.

These projects are part of Amazon's broader commitment to becoming water positive by 2030, meaning the company aims to return more water to communities than it consumes in its operations. Amazon has been active in the region since 2011, when it established its first Pacific Northwest data center at the Port of Morrow.

Beyond Oregon, Amazon continues to expand its global water stewardship initiatives, including aquifer storage and recovery systems, watershed restoration projects, and AI-driven irrigation technologies. Collectively, the company has launched more than 30 water replenishment projects worldwide, expected to return over 14 billion liters of water annually once completed.

Amazon's approach combines infrastructure investment, nature-based solutions, and advanced technologies to address water scarcity while supporting long-term community resilience and sustainable resource management.