

Advocacy Committee Update
Annual Meeting
November 10, 2020

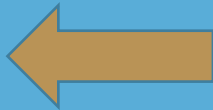
**Oregon Association of
Conservation Districts**



Topics for Today

Looking Back

- Accomplishments in the last year



Looking forward

- Anticipated work in 2021



Position Statements

- Reviewed draft position statements with membership at November 2019 annual meeting
- Updated position statements
- Board approval in January 2020

Available on the OACD Website



OACD Advocacy Policy

- Developed policy for individuals advocating on behalf of OACD and on use of position statements
- Board approval in January 2020

Available on the OACD Website



2020 Legislative Session

- Identified bills of potential significance to OACD
- Established positions and tracked dozens of bills
- Submitted written and verbal testimony
- Communicated activities with OACD members
- Coordinated with partners



Model Advocacy Policy

- Developed model advocacy policy for SWCDs
- Board approved in May 2020
- Provides polices and good practices for political campaigning and lobbying
- Provides mechanisms for streamlining actions by SWCDs

Available on the OACD Website



Natural Resource Agency Budgets

- Tracked natural resources agency budgets during 2021 including emergency reductions and plans for the next biennium
- Provided input to agencies as needed



Advocacy Training

- Developed advocacy training
- Delivered training in August and September

Available on the OACD Website



2021 Legislative Session

- OACD will focus on preserving natural resource agency programs and budgets that are of benefit to SWCDs
- Will address other topics as needed and in accordance with OACD position statements
- Will coordinate with partners
- Will keep SWCDs updated and request action when needed



2021 Legislative Session

- Cap and trade legislation for greenhouse gas emissions not anticipated to be pursued
- Big emphasis on budgets and cost containment
- Modified procedures expected due to COVID 19



Working lands

- Explore opportunities for working lands to play a role in climate solutions
- Coordinate with working lands committee



Advocacy Training

- January 29, 2021 9:00 – 11:30
- Zoom format
- Will provide overview of legislative and regulatory process, unique protocols in the legislature in 2021, and suggestions for SWCDs to become more active and effective
- Stay tuned for announcements regarding registration



Join the Advocacy Committee

- Great way to keep track of current activities
- Great way to help make a difference
- Fun and productive
- Monthly meetings via phone
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Thank you.



Questions?