

Oregon-Washington Water Year 2026 Recap & 2027 Outlook Meeting

Taking place virtually on November 2 and 3, 2026 (*all times PST*)

November 2: Water Year 2026 Review		Presenter
9:00 am	Welcome, Objectives, and Opening Remarks	<i>Karin Bumbaco, Washington State Climate Office, University of Washington</i>
2026 Water Year Recap		
9:20 am	Oregon & Washington Water Year 2026 Climate Recap	<i>Larry O'Neill, Oregon State Climatologist, Oregon State University</i>
2026 Water Year Impacts and Responses		
10:00 am	2026 Water Year Impacts and Lessons	<i>Breakout Group Discussions</i>
10:45	<i>Break</i>	
10:55 am	<i>2026 Water Year Impacts and Response Actions for Multiple Sectors</i> • December 2025 Flooding - <i>Jonathan Loos, Flood Policy Lead, Washington Department of Ecology</i> • Agriculture and Municipal Water Impacts - <i>Jake Johnstone, Oregon Water Resources Department Deputy Administrator - Field Services</i> • First Foods Impacts - <i>Elaine Harvey, Watershed Department Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission</i> • Forest Impacts - <i>Thomas Timberlake, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station</i>	
12:00 pm	<i>Q&A with Panel Participants</i>	
12:20 pm	Wrap up and Close	<i>Karin Bumbaco, WA State Climate Office</i>

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November 3: 2027 Outlook and Future Preparedness		Presenter
9:00 am	Welcome and Objectives	Guillaume Mauger, Washington State Climate Office, University of Washington
2026 Streamflow Forecast Retrospective and 2027 Climate Outlook		
9:05 am	Retrospectives on 2026 Streamflow Forecasts - Amy Burke, NOAA’s National Weather Service Northwest River Forecast Center - Julie Koeberle, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	
9:35 am	The 2026-2027 Winter Outlook	Ed Townsend, NOAA National Weather Service Pendleton
10:05 am	Update on the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO)	Michelle L’Heureux, NOAA Climate Prediction Center
10:20 am	Session Q&A	
10:30 am	Break	
Drought Monitoring and Resilience		
10:40 am	Review of PNW Climate Projections	Guillaume Mauger, Climate Impacts Group, University of Washington
10:55 am	Washington’s Water Future	Jennifer Hennesey, Special Assistant to the Director, Washington Department of Ecology
11:15 am	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Drought Early Warning System Dashboard	Lyndsi Lewis, Water Resources Program, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
11:35 am	2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy	Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resource Strategy Specialist, Oregon Water Resources Department
11:55 am	Evaluating the Water Year Meetings and Assessments	Becca Nixon, Climate Impacts Group, University of Washington
12:10 pm	Wrap up and Close	Karin Bumbaco, Washington State Climate Office, University of Washington