

2026 Participants in Irrigation District Pilot Project

In 2003, the Legislature authorized a pilot project allowing certain irrigation districts to make annual place of use changes to water rights within their legal boundaries without applying to the Water Resources Department for a temporary transfer. This pilot program has been extended by the Legislature on several occasions, most recently by SB 130 (Oregon Laws 2021, Chapter 35).

Under the pilot program, 15 irrigation districts are authorized to participate. If any of the specified districts are unable to participate in the pilot, the Department may substitute another district. The Department is required to identify the districts that intend to make use of the program and provide the relevant Watermaster contact information.

District pilot project participants for the 2026 irrigation season and the related Watermaster contact information are below:

Participating District(s)	Watermaster and contact information
Owyhee Irrigation District	Jered Hoshaw Malheur County Courthouse #4 251 B St. W Vale, OR 97918 Phone: 541-473-5130
Tualatin Valley Irrigation District	Jake Constans 1400 SW Walnut St, Suite 240 Hillsboro, Oregon 97123 Phone: 503-846-7780
West Extension Irrigation District Westland Irrigation District Hermiston Irrigation District Stanfield Irrigation District	Greg Silbernagel 116 SE Dorion Ave Pendleton, OR 97801 Phone: 541-278-5456
Santiam Water Control District	Greg Wacker 725 Summer St NE, Ste A Salem, Oregon 97301 Phone: 971-719-6262
Sutherlin Water Control District	Susan Douthit Douglas County Courthouse, Room 306 Roseburg, Oregon 97470 Phone: 541-440-4255
Talent Irrigation District Rogue River Valley Irrigation District	Shavon Haynes 10 S Oakdale, Rm 309A Medford, Oregon 97501 Phone: 541-774-6880
Arnold Irrigation District Central Oregon Irrigation District North Unit Irrigation District Tumalo Irrigation District	Jeremy Giffin 231 SW Scalehouse Loop, Ste 103 Bend, Oregon 97702 Phone: 541-306-6885
Ochoco Irrigation District	Bill Nashem 231 SW Scalehouse Loop, Ste 103 Bend, Oregon 97702 Phone: 541-639-4109