

Oregon Vegetation Management Association 2024 Conference Agenda

Seaside Convention Center • February 18, 19 & 20, 2025

"Helping to keep Oregon beautiful."

Agenda subject to change

Tuesday, February 18

- 10:00 County Weed Control Association Meeting
Room: Riverside B
- 11:00 Registration Opens

Session 1

Session Moderator: Shannon Wenick - OVMA

- 1:00 - 1:10 Welcome and Board of Director Introductions
Shannon Wenick, OVMA Project Manager
- 1:10 - 2:00 Regulatory update on Endangered Species
Act & Legislative Update
Dani Lightle – OFS
- 2:00 - 2:50 ODA Noxious Weed Program update
Troy Abercrombie - Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 2:50 - 3:10 Break

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- 3:10 - 4:00 Corteva Roadside Vegetation Management
Warren Gawlik - Corteva
- 4:00 - 5:00 Regulatory News and Changes
Andrea Sonnen – Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 5:00 - 5:30 TBD
TBD –

Join us for Appreciation Night

Wednesday, February 19

AM - Session 2

Session Moderator: TBD

- 8:00 - 8:30 TBD
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- 8:30 - 9:30 ODA Lessons Learned
Andrea Sonnen – Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 9:30 -10:30 Emerald Ash Borer: Managing a New Threat
to Oregon's Ash Trees
Lilah Gonen - ODF
- 10:30 -10:50 Break
- 10:50-11:50 Helicopters and Vegetation Management
Jamie Williamson – Heli-Dunn
- 11:50-1:30 Lunch on your own
Enjoy one of Seaside's many dining locations

Wednesday, February 19

PM - Session 3

Session Moderator: TBD

- 1:30 - 2:30 Panel Discussion - Vegetation Management Panel Discussion
ODOT, ODA, Grant SWCD, envu, Corteva, Ag Enterprise
- 2:30 - 3:30 Pollinators
Andony Melathopoulos – OSU
- 3:30 - 3:50 Break
- 3:50 - 4:30 Update
Tracey Kelly - Norstar
- 4:30 - 5:30 Weed ID
Troy Abercrombie - Oregon Department of Agriculture

5:30 Adjourn

Thursday, February 20

Final Session 4

Session Moderator: TBD

- 8:00 - 8:30 TBD
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- 8:30 - 9:30 Biocontrol Benefits in Oregon
Joel Price - Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 9:30 -10:15 TBD
Jerry Ellis, envu
- 10:15-10:40 Break
- 10:40-11:30 Calibration and Operation of Spray
Trucks for Vegetation Management
Ryan Kuster - Ag Enterprise
- 11:30-12:30 Escaped ornamentals and noxious weeds
Susan Bird - Yakima County Noxious Weed Board
- 12:30 Closing Comments – Adjourn
Shannon Wenick, OVMA Program Director