

# Oregon Vegetation Management Association

## 2026 Conference Agenda

### CELEBRATING OUR 40TH YEAR

Seaside Convention Center • February 17, 18 & 19, 2026

*"Helping to keep Oregon beautiful."*

Agenda subject to change

#### Tuesday, February 17

- 10:00 County Weed Control Association Meeting  
Room: Riverside B
- 11:00 Registration Opens  
OVMA appreciates this years coffee sponsor: The Orion Companies

#### 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 Legislative Update  
Dani Lightle - OFS
- 2:00 - 2:50 Update on Noxious Weeds and ODA Program  
Troy Abercrombie - Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 2:50 - 3:10 Break - Sponsored by Wilbur Ellis

Session Moderator: J.P. Mischkot - Glass Tree Care & Spray Service

- 3:10 - 4:10 Pollinators  
Andony Melathopoulos - OSU
- 4:10 - 5:00 Regulatory News and Changes  
Andrea Sonnen – Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 5:00 - 5:30 The Science of Control: Accurate ID, Smart Timing,  
Clear Expectations  
Harrison Hapgood – Wilbur Ellis

**Join us for appreciation night as we celebrate our  
40th year Sponsored in part by:  
Wilbur Ellis, envu, Corteva**

#### Wednesday, February 18

##### AM - Session 2

Session Moderator: Warren Gawlik - Corteva

- 8:30 - 9:30 Talking with the Public About Herbicides  
Kaci Buhl - OSU
- 9:30 -10:30 ODA Lessons Learned  
Andrea Sonnen – Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 10:30 -10:50 Break - Sponsored by Corteva
- 10:50 -11:50 envu Herbicides and the weeds they work on  
Jerry Ellis – envu
- 11:50 -1:30 Lunch on your own  
Enjoy one of Seaside's many dining locations

#### Wednesday, February 18

##### PM - Session 3

Session Moderator: Harrison Hapgood - Wilbur Ellis

- 1:30 - 2:00 The Orion Companies  
Hugo Mertens - The Orion Companies
- 2:00 -2:30 Alligare  
John Westerdahl - Alligare
- 2:30 - 3:30 Personal Protective Equipment; an Oregon OSHA Perspective  
Randy Westmoreland & Russ Reasoner – DCBS-Oregon OSHA
- 3:30 - 3:50 Break - Sponsored by envu
- 3:50 - 4:30 Norstar  
Tracey Kelly - Norstar
- 4:30 - 5:00 Corteva Vegetation Management  
Warren Gawlik - Corteva
- 5:00 - 5:35 envu  
Controlling Russian Thistle and Kochia with the Herbicides  
Altify and Porfolio Tank Mixes Both Pre and Post Emergent  
Jerry Ellis - envu

##### 5:30 Adjourn

#### Thursday, February 19

##### Final Session 4

Session Moderator: Jerry Ellis - envu

- 8:00 - 8:30 Adjuvants  
Don Frantz - Wilbur Ellis
- 8:30 - 9:30 *Clematis Orientalis* project & *Orobancha cumana* - the first  
known site in N. America  
Susan Bird - Yakima County Noxious Weed Board
- 9:30 -10:15 Grass Identification & Management  
Harrison Hapgood -- Wilbur Ellis
- 10:15 -10:40 Break - Sponsored by
- 10:40 -11:30 Calibration and Operation of Spray Trucks for  
Vegetation Management  
Ryan Kuster - Ag Enterprise
- 11:30 -12:30 Noxious Weeds of Oregon: Plant ID Quiz  
Troy Abercrombie - Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 12:30 Closing Comments – Adjourn  
Shannon Wenick - OVMA Program Director