

# Interested in serving on a **LOCAL WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE?**



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The Oregon Department of Agriculture is seeking local agricultural, conservation, and tribal stakeholders for the review and implementation of your local Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan and Rules (Area Plan and Rules). Local Advisory Committees (LACs) serve a key role in Oregon's Agricultural Water Quality Program by providing the local perspective on water quality issues and solutions. To capture the spirit and approach of the Ag Water Quality Program, LAC members are needed to share success stories, identify on-going water quality and conservation challenges, and contribute to strategies for adaptive management.

## **Why serve on a Local Advisory Committee?**

Serving on a Local Advisory Committee ensures that local water quality protection and improvement efforts are planned in a way that works for the local agricultural, environmental, and tribal considerations. LAC meetings are an opportunity to learn from other landowners, hear about initiatives from Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and stay up-to-date on the latest status and trends of water quality data. Join the conversation today!

## **What is the impact?**

Local Advisory Committees recommend strategies and set goals to **reduce water pollution** from agricultural sources and **improve overall conditions** in Oregon's watersheds for future generations. These recommendations are included in ODA's Agriculture Water Quality Management Area Plans, reported to the Board of Agriculture, and are implemented on a local level by SWCDs and ODA.

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To learn more about becoming a Local Advisory Committee member, email [LAC@oda.oregon.gov](mailto:LAC@oda.oregon.gov)



## What is the commitment?

LAC members are expected to be familiar with their local ODA Agriculture Water Quality Management Area Plan. They provide input **once every two years** during guided discussions, featuring local water quality monitoring results and refreshments.

Typically, LAC members receive a copy of the updated plan to review weeks in advance of an LAC meeting. They provide input and guidance before the plan is finalized and implementation begins. LAC members are expected to come to meetings prepared, with questions and be willing to share their experiences, identify on-going water quality and conservation challenges, and contribute to strategies for adaptive management.

## Who can serve?

A local water quality management area advisory committee shall be composed **primarily of agricultural landowners** in the affected local agricultural water quality management area. Membership may include, but is not limited to:

- State Board of Agriculture representatives
- Persons serving on local soil and water conservation district boards
- Private landowners
- Representatives of local, state and federal boards, commissions and agencies
- Tribal representatives
- Members of the public
- Persons associated with industry
- Members of academic, scientific, and professional communities
- Public and special-interest groups

## Learn more

To learn more about your Area Plan, visit our website: <https://oda.direct/agwqplans>