

Know Your Water Resources: Contact list for questions regarding creeks, water rights, impacts to riparian vegetation, and stormwater in Jackson and Josephine Counties.

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General Water Quality Questions			
Rogue Valley Council of Governments	Greg Stabach	RVCOG Program Manager gstabach@rvcoc.org	(541) 423-1370
Oregon DEQ	Bill Meyers	Water Quality Basin Coordinator Bill.MEYERS@deq.oregon.gov	(503) 621-6817
Is the riparian area protected – can I put in a structure or remove the trees along a stream? Put in a boat ramp?			
Jackson County	Alicia Brown	Jackson County Code Enforcement BrownAA@jacksoncountyor.gov	(541) 774-6942
Josephine County	James Black	Planning Manager: jblack@josephinecounty.gov	(541) 474-5418
City of Ashland	Scott Fleury	Water Resources: scott.fleury@ashland.or.us	(541) 552-2410
City of Central Point	Mike Ono	Environmental Services/GIS Coordinator: Mike.Ono@centralpointoregon.gov	(541) 664-7602 x243
City of Jacksonville	Debbi Perkins	Public Works Clerk: pwclerk@jacksonvilleor.us	(541) 899-1231
City of Medford	Planning Department	Medford Planning Department	(541) 770-3960
City of Phoenix	Chris Stephenson	Public Works: Christopher Stephenson chris.stephenson@phoenixoregon.gov	541-535-2226
City of Talent	Gaoying Zhang Vigoa	Public Works: gvigoa@cityoftalent.org	(541) 535-1566
City of Eagle Point	Aaron Prunty	City Administrator: aaron@cityofeaglepoint.org	541-538-5137
City of Shady Cove	Dale Shaddox	Front desk at city hall	541-878-2225
City of Rogue River	Mike Bollweg	Public Works Director: mbollweg@cityofrogueriver.org	541-582-4401
City of Grants Pass	Wade Elliott	Assistant Public Works Director: welliott@grantspassoregon.gov	541-450-6114
City of Gold Hill	Lily Morgan	City Manager: lily.morgan@cityofgoldhill.gov	541-855-1525
City of Cave Junction	City of Cave Junction	Ask for planning department: cjplanning@cavenet.com	541-474-5405
Can I use water in the stream or ground water to water vegetation on my property? Can I build a pond?			
Jackson County	Shavon Haynes	Jackson County Water Master: Shavon.L.HAYNES@water.oregon.gov	541-774-6880
Josephine County	Scott Ceciliani	Josephine County Water Master: Scott.C.CECILIANI@water.oregon.gov	541-476-1288 Ext. 5
Can my animals graze in the riparian area or stream? What is proper manure storage?			
Department of Agriculture	Elizabeth Pietrzak	Agricultural Water Quality: Beth.PIETRZAK@oda.oregon.gov	(541) 414-8797
	Chris Anderson	Animal Feedlots: Christopher.ANDERSON@oda.oregon.gov	(541) 955-9873
Do I have access to water in the irrigation canal?			
Rogue Valley Irrigation Districts	Wanda Derry	Talent Irrigation District: tid@talentid.org	(541) 535-1529
	Jack Friend	Medford Irrigation District: jack@medfordid.org	(541) 899-9913
	Brian Hampson	Rogue River Valley Irrigation District: rrvid@rrvid.org	(541) 773-6127
	David Ford	Eagle Point Irrigation District: deford@centurylink.net	(541) 826-3411
	Debbie Tarr	Grants Pass Irrigation District: gis@gpid.com	(541) 660-4227
	Maureen Smith	Gold Hill Irrigation District: goldhillirrigationdistrict@gmail.com	(541) 659-2070
My neighbor's property has a lot of bare dirt due to construction and I am concerned it is getting into the creek or stormdrain			
Construction Erosion	Ben Poaster	Rogue Valley Sewer Services: bpoaster@rvss-or.gov	(541) 727-6876
	LeeAnn Gates	Oregon DEQ: LeeAnn.GATES@deq.oregon.gov	(541) 686-7930
	Michael Ribeiro	Construction Erosion within Medford City limits michael.ribeiro@cityofmedford.org	Office: 541 774 2107 Cell: 541 890 8321
I want to log my property			
Oregon Dept of Forestry	Marcus Havnear (JaCo) Doug Thackery (JoCo)	Marcus.HAVNIEAR@odf.oregon.gov Douglas.V.Thackery@odf.oregon.gov	(541) 664-3328 (541) 474-3152
I need to put in a septic system or make changes to an existing system in Jackson or Josephine County			
Oregon DEQ Onsite Program	Andrew Forbes	Onsite Wastewater Specialist: Jackson County: Andrew.FORBES@deq.oregon.gov	(541) 776-6289
	Josh Daley	Onsite Wastewater Specialist: Josephine County: joshua.daley@deq.oregon.gov	(541) 776-6029

<i>Do I have wetlands on my property? What can I build in a wetland? I am losing land because the stream banks are caving in. Can I stabilize the stream banks with rock or re-route a creek?</i>			
Department of State Lands	Ben Carson	Jackson, Josephine, Douglas County - Permitting and Enforcement Ben.Carson@dsl.oregon.gov	971-720-0121
US Army Corp of Engineers	Alex Holecek	Alexandra.Holecek@usace.army.mil	
<i>Questions about suction dredge and other gold mining in stream (below Ordinary High-Water Level of state waters)</i>			
Oregon DEQ	Jim Billings	Surface Water Management: Jim.BILLINGS@deq.oregon.gov	503-229-5073
<i>Those blackberries have got to go! What's the best way to remove them – herbicides, mowing, hand tools...?</i>			
<i>Soil and Water Conservation District</i>	Jackson SWCD	Jackson SWCD Front Desk: https://www.jswcd.org/contact-us-b2f14f4	541-423-6159
	Illinois Valley and Josephine County SWCD	John Bellville conservation@ivstreamteam.org	541-415-6077
<i>Questions about impacts from a cannabis or hemp grow in Jackson and Josephine County</i>			
Josephine County	James Black	Planning Manager: jblack@josephinecounty.gov	541-474-5418
Oregon State Police	Trooper Damion Hillyer	OSP contact for both JoCo and JaCo. Call OSP general number in Central Point	541-776-6236
Department of Agriculture	Aisha Young Michael Williams	General correspondence and information email is hemp@oda.oregon.gov 503-986-4652. For complaints: https://www.oregon.gov/oda/hemp/Pages/hemp-complaint-form.aspx	503-983-6633 503-983-3341
Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission	Medford Office	Questions about licensing and complaints regarding cannabis: marijuana.licensing@olcc.oregon.gov	541-776-6191
<i>Harmful Algal Blooms – that lake, pond, waterway is green – it looks like spilled paint. I wonder if it is safe for me or my animals?</i>			
Oregon Health Authority	Tim Heider Public Health Communications	Lead agency for HABs health advisories. timothy.heider@oha.oregon.gov . OHA HABs website has more information on current advisories and identifying HABs	971-599-0459
Oregon Department of Agriculture	Andrea Cantu-Schomus Communications Manager	Questions about crops, forage, livestock exposure to HABs. . andrea.cantu-schomus@oda.oregon.gov ODA has more information on the website, “ Caring for Animals during a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) ”	503-881-9049

Other important contacts in the Rogue River Basin

- **Rogue River Watershed Council:** Brian Barr: 541-423-6187 www.rogueriverwc.org
- **Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council:** Janelle Dunlevy, 541 899-9982, www.applegatepartnershipwc.org
- **Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District:** 541-423-6159 <https://www.jswcd.org>
- **Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District, John Bellville** District Manager, office. (541) 592-3731
- **The Freshwater Trust:** Katelyn Detweiler: katelyn@thefreshwatertrust.org, www.thefreshwatertrust.org
- **Lomakatsi Restoration Project:** lomakatsi.org
- **DEQ Complaints Hotline:** 1-888-997-7888, <http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/>
- **DEQ Asbestos:** Jason Stinger: 541-776-6107, jason.stinger@deq.oregon.gov
- **DEQ Solid Waste:** Jason Zanni - 541-776-6148, Jason.ZANNI@deq.oregon.gov
- **DEQ Burning:** ODEQ:
- **Pesticide Application Questions:** OSU extension: 541-776-7371.
extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/ Larger distributors such as Grange Co-Op , Helena Chemical, and Ewing Irrigation have licensed consultants who can recommend products and provide application advice.