



Yamhill County DEMOCRATS

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Yamhill County Democrats Sponsor Public Forum on Water Planning and Impacts on Yamhill County

McMinnville, OR — November 5, 2009

Continuing its occasional series of public forums, the Yamhill County Democrats are sponsoring a public forum on Water Planning and Impacts on Yamhill County Thursday, November 19 at 5:15 at the McMinnville Community Center.

Oregon is the last state in the Western USA without a statewide water plan. In Yamhill County, surface water rights are already over allocated during the summer. While the cities and towns of Yamhill County have begun looking at water supply alternatives for the future, they are not addressing the impacts of climate change, solutions to existing water quality issues that may be exacerbated by new withdrawals, nor the use of conservation, recycling and gray-water building codes.

In the last session of the legislature, a two-man “[odd couple](#)” of rural Republican Bob Jensen of Pendleton and urban Democrat Jefferson Smith toured the state gathering input and then sponsored comprehensive legislation that has been signed by the Governor to establish a strategic state water plan, create a water infrastructure investment fund and other advances in water management for Oregon.

Come hear Rep. Jefferson Smith speak of the learnings from this effort and of highlights of what [HR 3369](#) will provide. After speaking, he'll be joined for a brief discussion of the issues as it impacts Yamhill County by locals Tim Stieber, Executive Director of the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District and Kris Bledsoe, Chair, Yamhill Basin Council

Water Planning and Impacts on Yamhill County

•When: Thursday, **November 19, 5:15 - 6:15pm**

•Where: **McMinnville Community Center**, McMinnville, OR

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