

# Rogue River Valley Irrigation District

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House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water Chair Ken Helm, Vice-Chair Mark Owens, Vice-Chair Annessa Hartman,  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 3124, the Bipartisan Drought Relief and Water Security  
Package

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair Hartman, and Members of the  
Committee:

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District (RRVID) is located in Medford Oregon; with  
patrons in the cities of Medford, Central Point, White City and Eagle Point. The district  
serves approximately 1,391 patrons on 9,122 acres. Crops of fruits and vegetables, hay  
and alfalfa and fruit trees are grown in the area.

Our district was able to pipe a section of our irrigation canal system to continue to  
enhance habitat for Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho and other  
threatened and endangered species. The pressurized water this project created has helped  
conserve water and electricity and above all it has improved water quality and aquatic  
habitat in the rivers, creeks and stream in the Rogue Basin.

RRVID worked with Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) to develop a system  
improvement plan, as well as a modernization plan so we can continue to pipe our  
irrigation canal system to obtain our goal to enhance habitat, conserve water and improve  
water quality. Our next project is in the initial stage; we are reviewing options that will be  
the most beneficial based on the drought impact to the environment and irrigation  
patrons, of the last decade and more.

I urge you to support the important funding components in HB 3124 and ensure that state  
match funding for irrigation modernization projects remains a part of the final bill. Thank  
you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Brian Hampson  
Secretary/Manager