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July 20, 2026

The Honorable Shelly Boshart Davis
State Representative, House District 15
900 Court Street NE, Office 389
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Your July 13, 2026, letter regarding Marion County Administrative Review Case No. 25-026

Dear Representative Boshart Davis:

Thank you for your July 13, 2026, letter regarding the above matter and the September 15, 2025, email from an Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) staff member that has been referenced in that proceeding. I write to clarify ODA's role and the scope of that email.

ODA has not taken a position on this county land use matter, and the September 15, 2025, email was not intended as one.

ODA makes determinations about the scope of its own regulatory authority under Oregon's agricultural water quality statutes, ORS 561.191 and ORS 568.900 to 568.933. That is what the email addressed. The email did not comment on whether any activity constitutes a "farm use" under ORS chapter 215. ODA appreciates the County's role and its lead in this land use matter.

As stated in the September 15, 2025, email, and clarified here, ODA takes no position on the merits of this land use matter before the Board of Commissioners.

Please let me know if I can provide further information about ODA's role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JS", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jonathan Sandau
Deputy Director
Oregon Department of Agriculture