

**Central Oregon Irrigation  
Modernization is a  
Model for the West**

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Farmers in Oregon's Deschutes Basin have been dealing with risks and uncertainties to their water supplies for years. Despite these challenges, local irrigation districts have cleared a path to progress that benefits the entire region.

To date, Central Oregon irrigation districts have successfully implemented over \$53 million in projects conserving over 12,000 acre-feet annually, ensuring more water for farmers, food and fish.

The districts are working together and with constructive conservation groups, local cities, and government agencies to balance the Deschutes so there is water for all river beneficiaries, including farms.

Those efforts will continue.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a video produced by Farmers Conservation Alliance of the October 19th groundbreaking of several new infrastructure projects in the Deschutes Basin and learn more about the efforts undertaken by Arnold Irrigation District, Ochoco Irrigation District, and North Unit Irrigation District. Unfortunately, the foresight and leadership shown by the Deschutes Basin districts has been ignored by some critics who wring their hands over the cost of these projects and decry the taxpayer dollars that help support their development.

The Family Farm Alliance is pushing back on those critics this week.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Alliance guest column that was published on December 13 in the *Bend Bulletin*: “Central Oregon irrigation modernization is a model for the West”

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