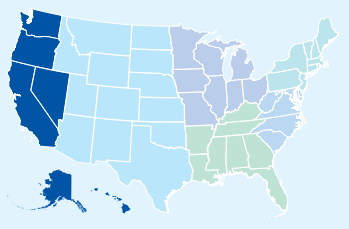


## Irrigation Program Works with Water and Energy Partners to Design and Implement New Systems and Create New Jobs

### West Region



### Overview

The [Farmers Conservation Alliance](#) (FCA) leads the [Irrigation Modernization Program](#), which provides agricultural, environmental, and community benefits. The FCA partners with Oregon Water Resources Congress, Community Renewable Energy Association, and others on this program, which involves designing and implementing new irrigation systems and provides 22,790 short-term jobs.

### Notable Features

- **The program modernizes agricultural infrastructure.** FCA works with operators of irrigation water delivery systems throughout the West to build a pipeline of shovel-ready projects, including project identification, qualification of benefits, permitting, financing, and construction.
- **It communicates the multiple benefits of modern irrigation systems.** FCA works at the state and national levels to highlight the benefits of irrigation modernization, including providing a portfolio of modernization projects that increase agricultural security and enhance environmental benefits.
- **It reduces costs for project planning.** FCA leverages funding from government, philanthropic, and other private stakeholders to more efficiently move irrigation districts from concept to installed projects on the ground.

### People Involved

- Julie O'Shea, Executive Director, is a veteran of irrigation modernization projects throughout the West. Julie brings her creativity, expertise, and experience to build custom pathways for implementation across all FCA districts. In addition, she has worked across federal, state, NGO, and other strategic partners to create opportunities to increase the pace and scale of irrigation modernization significantly.
- Margi Hoffmann, Strategic Operations Director, works closely with FCA's district teams to implement custom strategies for irrigation modernization. Hoffmann specializes in policy, permitting, and funding, and works across federal and state regulatory and funding agencies, the United States Congress and state legislatures, and key NGO stakeholders to help districts implement projects efficiently.

### Additional Resources

- [The Case for Collaboration.](#)
- [Modernizing Derby Dam, Nevada.](#)
- [Finding Common Ground.](#)
- [About the FCA Team.](#)

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