



September 14, 2026

Dear Mr. Tierney,

I am requesting an editorial review, correction and update of KGW's June 25, 2024 report concerning Yanasa TV's coverage of Oregon small farms.

Yanasa recently completed a comprehensive review of the original reporting and underlying records. We corrected four points:

- Sarah King and Godspeed Hollow Farm had not already been formally shut down.
- OWRD described the 24 Water District 2 communications as informational compliance letters, not formal cease-and-desist orders.
- The confirmed detection method was aerial photography, complaints and field observations—not necessarily satellite imagery.
- “En masse” exceeded the number of completed farm closures that the available evidence could establish.

Those corrections are prominently disclosed here:

<https://yanasanews.com/news/setting-the-record-straight-yanasa-tv-responds-to-kgw8/>

Supporting exhibits are listed below and available in their original form upon request, including the April 12 and June 11, 2024 LinkedIn correspondence, ODA's March 21 withdrawal, the federal complaint, KLCC's Oak Song Farm report, Odonata Farm's legislative testimony and the HB 3372 record.

Those wording errors do not mean there was no regulatory action or documented harm to named farms. We are asking KGW to review several aspects of its own account.

Yanasa's prepublication response

KGW reported that I ignored its question about removing the video and avoided two requests for a Zoom interview.

It is accurate that I did not agree to the proposed Zoom interview or provide a direct yes-or-no answer about removing the video. However, I did respond substantively in writing.

Before KGW aired its report, I asked the reporter to identify the disputed statements, responded to all three claims he identified, explained our use of “shutdown,” offered to provide affected-farm sources and proposed that KGW examine possible policy solutions. Yanasa also published public responses on May 3 and May 20, 2024.

The complete LinkedIn correspondence is reproduced through screenshots and a transcript in our article. We can provide the original records for verification.

We request that KGW clarify that Yanasa responded substantively and offered sources, although we declined the proposed Zoom format.

Material information available before KGW's report

Before June 25, 2024:

- OWRD had confirmed issuing 24 water-use notices in Water District 2.
- A market gardener had publicly reported losing the ability to irrigate commercial crops after receiving the notice.
- Four small dairy plaintiffs had filed a federal complaint alleging substantial compliance costs, forced operational changes or possible closure.
- ODA had withdrawn its disputed CAFO interpretation before its anticipated April 1 enforcement date.
- ODA had acknowledged that many small livestock operators could have required CAFO permits under the withdrawn interpretation.

We request an editor's note or clarification recognizing that, although Yanasa overstated the legal form and demonstrated scale, the underlying regulatory actions and threatened economic consequences were documented.

Subsequent developments warranting an update

We recognize that later events cannot retroactively prove the wording of the original Yanasa headline. They are nevertheless relevant to updating KGW's continuing online report:

- Oregon adopted narrower CAFO rules under which the state represented that none of the four plaintiffs qualified as CAFOs.
- The plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed their lawsuit without a ruling on the merits.
- Odonata Farm documented that it had been unable to grow and sell produce at the Pacific City Farmers Market for two seasons.
- Oregon enacted HB 3372 in 2025, changing the commercial-garden restriction for qualifying domestic-well users.

Political-campaign and specialist characterizations

KGW said Yanasa had made Sarah King "the face of a political campaign," but did not identify a candidate, party, committee, payment, sponsorship or coordination involving Yanasa. KGW also placed Steve Smith's expressly general observations about persuasive political media within its discussion of Yanasa and later included his reference to "that kind of an ad."

If those statements were intended as opinions about presentation or third-party reuse rather than findings that Yanasa coordinated with a campaign or fabricated its reporting, we ask KGW to clarify that distinction.

We respectfully request that KGW:

1. Correct its description of Yanasa's prepublication participation.
2. Add an editor's note addressing the material evidence available before the report aired.
3. Add a dated update covering the later rules, dismissal, Odonata record and HB 3372.
4. Clarify the intended meaning and evidentiary basis of the political-campaign and advertising characterizations.
5. Link to Yanasa's complete response.
6. Add an appropriate clarification to the KGW video description or comparable notice where practical.

We are not asking KGW to remove its report, suppress criticism or adopt Yanasa's conclusions. We are asking for a more complete account that distinguishes our acknowledged wording errors from the documented regulatory actions and consequences underlying the story.

Please confirm receipt and let us know within 10 business days whether KGW will make any corrections, clarifications or updates. If KGW identifies an unsupported factual statement in our current article, we will review it and correct our record if warranted.

Sincerely,

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