



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
March 16-17, 2005

LaSells Stewart Center
Oregon State University, Corvallis
Agriculture Science Room

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Business Meeting – Wednesday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.

Public comment on agenda items not associated with grant applications may be taken as each item is considered by the Board or, at the Chairs' discretion. A public comment period will be provided at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday for comment on individual grant applications pending Board action. A public comment period will be provided at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Thursday for comment on any issue before the Board.

A. Board Member Comments

Board representatives from state and federal agencies will provide an update on issues related to the natural resource agency they represent. This is also an opportunity for public and tribal Board members to report on their recent activities and share information and comments on a variety of watershed enhancement and Oregon Plan-related topics. *Information item.*

B. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 19-20, 2005, meeting will be presented for Board approval. *Action item.*

C. Executive Director Update

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will update the Board on agency business, legislative activities, and late-breaking issues. *Information item.*

Local Partners Discussion [approximately 10:00 a.m.]

Representatives of the following groups will share stories about current watershed enhancement projects with the Board.

- *Benton Soil and Water Conservation District*
- *Benton County Public Works*
- *Cascade Pacific RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development Area)*
- *Marys River Watershed Council*

D. Public Comment on Pending Grant Applications [approximately 11:00 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on individual grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Anyone wishing to speak to the Board is asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). This helps the Board know how many individuals would like to speak, and to schedule accordingly. *Only comments pertaining to individual grant applications will be accepted during this time. The Board will not accept any additional written materials pertaining to pending grant proposals that were not received by agency staff by the March 11, 2005, deadline.*

E. Board Consideration of Pending Grant Applications

The Board will consider restoration/acquisition, education/outreach, and monitoring grant applications submitted by the October 25, 2004, grant application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations by review teams and staff will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *No public comment will be taken on individual applications outside the time allotted by the Board Chairs for Agenda Item D. Action item.*

F. Education/Outreach Policy Update

Melissa Leoni, Grant Program Specialist, will describe the results of the Education Policy Subcommittee discussions, issues to be addressed, and a timeframe for Board adoption of an Education Policy. *Information item.*

G. Biennial Report Presentation

Jay Nicholas, Science and Policy Advisor, will present an overview of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds 2003-2005 Biennial Report. *Information item.*

H. Watershed Council Support Update

Roger Wood, Grant Program Manager, will provide an update on the Watershed Council Support evaluation process. He will summarize the status of the evaluation process. *Information item.*

Business Meeting – Thursday, March 17, 8:00 a.m.

I. Effectiveness Monitoring Update

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring Program Manager, and Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will provide an update on OWEB's new Effectiveness Monitoring Program. Discussion will include program coordination with other efforts, a revised timeline, work tasks, and ongoing activities. *Information item.*

J. Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team Discussion

IMST Co-chairs Nancy Molina, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and Dr. Carl Schreck, U.S. Geological Survey, will discuss current and upcoming projects of the independent science review panel for the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. *Information item.*

K. Attorney General Advice Concerning the Administration of Lottery Funds

Richard Whitman, Attorney-in-Charge, Natural Resources Section, Oregon Department of Justice, will present a letter of advice concerning OWEB responsibilities for administering lottery funds, and discuss the implications with the Board. *Information item.*

L. Public Comment [approximately 10:00 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on any matter before the Board. Anyone wishing to speak to the Board is asked to fill out a comment request sheet as early as possible in the morning's proceedings (available at the information table). This helps the Board know how many individuals would like to speak, and to schedule accordingly.

M. Oregon Plan Coastal Coho Assessment Presentation

Tom Byler, Executive Director, and Jay Nicholas, Science and Policy Advisor, will present an overview of the draft report and findings of the recently completed Assessment of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds as it relates to Oregon coastal coho. *Information item.*

N. Oregon State University, Institute for Natural Resources (INR) Discussion

Gail Achterman, INR Director, will discuss activities of the Institute, including a presentation of the recently developed North Coast region web portal funded by OWEB. The new North Coast Information Explorer Web site can be found at www.northcoastexplorer.info. *Information item.*

O. Support for the Governor's Willamette River Legacy Plan

Louise Solliday, the Governor's Willamette Initiative Project Manager, will update Board members on the Governor's Willamette River Legacy Plan. *Information item.*

P. Other Business

Meeting Procedures: Generally, agenda items will be taken in the order shown. However, in certain circumstances, the Board may elect to take an item out of order. To accommodate the scheduling needs of interested parties and the public, the Board may also designate a specific time at which an item will be heard. Any such times are indicated on the agenda.

Please be aware that topics not listed on the agenda may be introduced during the Board Comment period, the Executive Director's Update, the Public Comment period, under Other Business or at other times during the meeting.

Oregon's Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Board members may meet for meals on Wednesday and Thursday.

****Public Testimony:** The Board encourages public comment on any agenda item. However, public testimony must be limited on items marked with a double asterisk (**). The double asterisk means that the item has already been the subject of a formal public hearing. Further public testimony may not be taken except upon changes made to the item since the original public comment period, or upon the direct request of the Board members in order to obtain additional information or to address changes made to proposed rules following a public hearing.

People wishing to speak to the Board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). Comments relating to a specific agenda item may be heard by the Board as each agenda item is considered. Public comments regarding pending grant applications may be made during the public comment period at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16. The Board will not accept any additional written materials pertaining to pending grant proposals at that time.

Tour: The Board may tour local watershed restoration project sites. The public is invited to attend, however transportation may be limited to Board members and OWEB staff. If you wish to join the tour be prepared to provide your own transportation.

Executive Session: The Board may also convene in a confidential executive session where, by law, only press members and OWEB staff may attend. Others will be asked to leave the room during these discussions, which usually deal with current or potential litigation. Before convening such a session, the presiding Board member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

Questions? If you have any questions about this agenda or the Board's procedures, please call Bonnie Ashford, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-986-0181.

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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Membership

Voting Members

Environmental Quality Commission member: *Mark Reeve*

Fish and Wildlife Commission member: *Skip Klarquist*

Board of Forestry member: *Diane Snyder*

Board of Agriculture member: *Pat Wortman*

Water Resources Commission member: *Dan Thorndike*

Public member: *Jane O'Keeffe, Board Co-Chair*

Public member: *Dan Heagerty, Board Co-Chair*

Public member (tribal): *Bobby Brunoe*

Three public member positions are currently vacant.

Non-voting Members

Representative of Director of Agricultural Extension Service: *Scott Reed*

Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Alan Christensen*

Representative of U.S. BLM: *Paula Burgess*

Representative of U.S. NRCS: *Dianne Guidry*

Representative of U.S. EPA: *Dave Powers*

Representative of NOAA Fisheries: *Michael Tehan*

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Upcoming OWEB Board Meetings

May 25-26, 2005 in Salem

September 13-14, 2005 in Jordan Valley

October 2005 tentative Joint Meeting with Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board

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