



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
May 25-26, 2005

Land Board Room
State Lands Building
775 Summer Street NE, Salem

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Parking information is available on page 4.

Wednesday, May 25

Informal Reception – State Lands Building Lobby, 7:30 a.m.

Business Meeting – Land Board Room, 8:30 a.m.

A public comment period is provided at approximately 9:30 a.m. today for comment on watershed council support applications. This will be the only opportunity to address the Board on pending applications for watershed council support funds. Public comment on items not related to watershed council support applications will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26.

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 March 16-17 and March 21, 2005, meetings 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.*

D. Watershed Council Contribution Discussion

Michael Hibbard and Susan Lurie from the University of Oregon, Institute for Policy Research and Innovation, will present findings from their January 2005 report titled “*UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF OREGON’S WATERSHED COUNCILS.*”

**E. Public Comment on Pending Watershed Council Support Applications
[approximately 9:30 a.m.]**

At approximately 9:30 a.m., time will be reserved for public comment on watershed council support 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 watershed council support applications will be accepted during this time.*

F. Board Consideration of Pending Applications for Watershed Council Support

The Board will consider watershed council support applications submitted by the December 13, 2004, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations 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 E. The Board will not accept any additional written materials pertaining to pending proposals not submitted as part of the review process. Action item.*

Thursday, May 26**Business Meeting – Land Board Room, 8:30 a.m.**

A public comment period is provided at approximately 10:00 a.m. today for comment on any issue before the Board.

G. PCSRF Funding Allocation for the Remainder of the 2003-2005 Biennium

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will present the proposed allocation of remaining PCSRF funds for the remainder of the 2003-2005 biennium. *Action item.*

H. Drought Assistance Funding

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will present the Board with a list of potential projects that could benefit producers and aquatic systems throughout the state by implementing short term leases (up to five years). OWEB worked with the Oregon Water Trust to identify projects that were subsequently evaluated by the Oregon Departments of Water Resources and Fish and Wildlife for aquatic resource benefit. *Action item.*

I. CREP Program Changes and Funding for the 2005-2007 Biennium

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will present the revised Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and request funding for the 2005-2007 biennium. *Action item.*

J. 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.

K. Siuslaw Stream Team Presentation

Instructor Jim Grano and several of his students, past and current, will provide a presentation on the Siuslaw Middle School Stream Team project. The award winning education program is in its ninth year and uses a healthy combination of in-classroom studies and in-the-field hands-on activities to increase student understanding of watershed resources and issues. From serving 30 seventh graders in the program's early years, the demand from both students and parents has enabled the program to expand to serve the entire 120 seventh grade student population.

L. Education and Outreach Strategy

Melissa Leoni, Grant Program Specialist, and Jordana Leeb, Education and Outreach Specialist, will describe the results of the Education Policy Subcommittee and Focus Group discussions, and will ask Board members to adopt the Education and Outreach Strategy. They will lead a discussion on the implementation of the strategy. *Action item.*

M. Small Grant Program Administrative Rules**

Wendy Hudson, Grant Program Specialist, will describe the development of the small grant program administrative rules, the public involvement and present a draft of the rules for Board consideration. The rules provide greater clarity of acceptable projects and clarify administrative requirements for the program. *Action item.*

N. Grant Cycles for the 2005-2007 Biennium

Roger Wood, Grant Program Manager, will present a proposed schedule for receipt of grant applications and decisions for the 2005-2007 biennium. The Board will be asked to set application deadlines and Board meeting dates to consider applications. *Action item.*

O. Deferred Acquisitions

Melissa Leoni, Grant Program Specialist, will update Board members on acquisition projects deferred from previous meetings. *Possible action item.*

P. Non-Standard Grant Requests

Roger Wood, Grant Program Manager, will discuss the occasional requests OWEB staff and Board receive to fund projects outside of the regular grant cycles. The circumstances that have been identified and the appropriate review of such requests will be discussed. *Information item.*

Q. Project E2 Update

Allison Hensey, Policy Specialist, will update the Board on the progress made in establishing a work group and results of discussions to date. Discussion will highlight issues raised and approaches suggested for exploration. *Information item.*

R. Effectiveness Monitoring Update

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring Program Manager, will provide an update on the status of OWEB's Effectiveness Monitoring Program. Discussion will include activities to date and progress on the work program. *Information item.*

S. Other Business

Parking Information: Street parking (2 hr) is available on the west side of the building (Winter Street). Metered parking is available along Summer Street and Union Streets. Daily parking is available at the State "yellow lot" located at Marion and Summer Streets for \$6/day (machine takes bills and coins; gives change and a receipt). A Park and Ride lot is located at the State Motor Pool with buses running approximately every 15-30 minutes.

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 watershed council support applications may be made during the public comment period at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25. 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.

If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Bonnie Ashford (503-986-0181) as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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*

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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

September 13-14, 2005 in Jordan Valley

October 2005 tentative Joint Meeting with Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board

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