

## **September 19-20, 2006 OWEB Board Meeting Executive Director Update #C2: 2005-2007 Biennial Report**

### **Background**

ORS 541.405, states that by January 15 of each odd-numbered year the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board must submit a report to the Governor and to the appropriate committee or committees of the Legislative Assembly that assesses the statewide and regional implementation and effectiveness of the Oregon Plan. The report must address each drainage basin in the state and include watershed and key habitat conditions, an assessment of data and information needs, an overview of state agency programs and voluntary restoration activities, a summary of Board investments, and recommendations of the Board for enhancing Oregon Plan effectiveness in each basin.

### **2005-2007 Biennial Report**

OWEB staff are working with OWEB's Oregon Plan partners to collect project and condition data, voluntary restoration information, and agency program accomplishments. To date, the following tasks are complete:

- Staff completed the 2005 Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory (OWRI) data entry and analysis, and collected data from the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Council, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Water Resources Department, and Oregon land trusts on completed and reported restoration and protection projects from 2004 and 2005;
- Staff worked with state agencies to collect program and accomplishment information by basin and statewide;
- Staff worked with Oregon Plan partners to collect stories and photos about projects completed in 2004 and 2005. The report will include 45 stories (three per basin); 34 stories have been written by Jessica Campbell, OWEB's summer intern; and
- Staff reviewed and updated text for numerous sections of the report.

Between now and the Board meeting, staff will be working on the following tasks:

- Contacting additional partners and preparing the remaining project stories;
- Drafting and soliciting review of text for the new report sections;
- Organizing and editing state agency accomplishment information; and
- Working with InfoGraphics at the University of Oregon, and John Ame, graphic designer, to begin building the report maps, graphics, and page layouts.

Staff hope to have at least one set of the basin project and accomplishment pages available for Board review at the September 2006 meeting.

### **Board Recommendations**

Board observations and recommendations will be developed between the September meeting and early October 2006. At the May 2006 meeting, Board co-chairs Dan Heagerty and Jane O'Keefe volunteered to work with staff to develop this section of the report.

### **Staff Contact**

Board members may contact Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, at [melissa.leoni@state.or.us](mailto:melissa.leoni@state.or.us) or 503-986-0179 for more information about the report, or they are if interested in assisting the co-chairs in the development of the Board's observations and recommendations.