



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
September 19-20, 2006

The Riverhouse
South/Middle Sisters Conference Room
3075 North Business 97
Bend

**Map and directions may be found at www.riverhouse.com/web/directions/*

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.

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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 May 16-17, 2006, meeting and July 20, 2006, teleconference will be presented for Board approval. *Action item.*

C. Executive Director Update

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

D. Public Comment – Restoration/Acquisition/Technical Assistance Grants

[approximately 9:00 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on restoration/acquisition/technical assistance grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Only comments pertaining to the specific 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 September 11, 2006, deadline.

E. Board Consideration of Pending Restoration/Acquisition/Technical Assistance Grants

The Board will consider restoration/acquisition/technical assistance grant applications submitted by the April 24, 2006, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

Local Partner Presentations and Tour Introduction - 1:00 p.m.

Representatives from local watershed and conservation organizations will briefly update the Board before the tour.

- The Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District will address the Board about District programs and needs in the basin.
- The Crooked River Watershed Council, Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, and Deschutes Basin Land Trust will describe their fish restoration strategy.
- The Deschutes River Conservancy and the Deschutes Water Alliance will talk about flow restoration issues in the Upper and Middle Deschutes River and Whychus Creek.

Tour – 2:00 p.m.

OWEB will tour projects in Bend and Tumalo, including the:

- North Unit Diversion Dam to discuss water withdrawals, the new fish screen and flows in the Middle Deschutes;
- Riverbend Park to discuss the riparian/park project done collaboratively between the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and Bend Metro Parks and Recreation District; and
- Tumalo Creek to visit the completed and construction phase of a channel stabilization project being done by the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and the U.S. Forest Service.

Tour participants should meet in the lobby of the Riverhouse no later than 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the tour; however space on OWEB-sponsored transportation may be limited to Board members, agency staff, and individuals making presentations. If you wish to join the tour, please be prepared to provide your own transportation in the event that space is unavailable on State vehicles. We plan to return to the Riverhouse by 5:00 p.m.

Informal Reception – 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff at a reception sponsored by William Smith Properties.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

"White House" (backstage building at the Les Schwab Amphitheater)
Shevlin-Hixon St, Old Mill District, Bend

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.

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F. Coastal Salmon Fishing Emergency Response

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Tom Shafer, North Coast Regional Program Representative, will discuss ongoing agency efforts to respond to the 2006 salmon season state of emergency. *Action item.*

G. Oregon Plan Monitoring

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will present potential funding options for three projects related to Oregon Plan implementation. He will present requests for funding of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program equipment needs and the Oregon State University Institute for Natural Resources web access to the Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory database and Oregon Explorer enhancements. *Action item.*

H. Request to Apply for Watershed Council Support

Lori Warner-Dickason, Policy Specialist, will discuss requests from watershed councils who have previously applied for and received watershed council support funding with other councils, to apply independently for 2007-2009 Watershed Council Support. *Action item.*

I. Public Comment – Local Innovation Fund Grants [approximately 10:30 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on Phase II Local Innovation Fund grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Only comments pertaining to the specific 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 September 11, 2006, deadline.

J. Board Consideration of Local Innovation Funds Grants

The Board will consider Phase II Local Innovation Fund grant applications submitted by the June 15, 2006, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

K. Public Comment – General [approximately 11:45 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on any matter before the Board.

L. Recovery Planning

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update Board members on statewide efforts to develop recovery plans for salmon and steelhead, and request the Board allocate reserved funds and delegate expenditure authority to the Director for future recovery planning actions. *Action item.*

M. Restoration Priorities Adoption

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update Board members on the program for completion and adoption of basin restoration priorities and request adoption of the Fifteenmile and Hood Basin restoration priorities. *Action item.*

N. Council-District Collaboration Update

John McDonald, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, and John Moriarty, Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, will update Board members on the progress made in the collaborative effort between OWEB, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed councils. *Information item.*

O. OWEB Conservation Easements and Stewardship

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Lori Warner-Dickason, Policy Specialist, will discuss the use of conservation easements in OWEB's land acquisition grant program, and provide background information on the legal basis for conservation easements in Oregon. *Information item.*

P. Effectiveness Monitoring Report

Courtney Shaff, Effectiveness Monitoring Specialist, and Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will provide an update to the Board regarding OWEB's Effectiveness Monitoring Program accomplishments. Discussion will include a description of the western juniper removal evaluation, effectiveness monitoring workshop, and livestock exclusion monitoring projects and findings. *Information item.*

Q. 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 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

****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.

A public comment period for restoration/acquisition/technical assistance grant applications will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. A public comment period for Phase II Local Innovation Fund grant applications will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m. The Board will not accept any additional written materials pertaining to pending grant proposals at those times. People wishing to speak to the Board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). ***The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.***

A general public comment period will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at 11:45 a.m. for any comment before the Board. Comments relating to a specific agenda item may be heard by the Board as each agenda item is considered. People wishing to speak to the Board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). ***The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.***

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: *Ken Williamson*
Fish and Wildlife Commission member: *Skip Klarquist*
Board of Forestry member: *Diane Snyder*
Board of Agriculture member: *Dan Carver*
Water Resources Commission member: *Dan Thorndike*
Public member: *Jane O’Keeffe, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Daniel Heagerty, Board Co-Chair*
Public member (tribal): *Bobby Brunoe*
Public member: *Patricia Smith*
Public member: *Jim Nakano*
Public member: *Helen Westbrook*

Non-voting Members

Representative of Director of Oregon State University Extension Service: *Scott Reed*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Alan Christensen*
Representative of U.S. BLM: *Miles Brown*
Representative of U.S. NRCS: *Gary Briggs*
Representative of U.S. EPA: *Dave Powers/Mary Lou Soscia*
Representative of NMFS: *Michael Tehan*

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2006-2007 Board Meeting Schedule

2006	2007
January 24-25, 2006 – Otter Rock	January 24-25, 2007 – To be determined
March 15-16, 2006 – Roseburg	March 14-15, 2006 – Hillsboro
May 16-17, 2006 – Oregon City	May 15-16, 2007 – Salem
September 19-20, 2006 – Bend	September 18-19, 2007 – La Grande

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