



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
March 14-15, 2007

The Mallard Banquet Hall
725 West 1st Avenue
Eugene

Directions: From I-5, take Exit 194-B (I-105/OR-126W) toward Eugene. Take the OR-99N/OR-126 exit toward Florence (6th Ave. exit). Turn right at Madison (1st light at end of exit ramp). Located on the NW corner of 1st & Madison.

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

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 January 24-25, 2007, meeting 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. Oregon Explorer, Conservation Registry, and Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager; Sara Vickerman, Defenders of Wildlife (Defenders), and Renee Davis-Born, Institute for Natural Resources (INR) at Oregon State University, will provide the Board with a description of the relationships established between the Defenders Conservation Registry, the INR Oregon Explorer web site, and OWEB's Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory. The presentation will demonstrate the utility of these tools for interested members of the public. *Information item.*

E. Public Comment – Technical Assistance, Education, Monitoring, Assessment, and Restoration/Acquisition Grants [approximately 10:00 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on Technical Assistance, Education, Monitoring, Assessment, and Restoration/Acquisition 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 written materials at this time. Any written comments pertaining to pending grant proposals must be received by agency staff by the March 6, 2007, deadline.

F. Board Consideration of Pending Technical Assistance, Education, Monitoring, Assessment, and Restoration/Acquisition Grants

The Board will consider Technical Assistance, Education, Monitoring, Assessment, and Restoration/Acquisition grant applications submitted by the October 16, 2006, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

G. 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.*

Local Partner Presentations - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Representatives of local watershed and conservation organizations will provide presentations to the Board.

- Long Tom Watershed Council*
- McKenzie River Watershed Council*
- Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council*
- Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council*
- East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District*
- City of Eugene*
- McKenzie River Trust*

Informal Reception - 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board invites you to join Board members and staff for a reception for area councils, districts, and local officials who are OWEB's partners supporting watershed restoration activities.

*5:15 – 6:30 p.m.
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Thursday, March 15, 2007

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H. Strategic Investments

Roger Wood, Special Projects, will discuss agency efforts to explore opportunities for the Board to consider initiating a strategic investment program next biennium. *Information item.*

I. Public Comment [approximately 9:00 a.m.]

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

J. Coastal Coho Conservation Plan

Sue Knapp with the Governor's Natural Resources Office, and Kevin Goodson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will present an overview of the Conservation Plan for the Oregon Coast Coho ESU. The Board will be asked to endorse the efforts identified through the Plan. *Action item.*

K. High Desert Partnership Presentation

Chad Karges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will discuss the efforts of the High Desert Partnership. *Information item.*

L. Grant Solicitation for April 2007

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will make recommendations on whether to accept Technical Assistance grant applications for the April 23, 2007, grant cycle. *Action item.*

M. 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 Tuesday, 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.

A public comment period for restoration, acquisition, technical assistance, monitoring, and education grant applications will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. The Board will not accept any written materials at that time. Any written comments pertaining to pending grant proposals must be received by the March 6, 2007, deadline. 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 Thursday, March 15, 2007, for any matter 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: **Meta Loftsgaarden**
Representative of U.S. EPA: **Dave Powers**
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2007 Board Meeting Schedule

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