



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
September 18-19, 2007

Blue Mountain Conference Center
404 Twelfth Street
La Grande

**Map is available at www.blmtcc.org*

Tuesday, September 18, 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 May 15-16, 2007, meeting, and the July 9, 2007, 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. 2007-2009 Biennium Spending Plan

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will lead a discussion with the Board on a proposed spending plan for the use of capital and non-capital funds for the 2007-2009 biennium. *Action item.*

E. Public Comment – Pending Grant Applications [approximately 10:45 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on pending grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Only comments pertaining to the specific grant applications will be accepted during the meeting. 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 September 7, 2007, deadline.

F. Board Consideration of Pending Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the April 23, 2007, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

Tour – 2:00 p.m.

OWEB is working with the Grande Ronde Model Watershed and Union Soil and Water Conservation District to prepare a tour of projects in the Ladd Marsh area. A detailed tour itinerary will be available at the meeting and on our web site (www.oregon.gov/OWEB) prior to the meeting.

Tour participants should meet in front of the Blue Mountain Conference Center 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. At the conclusion of the tour, Board members and staff will remain at Ladd Marsh where they will attend a barbeque and informal reception hosted by the Grande Ronde Model Watershed.

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G. Board Co-Chair Election

Current Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chairs Dan Heagerty and Jane O’Keeffe were elected by Board vote in September 2005. Co-Chair O’Keeffe will lead a discussion and vote by Board members to elect Board Co-Chairs for the coming year. *Action item.*

H. Local Capacity Funding

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will present recommendations for allocating non-capital funding to support local capacity, including funding for Watershed Council Support, soil and water conservation districts, the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, and the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts. *Action item.*

I. Public Comment – General [approximately 9:15 a.m.]

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

J. Special Investment Partnerships

Roger Wood, Special Projects Manager, will discuss agency efforts to initiate special investment partnerships and propose a reservation of funding for partnerships in the 2007-2009 biennium. *Action item.*

K. Research Awards

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will present funding recommendations for research proposals from the Restoration and Protection Research Fund. *Action item.*

L. Dam Removal Effectiveness Monitoring

Courtney Shaff, Effectiveness Monitoring Specialist, will present a proposal for Oregon State University to complete pre and post project effectiveness monitoring on the removal of the Brownsville and Sodom dams on the Calapooia River. *Action item.*

M. Non-Capital Grant Cycles

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will present a schedule for non-capital grant offerings for the 2007-2009 biennium. *Action item.*

N. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will discuss the status of CREP and request an allocation of capital funds for the 2007-2009 biennium. *Action item.*

O. Public Records Administrative Rulemaking

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will discuss proposed rulemaking to address recent legislation relating to public records requests. *Action 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 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.

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A general public comment period will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 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: *James Johnson*
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*
Representative of NMFS: *Michael Tehan*

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2008-2009 Board Meeting Schedule

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January 16-17	January 21-22
March 19-20	March 18-19
May 20-21	May 19-20
September 16-17	September 15-16

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