



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

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March 19-20, 2008

Red Lion Hotel
200 N. Riverside Avenue, Medford
Siskiyou Room

Directions: From I-5 Southbound: Take Exit 27 (South Medford Exit) - turn right onto Barnett Road - drive two blocks to Riverside Avenue - turn right onto Riverside Avenue - Red Lion is located on the left hand side between 6th and 4th Streets - one mile from Barnett Road.

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

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 16-17, 2008, 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. Special Investment Partnerships – Willamette

Roger Wood, Special Projects Coordinator, will ask the Board for a funding allocation to the Willamette SIP and for authorization to proceed with necessary agreements and contracts to implement projects. *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 March 7, 2008, deadline. The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes. NOTE: Board members will break for lunch during the public comment period, and will continue the public comment period starting at 1:00 p.m.

F. Board Consideration of Pending Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the October 22, 2007, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

Informal Reception – 4:30 - 6:00 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. Local partners in attendance will be acknowledged and asked to give a brief description of activities in their watershed.

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Red Lion Hotel Lounge

Thursday, March 20, 2008**Tour – 8:00 a.m.**

OWEB is working with the Grants Pass Irrigation District and WaterWatch to prepare a tour of the Savage Rapids Dam project. From January of 2002 through September of 2005, OWEB committed \$3 million to fund removal of Savage Rapids Dam and post-removal restoration of the riparian area upstream of the dam site.

Tour participants should meet in the lobby of the Red Lion Hotel no later than 7:45 a.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. Hard hats will be provided for those attending the tour. We plan to return to the hotel by 10:00 a.m.

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G. 2009 Legislative Concepts and Budget Discussion

Tom Byler, Executive Director, and Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will update the Board on the process to develop legislative and budget proposals for the 2009 legislative session and introduce potential budget option packages for Board discussion. *Information item.*

****H. Public Records Rules and Fee Schedule Adoption**

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will ask the Board to adopt proposed administrative rules and a fee schedule developed to address recent legislation relating to public records requests. *Action item.*

I. Public Comment [approximately 11:15 a.m.]

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

J. Wetlands Investments

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, and Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will update the Board on agency efforts related to wetland restoration. Mr. Bierly will describe the Coastal Wetlands Grant funding to Oregon and request action on providing match funding for the Salmon River Estuary restoration project. Mr. Sieglitz will update the Board on recent funding provided to OWEB for the National Wetlands Inventory mapping and a grant request to the Environmental Protection Agency for wetland restoration effectiveness monitoring. *Action item.*

K. Climate Change Presentation

This agenda item is the first in a series of presentations to the Board about climate change and its potential implications for watershed restoration and other OWEB investments. Guest presenters will provide an overview of the current “state of the science” regarding climate change and related assumptions with a particular focus on water availability and watershed function. *Information item.*

L. 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 pending grant applications will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. The Board will not accept any written materials at that time. Any written comments pertaining to pending grant proposals must be received by the Friday, March 7, 2008, 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 20, 2008, 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

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

Non-voting Members

Representative of NMFS: *Michael Tehan*
Representative of Oregon State University Extension Service: *James Johnson*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Jose Linares*
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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2008-2009 Board Meeting Schedule

2008
May 20-21, Ontario
September 16-17, The Dalles

2009
January 21-22, Salem
March 18-19, Portland/Salem
May 19-20, Salem
September 15-16, Klamath Falls

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