



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
May 20-21, 2008

Holiday Inn Ontario
1249 Tapadera Avenue
Sawtooth/Wilderness Room

DIRECTIONS

I-84 East (from Portland): Take I-84 East to Ontario. Exit 376B – Turn right. Turn left at second stoplight (Goodfellow St.). Turn left onto Tapadera Ave. Hotel is one block on the right.

I-84 West (from Boise): Take I-84 West to Ontario. Exit 376B – Turn right. Turn left at second stoplight (Goodfellow St.). Turn left onto Tapadera Ave. Hotel is one block on the right.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time)

*NOTE: Mountain time is one hour later than Pacific time (i.e., 8:00 a.m. Mountain time is 7:00 a.m. Pacific time).

During the public comment periods (Agenda Items H and O), anyone wishing to speak to the Board is asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). This helps the Board know how many individuals would like to speak, and to schedule accordingly. ***The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.***

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 March 19-20, 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. Education and Outreach Subcommittee Report

Carolyn Devine, Communications Coordinator, will update the Board on the work of the Education and Outreach Subcommittee and will discuss potential options for future education and outreach grant cycles. *Action item.*

E. Monitoring and Research Subcommittee Report

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will update the Board on the work of the Monitoring and Research Subcommittee and will discuss potential options for future monitoring and research grant solicitations. *Action item.*

F. Non-Capital Funding and October Grant Applications

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will update the Board on the status of OWEB's application for 2008 Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds. Lauri Aunan, Grant Program Manager, will propose non-capital grant offerings for the October 20, 2008, grant deadline. *Action item.*

G. Deferred Land Acquisition Applications

Douglass Fitting, Policy Specialist, will update Board members on deferred land acquisition projects and present funding recommendations for Board consideration. *Action item.*

H. Public Comment [approximately 11:00 a.m.]

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

I. Oregon Plan Products

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, and Renee Davis-Born, Data Analyst and Information Specialist, will lead a discussion about potential investments in the Oregon Explorer, voluntary water quality monitoring, and other agency products beneficial to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. *Information item.*

J. 2009-2011 Budget and Policy Packages

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will update the Board on the process to develop budget proposals for the 2009 legislative session, and will lead a discussion with Board members on potential budget option packages for the agency's 2009-2011 budget. *Information item.*

Local Projects Tour – 2:00 p.m.

OWEB Board members and staff will be joined by representatives of the Oregon Departments of Environmental Quality and Agriculture, the Willow Creek, Owyhee, and Malheur watershed councils, and the Malheur Soil and Water Conservation District for a tour of OWEB-funded projects in the Malheur basin. Transportation will be provided for OWEB Board members and staff. Anyone is welcome to join the tour, but please be prepared to provide your own transportation. At the conclusion of the tour, Board members and staff will remain at Willow Creek where they will attend a barbeque and informal reception hosted by the Malheur Watershed Council.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Business Meeting – 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time)

During the public comment periods (Agenda Items H and O), anyone wishing to speak to the Board is asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). This helps the Board know how many individuals would like to speak, and to schedule accordingly. **The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.**

K. Wetland Mapping and Monitoring

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, and Renee Davis-Born, Data Analyst and Information Specialist, will update Board members on a grant request to the Environmental Protection Agency for wetland restoration effectiveness monitoring, and request Board approval of funding for National Wetlands Inventory mapping. *Action item.*

L. Coastal Wetlands Grants

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will describe potential OWEB proposals to submit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for its 2009 Coastal Wetlands Grants; request Board authorization to enter into the appropriate grant agreements for the 2008 Coastal Wetlands Grant awards for the two acquisition projects and an estuarine restoration project; and request Board action to provide match funding for the estuarine restoration project. *Action item.*

M. Oregon CREP

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will discuss a proposal to organize and participate in a joint work group with the Department and Board of Agriculture to review and develop an approach to address technical assistance and program delivery for the Oregon Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. *Information item.*

N. Climate Change Presentation and Discussion

This agenda item is the second in a series of presentations to the Board about climate change and its potential implications for watershed restoration and other OWEB investments. Guest presenters Anne Nolin, OSU Department of GeoSciences, Tim DeBoodt, OSU Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center, and Tony Svejcar, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, will discuss issues related to water availability, rangeland health, and climate change. *Information item.*

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

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

P. StreamBank

Pete Dalke, coordinator with the Oregon Solutions Office, and Joe Whitworth, Oregon Trout, will give a presentation on StreamBank, a web-based tool for private landowners and local restoration professionals to quickly identify and obtain restoration dollars and necessary permits based on project type, geographic location, science-based restoration needs, and funding priorities. *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 general public comment period will be held on Tuesday, May 20, and Wednesday, May 21, 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*

Contact Information

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 360
Salem, Oregon 97301-1290
503-986-0178
Fax: 503-986-0199
www.oregon.gov/OWEB

OWEB Executive Director - Tom Byler

tom.byler@state.or.us

OWEB Assistant to Executive Director and Board - Bonnie Ashford

bonnie.ashford@state.or.us
503-986-0181

2008-2009 Board Meeting Schedule

2008
September 16-17, The Dalles

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

For online access to staff reports and other OWEB publications check our web site: www.oregon.gov/OWEB