



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
September 15-16, 2009

RV Conference Room
"Park at the River"
59879 Wallowa Lake Hwy, Joseph

Directions: I-84 to exit 264 @ LaGrande, then Hwy 82 to Joseph and Wallowa Lake.

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

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 following meetings will be presented for Board approval. *Action item.*
June 1-3, 2009, Board meeting in Eugene;
June 29-30, July 1, 2009, strategic planning session in Silverton; and
July 29, 2009, special meeting via telephone conference call.

C. Executive Director Update

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

D. Strategic Plan

The Board Co-Chairs, Executive Director, and Don Harker, consultant, will lead a Board discussion about the goals, strategies, and implementation actions contained in a proposed OWEB Strategic Plan. *Information item.*

E. Communications Strategy

Carolyn Devine, Communications Coordinator, and Scott Sparling, Gard Communications, will present the final draft of the OWEB Strategic Communications Implementation Plan. The Plan includes proposed goals, objectives, key messages, target audiences, strategy and tactics, accountabilities, priorities, a timeline, and a budget. *Information item.*

F. Public Comment [approximately 11:30 a.m.]

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

G. Strategic Plan and Communications Strategy Adoption

The Board will consider adoption of the proposed OWEB Strategic Plan and the Strategic Communications Implementation Plan. *Action item.*

H. Ecosystem Services Report and Board Discussion

Renee Davis-Born, Ecosystem Services Coordinator, will report to the Board on OWEB's engagement in Ecosystem Services efforts this biennium, including implementation of a research grant and support of the ecosystem services markets working group of the Oregon Sustainability Board. *Information item.*

Tour – 2:00 p.m.

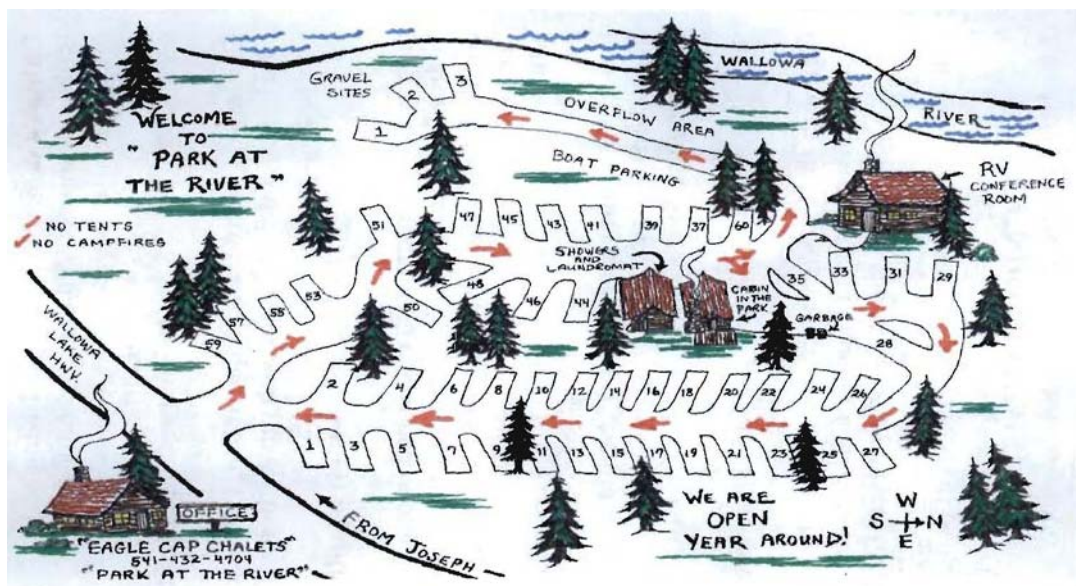
The Board will visit one or more restoration projects and engage in a discussion on site with local partners on the challenges, opportunities, and results of conservation work in Wallowa County.

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.

Informal Reception – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff at a reception honoring local conservation efforts. The reception is being sponsored by the Board's Co-Chair Diane Snyder who is pleased to welcome the Board, staff, and visitors to Wallowa County.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2009

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I. 2009-2011 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 2009-2011 biennium. The Board will also consider specific allocations and reserves for local capacity (watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts), partnerships, and Small Grants. *Action item.*

J. Public Comment [approximately 9:30 a.m.]

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

K. Public Comment – Pending Grant Applications [approximately 10:00 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 4, 2009, deadline. The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.

L. Board Consideration of Pending Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the April 20, 2009, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *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 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 pending grant applications will be held on Wednesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m. The Board will not accept any written materials at that time. Any written comments pertaining to pending grant proposals must be received by the September 4, 2009, 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 Tuesday, September 15 at 11:30 a.m., and Wednesday, September 16 at 9:30 a.m. 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: *John Jackson*
Public member (tribal): *Eric Quaempts*
Public member: *Daniel Heagerty, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Dan Thorndike*
Public member: *Patricia Smith*
Public member: *Diane Snyder, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Vacant*

Non-voting Members

Representative of NMFS: *Kim Kratz*
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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2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule

Locations to be determined

January 20-21, 2010	January 19-20, 2011
March 17-18, 2010	March 16-17, 2011
June 1-2, 2010	June 7-8, 2011
September 14-15, 2010	September 13-14, 2011

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