

January 27-28, 2015 OWEB Board Meeting Executive Director Update #J-6: April 2015 Board Meeting Schedule

Overview

This report outlines topics to be discussed during the April 2015 OWEB Board meeting and requests to extend the Board meeting to two full days.

Agenda Items Scheduled for April 2015 Meeting

Over the last two years, a number of key policy items have been in development. The April 2015 Board meeting presents decision points on many of these items, along with spending decisions for the Regular Grant program (including acquisitions). Below is a summary of topics to be discussed:

- Regular grant cycle for restoration, technical assistance, monitoring, outreach and land and water acquisitions – Totalling the time typically allocated for these agenda items, including public comment, a minimum of approximately 4.25 hours is required.
- Spending Plan – Based on requests from Board members in various forms over the past two years, staff recommend a presentation on each of the key line items in the spending plan. This format would include topics such as Weed Grants, watershed council and SWCD capacity funding, Small Grants, monitoring, Focused Investments, etc. It is expected this umbrella topic could take 4-5 hours.
- Focused Investment Priorities – The April Board meeting will include final decisions on priority establishment. The length of this topic could range, depending on discussions at the January Board meeting.
- Council Capacity – The time needed for this item will depend on if any of the currently ineligible councils remain ineligible following the appeal process, which may result in public comment to the Board.
- Legislative and Budget Update – Given OWEB's involvement in larger policy discussions related to the Clean Water Partnership and Working Forest and Farms, along with other budgetary issues, this could be an hour-long agenda item.
- Board actions will be needed on other items, including, but potentially not limited to approval to Coastal Wetlands grant applications to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the co-chair election.

Staff Request for Board Discussion at the January 2015 Meeting

With these topics, along with other decisions that may need to be addressed at the April Board meeting, staff request the Board discuss whether its April meeting can be extended to two full days. Since the Legislature is in session, the meeting is scheduled to be held in Salem.

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