



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
October 27-28, 2015

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Grant County Regional Airport
72000 Airport Road
John Day, Oregon

Directions: Go into John Day. Turn south at the stop light (there's only one); turn west on 4th street; drive up the hill to the top; turn left; drive about ¼ mile; then turn right on Airport Road.

Business Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

During the public comment periods (Agenda Items C and G) anyone wishing to speak to the Board on specific agenda items 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. At the discretion of the Board co-chairs, public comment for agenda items on which the Board is taking action may be invited during that agenda item. ***The Board encourages persons to limit comments to three to 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 community conservation-related topics. *Information item.*

B. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 28-29, 2015, Board meeting in Salem, and the July 28-29, 2015, Board meeting in Prineville will be presented for approval. *Action item.*

C. Public Comment [approximately 8:45 a.m.]

This time is reserved for general public comment, as well as other matters before the Board.

**D. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Technical Assistance (CREP TA)
-- Approval to Receive Program Funding**

Juniper Davis, Partnerships Coordinator, will provide the Board an update on the CREP TA grant program. Staff will request the Board consider awarding supplemental funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in support of CREP TA and delegating authority to the Executive Director for distribution of these funds. *Action item.*

**E. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Strategic Implementation Areas
Funding Request**

Eric Hartstein, Senior Policy Coordinator, and John Byers, Agricultural Water Quality Program Manager for ODA, will provide an update to the Board and describe an OWEB grant program on Strategic Implementation Areas. The Board will consider a funding request for this grant program and delegate authority to the Executive Director for distribution of these funds. *Action item.*

**F. Funding Request for the Upper Middle Fork John Day Intensively Monitored
Watershed (IMW)**

Ken Fetcho, Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator, will provide an update to the Board on the monitoring activities of the IMW. The Board will consider a funding request for this program from the Programmatic Effectiveness Monitoring for Open Solicitation line item in the 2015-2017 Spending Plan and delegate authority to the Executive Director for distribution of these funds. *Action item.*

G. Pending Regular Grant Applications

Introduction

Prior to hearing public comment, Courtney Shaff, Capacity Coordinator, will provide background information on the April 2015 grant cycle.

Public Comment [approximately 10:55 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on pending restoration and technical assistance grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Only comments pertaining to these 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 October 9, 2015, deadline. *The Board encourages persons to limit comments to three to five minutes.*

Board Consideration of Pending Regular Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the April 20-21, 2015, application deadline for restoration and technical assistance grants. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

Tour - 2:30 p.m.

The Board and OWEB staff will conduct a Grant County field tour. 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 sponsored by local partners and stakeholders in Grant County.

*Location: The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
320 W Main St.
John Day*

Wednesday, October 28, 2015**Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.**

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H. Public Comment [approximately 8:00 a.m.]

This time is reserved for general public comment, as well as other matters before the Board.

I. Water Acquisitions Program Refinements

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, and Eric Hartstein, Senior Policy Coordinator, will propose refinements to the water acquisitions grant program to the Board based on lessons learned from the 2013-2015 test pilot. *Action item.*

J. Land Acquisitions -- Process

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, and Miriam Hulst, Acquisitions Coordinator, will request Board approval to the land acquisition review process. *Action item.*

K. Land Acquisitions -- Extensions

Miriam Hulst, Acquisitions Coordinator, will request deadline extensions for the Hayden Island, Southern Flow Corridor, and Joyce Carnegie Trust land acquisitions. *Action item.*

L. Deschutes Special Investment Partnership (SIP) Summary Report

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, and Ken Fetcho, Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator, will present to the Board the Deschutes SIP Accomplishments Summary Report, which highlights accomplishments made since SIP investments in the partnership began in 2008. *Information item.*

M. Executive Director Update

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will update the Board on agency business and late-breaking issues, and introduce OWEB's new Grant Program Manager, Eric Williams, to the Board. *Information item.*

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.

Voting Rules: The OWEB Board has 17 members. Of these, 11 are voting members and six are ex-officio. For purposes of conducting business, OWEB's voting requirements are divided into two categories – general business and action on grant awards.

General Business – A general business **quorum is six voting members**. General business requires a majority of **all** voting members to pass a resolution (not just those present), so general business resolutions require affirmative votes of **at least six** voting members. Typical resolutions include adopting, amending or appealing a rule, providing staff direction, etc. These resolutions cannot include a funding decision.

Action on Grant Awards – Per ORS 541.360(4), special requirements apply when OWEB considers action on grant awards. This includes a special **quorum of at least eight voting** members present to take action on grant awards, and affirmative votes of at least six voting members. In addition, regardless of the number of members present, **if three or more voting members object** to an award of funds, the proposal will be rejected.

Public Testimony: The Board encourages public comment on any agenda item.

A public comment period for pending grant applications will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at 10:55 a.m. The Board will not accept any written materials at that time. Any written comments pertaining to pending regular grant proposals must be received by the October 9, 2015, 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 three to five minutes.*

General public comment periods will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at 8:45 a.m. and Wednesday, October 28 at 8:00 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 three to 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: *Doug Krahmer*
Environmental Quality Commission member: *Morgan Rider*
Fish and Wildlife Commission member: *Bob Webber*
Board of Forestry member: *Cindy Deacon Williams*
Water Resources Commission member: *John Roberts*
Public member (tribal): *Eric Quaempts, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Lisa Phipps*
Public member: *Will Neuhauser*
Public member: *Randy Labbe*
Public member: *Dan Thorndike, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Karl Wenner*

Non-voting Members

Representative of NMFS: *Rosemary Furfey*
Representative of Oregon State University Extension Service: *Stephen Brandt*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Debbie Hollen*
Representative of U.S. BLM: *Mike Haske*
Representative of U.S. NRCS: *Ron Alvarado*
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2016 Board Meeting Schedule

January 26-27 in McMinnville
April 26-27 in LaGrande
July 26-27 in Lincoln City or Seaside
October 25-26 in North Bend or Ashland

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