

**Approved by the Board May 25, 2005
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**

**March 16, 2005
OWEB Board Meeting
Corvallis, Oregon**

Minutes

OWEB Members Present:

Paula Burgess
Alan Christensen
Dianne Guidry (morning)
Daniel Heagerty, Co-Chair
Skip Klarquist
Jane O’Keeffe, Co-Chair
Scott Reed
Mark Reeve
Diane Snyder
Michael Tehan
Dan Thorndike

OWEB Staff Present:

Becci Anderson
Bonnie Ashford
Ken Bierly
Tom Byler
Rick Craiger
Douglass Fitting
Mark Grenbemer
Cindy Kraai
Jordana Leeb
Karen Leiendecker
Melissa Leoni
Jay Nicholas
Bobbi Riggers
Tom Shafer
Greg Sieglitz
Roger Wood

Others Present:

John Ward
Jo Morgan
Marty Suter
Lauri Joyce
Jeff Hussey
Margaret Nover
Stephanie Page
Cheryl Hummon
Jerry Becker
John Moriarty
Jenny Bayn
Tara Nierenberg
Wayne Hoffman
Lee Russell
Sandra Coveny
Kip Wood
Mark Stone
Bud Baumgartner
Rachel Werner
Jennifer Clark
Karlene McCabe
Jack Shipley
J.D. Rogers
Kolleen Yake
Lesley Jones
Teresa Matteson

Members Not Present:

Bobby Brunoe
Dianne Guidry (afternoon)
Dave Powers
Pat Wortman

Due to the absence of a Board quorum at its meeting on March 16-17, 2005, voting members were polled regarding recommended funding decisions. As funding recommendations were developed, Board members indicated support for the staff’s recommendations as outlined in the staff reports. However, voting to expend funds was postponed until a later date when a Board quorum would be available via telephone conference call. At that time, funding recommendations discussed at the March 16-17 meeting will be revisited and voted on.

A. Board Member Comments

Board members Jane O’Keeffe and Mark Reeve reported on their recent trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for PCSRF funds along with representatives from Washington and Idaho. They met with Oregon’s congressional delegation to secure support for PCSRF dollars. The PCSRF allocation for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and the Pacific Northwest Tribes is \$90 million in the President’s budget.

State and federal agency representatives, and public members on the Board are all concerned about the potential drought conditions in Oregon this summer.

B. Minutes

Minutes of the following Board meetings were unanimously approved as amended:

January 19-20, 2005 Board meeting in Pendleton

January 25, 2005 Special Board meeting via telephone conference call

C. Executive Director Update

Executive Director, Tom Byler, provided the following comments to the Board.

- Tom’s appointment as OWEB’s executive director was confirmed by the Senate in early February.
- Jas Adams, Assistant Attorney in Charge of Natural Resources, Oregon Department of Justice, will replace Shannon O’Fallon as OWEB’s legal counsel.
- Agency budgets will be presented to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources in three phases. OWEB had the Phase I presentation in mid-February. Next week, the subcommittee has scheduled time for each natural resource agency to discuss their program priorities in order for the subcommittee to compile their own list of agency priorities. The Phase II presentation is currently scheduled for May 9 and 10.
- SB 715, which is the same bill that was introduced last session, would abolish OWEB. The bill has been introduced, but is unlikely to have a hearing.
- SB 358, the Quality Jobs Bill, was passed out of the Senate last week.
- HJR 34, which would reduce the amount of lottery funds allocated to OWEB and OPRD from 15% to 13.5%, has not had a hearing yet. The bill would allocate 1.5% to Veteran’s issues, and would be presented to voters at the next general election.
- A presentation on the watershed council study performed by the University of Oregon will be on the May meeting agenda.
- Three Board members are needed to form a subcommittee to assist staff in reviewing acquisition applications.

Local Partners Discussion

The following representatives of local partners shared stories about current activities and watershed enhancement projects with the Board. Benton County Commissioner Linda Modrell welcomed Board members to Benton County, and thanked Chuck Knoll for the good work and cooperation from his section. Benton County Commission Chair, Annabelle Jaramillo was also present at part of the meeting to welcome Board members and staff to Corvallis.

- Donna Schmitz and Chris Stebbins, Benton SWCD
- Chuck Knoll, Benton County Public Works
- Eric Nusbaum, Cascade Pacific RC&D
- Sandra Coveny, Marys River WSC

D. Public Comment (Grants)

Margaret Nover, City of Portland Environmental Services thanked the Board for support of a past grant for the Kelly Creek Confluence Project, and thanked OWEB for supporting their current grant application (Application No. 205-263).

Jennifer Hampel, Coquille Watershed Association, supported funding for Application No. 205-108, which was not recommended for funding by either the review team or OWEB staff.

Stephanie Page, Oregon Department of Agriculture, provided an update on CREP and emerging technical assistance needs. Ms. Page distributed a spreadsheet showing which SWCDs are currently receiving funding for CREP technical assistance.

Tara Nierenberg, OSU Extension, thanked OWEB for supporting Application No. 205-277, which was recommended for funding.

Marty Suter, Harney SWCD, and Lauri Joyce, Landowner, supported funding for Application No. 205-219, which was approved for funding by the review team, but not included in the “do fund” projects by OWEB staff.

Marty Suter, Harney SWCD, and Jeff Hussey, Otis Creek Ranch, supported funding for Application No. 205-243, which was approved for funding by the review team, but not included in the “do fund” projects by OWEB staff. Ms. Suter also commented on the CREP technical assistance needs.

Lee Russell, Elk Creek WSC, supported funding for Application No. 205-114, which was not recommended for funding by either the review team or OWEB staff.

Jerry Becker, Elk River Land Trust, supported funding for the Kahn Tract acquisition project, Application No. 205-011, which was recommended by OWEB staff for reduced funding.

Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast WSC, thanked the review teams and OWEB staff for recommending funding for Application Nos. 205-159, 205-146, 205-154, 205-100, 205-104, and 205-251.

Nate Brown, Community Development Director, City of Keizer, supported funding and explained revisions to their request for the Keizer Rapids Acquisition project, Application No. 205-173, which was recommended for deferral by OWEB staff.

Kip Wood and Mark Stone, Lincoln SWCD, offered thanks for the “do fund” recommendation for Application No. 205-102.

Rachel Werner, Tillamook Etuaries Partnership, supported Application Nos. 205-151, 205-148, and 205-105 which were recommended for funding by the review teams, but not recommended for funding by OWEB staff.

Lindsay Hofsteen, Wy’East RC&D, supported Application No. 205-127, which was not recommended for funding by either the review team or OWEB staff.

Jennifer Clark, Wasco Co. SWCD/Watershed Councils, supported funding for Application No. 205-200, which was recommended for funding by the review team, but not recommended for funding by OWEB staff.

Ethan Nelson, and Jeff Parker, Northwest Youth Corps, supported Application No. 205-276, which was not recommended for funding by either the review team or OWEB staff.

J.D. Rogers, and Jack Shipley, Applegate River WSC, requested full funding for Application No. 205-255, which was recommended for reduced funding by the review team and OWEB staff.

Leslie Jones, and Kolleen Yake, Upper Deschutes WSC, offered thanks for the funding recommendation for Application Nos. 205-128, and 205-272.

Chris Orsinger, Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah, updated Board members on project accomplishments related to Application No. 205-184, which was recommended for funding by the review team and OWEB staff.

Bruce Aylward, Deschutes River Conservancy, offered thanks for the funding recommendation for Application No. 205-188.

Catherine Macdonald, The Nature Conservancy, supported funding for Application No. 205-194, which was recommended for funding by the review team, but fell below the funding line by OWEB staff.

Marty Suter, Harney Co. SWCD, presented OWEB with the 2005 Harney County Agency Partner of the Year award, recognizing OWEB's efforts in Harney County.

E. Board Consideration of Pending Grants

One hundred eighty grant applications seeking a total of \$16,192,353 were received by the October 25, 2004, deadline. Both capital (restoration/acquisition) and non-capital (education/outreach, monitoring/assessment) were reviewed in this grant cycle. After being screened for eligibility and completeness, the applications were sent to the appropriate review teams, who developed recommendations for individual projects on their merit for funding, and numerically ranked the projects for funding. OWEB staff used the priorities developed to prepare the funding recommendation for Board consideration taking the budget into account.

The Board's March 2005 awards will allocate the last remaining grant funds available in the current biennium which ends on June 30, 2005. The following funds are available for award:

Capital Funds (including Lottery, Salmon Plates): **\$4,714,713**

Non-Capital Funds (including PCSRF, Klamath Earmark): **\$2,917,104**

Staff have recommended the following:

Capital

\$4,447,438 Restoration Projects

\$ 262,000 Acquisition Projects

\$4,709,438 TOTAL staff recommendation (\$5,275 below target)

Non-Capital

\$ 5,370	Education/Outreach projects within Restoration Projects
\$ 778,182	Education/Outreach Projects
\$1,574,718	Monitoring/Assessment Projects
\$2,358,270	TOTAL staff recommendation (\$558,834 below target)

The review priorities and funding recommendations were presented in the staff report for each region separately to the Board.

Grant Program Manager, Roger Wood, was joined by each Regional Program Representative, as well as Melissa Leoni, Grant Program Specialist, to discuss acquisitions, and Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring Program Manager, to discuss monitoring applications.

REGION 1, NORTH COAST, Tom Shafer, Regional Program Representative

Board members unanimously supported the staff funding recommendations listed in the shaded area of Attachment A to the staff report with the following changes:

- Provide full funding (\$8,740) for Application No. 205-145 (Arrow Creek Restoration)
- Provide partial funding (\$33,825) for Application No. 205-148 (Vaughn Creek Tidegate)
- Total grant award (\$266,750) for Application No. 205-144 will include \$35,000 as a direct payment to the grantee from the U.S. Forest Service.

Acquisition Project

Deadwood Creek Conservation Easement (Application No. 205-141) was unanimously supported for funding at \$50,000.

Board member Alan Christensen, who has experience working with conservation easements, asked to review language in the Deadwood Creek conservation easement.

OWEB will schedule a conservation easement discussion for the May Board meeting.

REGION 2, SOUTHWEST OREGON, Mark Grenbemer, Regional Program Representative

Board members unanimously supported the staff funding recommendations listed in the shaded area of Attachment A to the staff report with the following changes:

- Provide an additional \$5,000 in funding for Application No. 205-255 (Applegator Newspaper) for a total award of \$34,700.

Acquisition Project

Kahn Tract Acquisition (Application No. 205-011) was unanimously supported for reduced funding at \$212,000.

REGION 3, WILLAMETTE BASIN, Douglass Fitting, Regional Program Representative

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Board member Dan Heagerty recused himself from voting on Application No. 205-121.

Motion 1: Board members unanimously supported the staff funding recommendations listed in the shaded area of Attachment A to the staff report, removing Application No. 205-121 to be voted on in a separate motion.

Acquisition Projects

Keizer Rapids Regional Community Park (Application No. 205-173) although well supported, did not receive a positive rating for ecological merit from the regional review team. The applicant has revised the project, and Board members supported deferral to allow the review team time to review additional information and staff to complete the due diligence requirements.

Luckiamute Riparian Easement (Application No. 205-174) was recommended by staff for deferral.

Motion 2: Board members unanimously supported the staff reduced funding recommendation at \$84,000 for Application No. 205-121 (Cardwell Hills Community Restoration).

Board member Diane Snyder asked about the weighting process in OWEB's review of acquisitions. What is most important factor when awarding funding -- ecological value? local/regional benefit? community support? Roger Wood, Grant Program Manager, stated the ecological value is not unique and is judged on what is important for the area. The ecological merit is all the regional review team is asked to comment on. The newly adopted land acquisition administrative rules require a Board subcommittee to review applications before referring to the regional review teams, and will advise staff whether or not to pursue the acquisition project.

REGION 4, CENTRAL OREGON, Rick Craiger, Regional Program Representative

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Board member Dan Heagerty recused himself from voting on Application Nos. 205-188 and 205-131.

Motion 1: Board members unanimously supported the staff funding recommendations listed in the shaded area of Attachment A to the staff report, removing Application Nos. 205-188 and 205-131 to be voted on in a separate motion, and with the following changes:

- Approve funding for Application No. 205-194 at a reduced amount of \$136,453 (Long Creek Bull Trout Project).
- PCSRF Klamath earmarked funds will be used to fund the following:
 - Application No. 205-131 (Upper Klamath Assessment/ \$377,160)
 - Application No. 205-194 (Long Creek Bull Trout Project/ \$136,453)
 - Application No. 205-198 (Wood River Riparian Project/ \$35,568)
- Total grant award (\$37,500) for Application No. 205-197 will include \$30,000 as a direct payment to the grantee from the U.S. Forest Service.

Acquisition Projects

There were no acquisition project applications submitted for funding in Region 4.

Motion 2: Board members unanimously supported the staff funding recommendation listed in the shaded area of Attachment A to the staff report for Application Nos. 205-188 and 205-131.

REGION 5, EASTERN OREGON, Karen Leiendecker, Regional Program Representative

Board members unanimously supported the staff funding recommendations listed in the shaded area of Attachment A to the staff report with the following changes:

- Reduce funding to \$296,783 for Application No. 205-226 (Powder River Project Phase II)
- Provide a combined funding award of \$44,247 for Application Nos. 205-243 (Otis Mtn. Jackson Cr. Riparian) and 205-219 (Otis Mtn. Brush & Range). OWEB staff will work with the applicants to allocate the joint award between the two projects.

Acquisition Projects

There were no acquisition project applications submitted for funding in Region 5.

STATEWIDE, Melissa Leoni, Grant Program Specialist, and Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring Program Manager

Board members unanimously supported the staff funding recommendations listed in the shaded area of Attachment A to the staff report.

F. Education/Outreach Policy Update

Public Comment

Dana Erickson, Coordinator of the Long Tom Watershed Council, stressed the importance of behavior change as an end goal for education and outreach programs. She also talked about creating a “buzz” around the Oregon Plan; the need for additional funding for direct council support; and the opportunities for instilling teaching “moments” in all watershed restoration and monitoring projects.

Melissa Leoni, Grant Program Specialist, briefed Board members on the Education and Outreach Strategy. She presented a copy of the Strategy in its current form with a new format for the “Awareness” section. She also presented notes from two focus group meetings held in early March with education and outreach stakeholders from around the state; and thoughts from the meeting held that morning with the Education and Outreach Board subcommittee (Scott Reed, Dan Thorndike, Diane Snyder, and Alan Christenson).

After the information was presented, Board members discussed issues related to the Strategy including whether and how to develop a gap analysis on statewide watershed education programs; the importance of keeping the Strategy flexible to include local community needs; how to address behavior changes in the Strategy; how awareness and marketing of OWEB and watersheds overlap and differ; funding priorities; and how to structure future education and outreach grants.

From the discussion with the Education and Outreach Board subcommittee and the full Board, tasks were identified that Jordana Leeb, who was hired by OWEB to assist with the project, will be working on in the next few months. The final Education and Outreach Strategy will be presented at the May Board meeting.

G. Biennial Report Presentation

Jay Nicholas, Science and Policy Advisor, presented an overview of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds 2003-2005 Biennial Report. ORS 541.405 requires OWEB to submit a biennial report on the Oregon Plan. This is the second report produced by OWEB, and will contain two volumes. Volume 1 is a statewide review of Oregon Plan implementation. The report summarizes basin-level accomplishments and investments related to water quality improvements, fish recovery, and watershed health. The report also provides an overview of state agency actions and recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of the Oregon Plan. OWEB prepared a synopsis of the report, as well as a pre-publication copy of the report to distribute to members of the Legislature. The report in final form will be available sometime in April.

Volume 2 summarizes Oregon's assessment of the Oregon Coastal Coho ESU, and is scheduled to be printed in June 2005.

Board members discussed marketing the Biennial Report to Oregon citizens so they will be better informed about the use of Measure 66 funds. The measure will go to voters for approval in 2014.

H. Watershed Council Support Update

Roger Wood, Grant Program Manager, reviewed the process the agency is using to evaluate applications received for Watershed Council Support, and brought the Board up to date on the applicant interview and application review phase just completed the week before (between March 7 and 11). Staff remarked that the experience of examining the applications in detail further reinforced their judgment that \$4.2 million is an insufficient amount to cover Council Support needs statewide. Staff are proceeding to evaluate ranking and funding options in light of the scores received, and is in the process of developing documents to show the results of the review to date. The process is on track to present staff recommendations for funding at the Board's May 2005 meeting.

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Eve Montenero

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I. Effectiveness Monitoring Update

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring Program Manager, and Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, updated Board members on OWEB's new Effectiveness Monitoring Program. Effectiveness monitoring is a method of collecting and distributing information, a means to objectively evaluate what OWEB has accomplished, and provides a vehicle for training future actions.

At the September 2004, meeting, Board members approved expenditure of up to \$600,000 and authorized staff to proceed with two tasks related to monitoring: the IMST workshop on effectiveness monitoring, and an evaluation of juniper clearing and irrigation efficiency projects and development of criteria for future grant application review. Three additional tasks were put on hold pending hiring the Monitoring Program Manager. The manager was hired in November 2004.

Monitoring Program staff are currently working on:

- IMST Workshop
- Evaluation of Selected Restoration Projects
- Independent Review of OWEB Projects
- Watershed Scale Evaluation
- Alternative Futures

Staff presented a revised timeline for the implementation of the Effectiveness Monitoring Program. A general description of the scope of the program was proposed. Relevant considerations were discussed related to the natural range of variability, limitations to sampling design, and interdependent variables associated with sampling juniper clearing and irrigation efficiency projects.

Some discussion about OWEB's participation in the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) which is a forum for establishing and coordinating monitoring efforts throughout the Pacific Northwest occurred as well. This summer a testing of monitoring protocols in the John Day Basin will be sponsored in part by OWEB.

Board member Alan Christensen urged staff to attend a workshop sponsored by the Washington Governor's Forum on Monitoring. Staff plan to attend.

Board member Diane Snyder urged staff to attend a monitoring workshop sponsored by the Oregon Department of Forestry on Biodiversity Indicators. Staff will attend.

J. IMST Discussion

Nancy Molina, Carl Schreck, IMST Co-Chairs, and Carlton Yee, IMST Board member, provided Board members with an overview of the IMST, and discussed current and upcoming projects of the independent science review panel for the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. The IMST, a 7-member multidisciplinary team of scientists, was established by the Legislature in 1997 to provide impartial scientific advice to the State on matters related to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. IMST members are selected by a joint process between the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House.

The IMST has prepared a work plan for the Ways and Means Natural Resource Subcommittee. The IMST is currently working on two projects. First, the Urban Report focusing on the effect of urban areas on salmonids is expected to be completed in October 2005. This report will provide science to support Oregon Plan implementation in the more densely populated areas of the state. Second, the Eastside Report expected to be completed in December 2005, will assess factors that affect the abundance and distribution of anadromous and resident salmonids in river basins east of the Cascades.

The IMST is also working with OWEB to hold a joint workshop on effectiveness monitoring for restoration activities. The following high priority items are not yet scheduled:

- Ecological interactions among native and non-native species.
- Effectiveness of Oregon Plan salmonid conservation and restoration policies and activities.
- Historical context – vegetation/land cover, channel conditions, fish populations.

Information on the IMST and copies of past technical reports are available on the IMST's web site at <http://www.fsl.orst.edu/imst/index.html>.

K. Attorney General Advice Concerning the Administration of Lottery Funds

Richard Whitman, Attorney in Charge, Natural Resources Section, Oregon Department of Justice, briefed Board members on *draft* advice concerning OWEB's responsibilities for administering lottery funds.

The *draft* advice states that OWEB is the single state agency responsible for administering and overseeing the expenditure of all natural resources moneys from Measure 66 funds according to requirements stated in the Oregon Constitution, Article XV, Section 4b. Those requirements are:

- Some moneys be spent for each of the five specified purposes which are:
 - (1) Watershed, fish and wildlife, and riparian and other native species, habitat conservation activities, including but not limited to planning, coordination, assessment, implementation, restoration, inventory, information managements and monitoring activities.
 - (2) Watershed and riparian education efforts.
 - (3) The development and implementation of watershed and water quality enhancement plans.
 - (4) Entering into agreements to obtain from willing owners determinate interests in lands and waters that protect watershed resources, including but not limited to fee simple interests in land, leases of land or conservation easements.
 - (5) Enforcement of fish and wildlife and habitat protection laws and regulations.
- No moneys can legally be spent for any other purpose,
- At least 65% of all moneys must be spent for capital expenditures.

The *draft* advice also states that OWEB has oversight responsibility to all expenditures of natural resources moneys from the fund, regardless of whether an end-user spending the moneys received them directly by legislative appropriation, from OWEB pursuant to statutory direction, or from OWEB as a result of its discretionary decision-making. This oversight can be accomplished through the execution of agreements between OWEB and recipient entities.

The *draft* advice suggests the OWEB Executive Director will need a formal delegation from the Board to be able to distribute moneys pursuant to statutory direction. OWEB should also establish through rulemaking the allocation process mandated by the Legislature and establish a similar process through its grant agreements. Also, the grant agreements should include language obligating OWEB to make payments only to the extent that moneys are available and obligating grantees to return grant funds in the event of a shortfall in lottery revenues.

The Secretary of State's Office is currently reviewing the draft advice. DOJ expects the advice to be final in about two weeks.

L. Public Comment (Non-Grant)

Steve Tesch, OSU Forest Engineering Department, updated Board members on the Hinkle Creek Project.

M. Oregon Plan Coastal Coho Assessment Presentation

Jay Nicholas, Science and Policy Advisor, provided an overview of the draft report and findings of the recently completed Assessment of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds as it relates to Oregon coastal coho. The Assessment will be produced as Volume 2 of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds 2003-2005 Biennial Report. Outcomes of Oregon's assessment include:

- Biological viability of the ESU;
- Status and trend of coho populations, stream habitat, and water quality conditions;
- Risk factor analysis for populations;
- Potentially a recommendation to NMFS regarding the ESA status; and
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of state management programs.

Risk factors were measured for:

- Marine habitat
- Fishery harvest
- Hatchery impacts
- Stream complexity
- Fish passage
- Water quality
- Water quantity
- Other factors

The draft report concludes that:

- ESU is viable
- Factors for decline have been effectively addressed
- Moderate risk remains from two risk factors: ocean conditions and stream complexity
- Current management plus restoration should preclude serious deterioration of fish or their supporting habitat
- Greatest restoration opportunity – stream complexity
- Monitoring will promptly detect any serious deterioration, providing opportunity for state or federal protective action

The Oregon Coastal Coho Assessment is scheduled for publication in June 2005.

N. Oregon State University, Institute for Natural Resources Discussion

Gail Achterman, Director, OSU INR, Karyle Butcher, OSU Librarian, and Tim Fiez, OSU Digital Library Program, explained development of the North Coast Web Portal. The project was funded through a contract with OWEB and the INR for \$150,000. The web portal was developed to inform decision-making about the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. In coordination with the Coastal Coho Project, the web portal was designed using the North Coast region as a pilot. The objective of the portal is to provide easy access through the Internet to natural resources data, tools, and expertise.

Objectives of the project were to:

- Use the power of the Internet;
- Make the portal user friendly; and
- Link to and build onto existing state and federal systems.

Partners from the INR, OSU Libraries, and the Infographics Lab at the University of Oregon will launch this web portal to demonstrate its utility for providing information about species such as coho and Chinook salmon and their habitats. Together with the Willamette Basin Conservation Project, this portal will provide a foundation to inform development of a statewide web portal for natural resource information needed by policy makers and citizens.

The INR estimates that it will cost \$2.5 million to complete the portal statewide, and an additional \$270,000 per year to maintain the web site.

O. Support for the Governor's Willamette River Legacy Plan

Louise Solliday, Project Manager, Governor's Willamette River Legacy Plan, briefed Board members on the current status of the project. The Willamette River is the Governor's top environmental issue. Ms. Solliday is revisiting the work already done on the Willamette by other entities, so work isn't duplicated. She is preparing a 10-page document to identify the high

priority items addressing the three R's identified by the Governor – repair, restore, and recreate. The final draft will be prepared for the Governor's review in the next few weeks. The document will identify action items, benefits, funding, partners, and a timeline/targets for performance measures. Her job has recently been expanded to include the lead role for recovery planning in the Columbia River.

Ms. Solliday will report to the Board again at the conclusion of the project.

P. Other Business

Savage Rapids Dam

In January 2002, Board members committed funding of up to \$3 million to support removal of the Savage Rapids Dam and post-removal restoration of the riparian area upstream of the dam site. The funds will also support the creation of enhanced recreational opportunities for the community along the river corridor. In September 2004, Board members approved a schedule to allocate the remainder of the \$3 million (\$750,000 remains to be allocated), with a \$200,000 allocation scheduled for March 2005. Changes in anticipated federal funding and timelines for completing the project present an opportunity to adjust the Board's funding allocation schedule to meet other current grant funding needs.

Board members unanimously supported the staff recommendation to rescind the March 2005 \$200,000 allocation approved at the September 15, 2004, Board meeting for Savage Rapids Dam, and add the \$200,000 to the total remaining allocations to be made using next biennium's funds.

South Coast and Rogue Basin Regional Restoration Priorities

In May 2004, Board members committed funding of up to \$500,000 to fund the development of restoration priorities at the basin scale for the entire state. To date, staff have entered into contracts to develop priorities for the Willamette Basin (\$100,000) and John Day Basin (\$64,900). OWEB is requesting to move forward with developing restoration priorities for the South Coast and Rogue basins by the end of the year.

Board members unanimously supported the staff recommendation to approve funding up to \$85,000 to enter into grant agreements with the South Coast Watershed Council and Rogue Basin Coordinating Council to complete restoration priorities in the South Coast and Rogue basins using the guidance provided by the Board.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.