

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDUSTRIES**

Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Salem, Oregon

1) Call to Order:

Chair Larry Givens called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

2) Introductions:

Board Chair Larry Givens, Vice Chair Steve Macnab and Board Members Doug MacDougal and Charles Vars were present.

DOGAMI Staff in attendance:
State Geologist Vicki McConnell
Assistant Director Gary Lynch
Assistant Director Don Lewis
Chief Scientist Ian Madin joined after the break
Administrative Assistant Carol DuVernois

In the audience:
James Bela, Oregon Earthquake Awareness

1 **3) Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2010 Portland Meeting:** (Board) *Action*
2 *Item*

3 **Motion:** Macnab moved and Vars seconded motion to approve minutes
4 as written. Motion carried.

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6 **4) Board Business:**

7 **a. Update of status of outstanding objectives in Governing**
8 **Board Key Performance Measure 11: *Update Item***

9 Chair Givens met with Director McConnell and reviewed the Board's
10 performance evaluations, noting the evaluations were very positive. They also
11 discussed goals for the next year, with the primary goal being to maintain a
12 viable agency in light of state budget challenges.

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14 **5) State of the Agency:** (Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist)

15 **a. Agency activities update: *Update Item***

16 McConnell briefed the Board on current and recently completed projects,
17 new grants, recent meetings and staffing changes. She recommended that
18 the Board write letters of appreciation to long-term staff who will be retiring.

19 **b. Status of Agency Request Budget and Governor's**
20 **Recommended Budget: *Update Item***

21 The Governor will release a Reset Budget recommendation in December,
22 and the new Governor will have until February to submit a Governor's

23 Recommended Budget to the Legislature. We have had one meeting with
24 DAS-BAM staff and DAS management to discuss their draft
25 recommendations that will go to the Governor but have not received any final
26 budget recommendations.

27 We expect yet another cut to our current allotment after the December
28 economic forecast.

29 **c. Status of Draft LC 600 – Broadening Agency authority to**
30 **accept funds for projects: *Update Item***

31 The Legislative Concept was submitted to DAS-BAM in early April was
32 submitted to Legislative Council for drafting in early June. Legislative
33 Council has drafted the bill in coordination with the Agency. We have also
34 submitted the fiscal analysis and a one-page explanation of the bill to DAS.
35 The draft is considered ready for pre-session filing if the Governor so
36 chooses.

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38 **6) Break**

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40 **7) Regulatory Issues:** (Gary Lynch, Mineral Lands Regulation and
41 Reclamation Program)

42 **a. Status of rulemaking for aggregate, oil and gas, geothermal**
43 **laws. *Update Item***

44 Oil and Gas rule writing is moving slowly due to staffing absences and
45 shortages. However, an internal draft has been completed and sent to the
46 Assistant Attorney General for review. Both Geothermal and Oil & Gas
47 rules should be ready for Rules Advisory Committees by the end of the
48 year. We anticipate bringing draft rules before the Board in early 2011.

49 **b. Summary of operational and enforcement activities for**
50 **surface mining and oil and gas and geothermal regulatory**
51 **programs: *Update Item***

52 Lynch reviewed several operational and enforcement issues, including a
53 large mine-to-wetlands restoration project on the Middle Fork of the
54 Willamette River, permit enforcement at Harney Rock and at Tidewater
55 Sand and Gravel, and the active opposition to Oregon Resources
56 Corporation's prospective mining operation in Coos County.

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58 **8) Review of FEMA Coos County Flood Mapping Project:** (Don Lewis,
59 DOGAMI Assistant Director)

60 Lewis gave a presentation outlining the project which is nearly complete,
61 highlighting the techniques used, the maps produced and the outreach the
62 agency is doing to engage the communities that may be affected by the
63 project. He noted the outstanding work of Mathew Tilman, Jed Roberts,
64 John English and Jonathan Allan on the project.

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66 **9) Set Time and Date for next meeting:** (Board)

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68 The next meeting will be held on Friday February 11th, 2011 in Portland.

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10) Public Comment:

James Bela, of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, addressed the Board regarding Rapid Visual Screening techniques and OEM's seismic rehabilitation grant process.

11) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

12) ODOT Commission Workshop on Earthquake Preparedness:

The Governing Board and the ODOT Commission participated in an afternoon workshop sponsored by ODOT and DOGAMI and focused on the state of earthquake preparedness of ODOT bridges and infrastructure.

Action Items:

1. Set up a reminder for the Board to do Director's appraisal annually.
2. Set up landslide inventory maps and the political implications of those maps as a future meeting topic.
3. Write appreciation letters from the Board to Frank Schnitzer, Mark Ferns and Alva Schneff.
4. Send a copy of the Transition Memo to the Board - Done.
5. Give Board members copies of the Delegation Log for the Board Briefing Binders.

APPROVED:

Larry Givens, Chair

Steve Macnab, Vice Chair

Charles Vars

Lisa Phipps

Douglas MacDougal