

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board Member Bios

Jeff Wyatt (appointed 2021):

Governor Brown appointed Jeff in 2021.

Current Board Chair

Jeff Wyatt has over thirty-five years of experience in engineering and project management. At Chevron he has managed an R&D laboratory, designed petrochemical plants, managed capital and environmental projects, and marketed specialty chemicals. He was the environmental team leader on four large international merger and acquisition projects, including an offshore oil field in Western Australia and two petroleum refineries.

Jeff developed Chevron's hypothesis-based methodology for international mergers and acquisitions and worked with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to extend the methodology to Chemical Weapons control and verification. In conjunction with LLNL, he taught a course in environmental project management at the University of California Berkeley.

Jeff successfully lobbied Congress, EPA, and the Federal Highway Administration to authorize the use of federal funds to purchase environmentally safe highway deicers. He managed two federal Superfund sites and the RCRA closure and cleanup of Chevron's Richmond, CA agricultural chemicals incinerator and plant.

More recently (2006-2010) he managed a portfolio of environmental and capital projects designed to eliminate surface discharges of produced water at the Wafra Kuwait oil field, recover 3 million barrels of oil into production and remediate over 800 acres of evaporation pits. In 2016 he retired from Chevron's after managing a \$530 million expansion of Tengizchevroil's tank farm and export facilities at the Tengiz field in Kazakhstan.

In his five years with Nanomix, a nanotechnology startup, Mr. Wyatt worked on electronic materials, chemical sensors, automotive hydrogen storage systems, and medical devices. He raised over \$20 million in grants and venture capital funding and has five issued patents in chemical sensing and automotive hydrogen storage.

Jeff recently served on the City of Ashland Oregon's Climate Policy Commission. He has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and a post graduate certificate in Environmental Economics from the University of London.

Laura Feldman (appointed 2019):

Governor Brown appointed Laura in 2019.

Laura is a poet, activist, and educator, born and raised in North Portland. She received her M.S. from Portland State University's Leadership for Sustainability Education (LSE) program in 2013. Her comprehensive project "Sustainable Activism: The Hanford Nuclear Reservation" proposed curricula that



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students, community leaders and activists can use to promote citizen oversight and stewardship of the Hanford cleanup.

Laura led a PSU student tour of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and has facilitated presentations on Hanford at PSU and other community venues. She taught Global Political Ecology in the LSE program, and designed a Hanford curriculum for college students published online through *Curriculum for the Bioregion* through the Sustainability Education Resource – Carleton College (SERC, 2016).

Laura began attending Hanford hearings in the late '90s which inspired place-based writing projects such as *hearing Hanford* (nine muses press, 2011), selections of which toured with the *Particles on the Wall Exhibit* (Toxipedia, 2011). She and artist Yukiyo Kawano are currently initiating the first *Cascadia Film Arts Festival: Living in a Nuclear Landscape* here in Portland in preparation of the 9th Fukushima anniversary.

As a board member of the Willamette River Advisory Group, she has participated in community art, education, and outreach so that those most directly impacted by the Portland Harbor superfund cleanup will have a role in cleanup decisions.

Laura has a deep and abiding love for our home place, and feels as an elder her work is to help nourish a just and resilient world. She says, "Serving on the ODOE Hanford Cleanup board is a wonderful opportunity to continue to learn more about how to heal landscapes like Hanford."

Justin Iverson (appointed in 2019):

Justin represents the Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) on the Board.

Justin is the Groundwater Section Manager at the OWRD.

Justin is a Registered Geologist and holds an Honors BS and MS in Geology from Oregon State University.

Justin was previously a consulting hydrogeologist, where he focused on water resources management and groundwater development for water supply in the United States, Canada, Australia, and the South Pacific.

Thomas (Tom) Roberts (appointed 2017)

Governor Brown appointed Tom to the Board in 2017.

Tom is the Emergency Manager for Umatilla County and he represent the public safety community on the Board.

Tom's Previous Related Work Includes being the Emergency Management for US Army at three



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Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Sites including the Umatilla Chemical Depot in Hermiston, Oregon, the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo, Colorado, and the Bluegrass Chemical Depot in Richmond, Kentucky.

Tom has an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Management from Clackamas Community College and Graduate of Hermiston Senior High School.

Tom is also a FEMA Trained Master Exercise Practitioner and Advanced Public Information Officer.

Tom has served as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for 20 combined years with the Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services, the Pendleton Fire Department and as a Lieutenant with the Irrigon Fire Protection District.

Senator Bill Hansell:

Senator Bill Hansell was appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by the Senate President in 2013.

Bill represents Oregon Senate District 29, which is the closest Oregon Senate district to Hanford. A former Umatilla County Commissioner, serving for 30 years, he has long had an interest in what has and is happening at Hanford.

Bill has ancestors that came to Oregon in 1853 on the Oregon Trail, making him a sixth generation Oregonian.

Bill lives in Athena, where he was raised on a wheat and cattle ranch.

During his 30 years as a county commissioner, Bill served on a number of local, state, and national positions. These included: president of the Association of Oregon Counties (1988) and the president of the National Association of Counties, based in Washington DC in 2005.

Bill was elected to the Oregon Senate in 2013. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he met and married his wife Margaret 47 years ago.

They are the proud parents of six children and even prouder grandparents of eleven grandchildren. "For what is now seven generations my family has lived in this area. I am pleased to have been asked to serve on this Board, and to be involved in working on the issues Hanford presents."

Representative Tawna Sanchez (appointed 2016):

Representative Tawna Sanchez was appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by the Speaker of the House in 2016.



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Tawna Sanchez has spent her life working to strengthen the community. Born of ShoshoneBannock, Ute, and Carrizo descent, Tawna grew up in Portland, and for many years has been a leader fighting for the rights of women, indigenous people, and the most vulnerable.

As the Director of Family Services at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Tawna helped create the Early College Academy, expanded early childhood services, affordable housing development, elder support, and assisted in building a nationally recognized domestic violence wrap-around service model.

Over time, Tawna has helped raise 18 foster kids, and has been active in state policy making – serving on the Family Services Review Commission and the Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

As a state representative, Tawna remains committed to standing up for social justice on the side of the oppressed and pushing to make our systems more equitable. She serves on the House Human Services and Housing, and Judiciary Committees, as well as the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety.

Representative Bobby Levy:

Bobby Levy is the Oregon State Representative for House District 58. As a life-long resident of Eastern Oregon, Bobby has spent her years in a multitude of professions.

As a farmer, rancher, small-business owner, and educator, Bobby has dabbled in almost every sector of rural life.

During her eight years on the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission, Bobby discovered her passion for supporting Eastern Oregon. She now spends her time advocating for bridging the urban/rural divide in the state legislature and through the non-profit, Eastern Oregon Women’s Coalition, where she resides as president.

Susan Katz (appointed in 2021):

Susan Katz MD has a background in Chemistry, Biochemistry and Pediatric Medicine, with degrees from Brown, USC, and OHSU.

She spent ten years after retiring from her pediatric practice in McMinnville as board member and head of Environmental Health at Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Her chief concern was the effect of common chemical pollutants on the health of children , particularly new research providing conclusive evidence of detrimental effects on neurobehavioral health from common



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chemicals widespread in our environment , and poorly regulated by responsible agencies, both State and Federal.

This work was both rewarding and discouraging as she discovered the depths of resistance to change in all the agencies she dealt with, including the legislature, and the strength of anti-regulation lobbies on behalf of the chemical industry.

Despite any skepticism , she believes strongly in citizen review and will work to keep agencies focused on the health of both human and other species facing unprecedented dangers. This of course includes the nuclear wastes we have produced and the grave issues this Board must inevitably deal with.

Oregon Department of Energy Staff:

Maxwell (Max) Woods:

Max Woods is the Assistant Director for Nuclear Safety and Emergency Preparedness at the Oregon Department of Energy. The division represents Oregon's interests in the Hanford cleanup, with a focus on promoting cleanup efforts at Hanford that are protective of the Columbia River and the downstream Oregon communities.

The division is also responsible for representing Oregon's interests in the Natural Resources Damages Assessment process at Hanford; provides staff support to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board; nuclear emergency response and planning; safe transportation of radioactive material through Oregon; enforcement of Oregon's radioactive waste disposal laws; and petroleum emergency preparedness and response.

Max previously worked in ODOE's Energy Facility Siting Division. Before joining ODOE, he worked for an environmental consulting company as an environmental planner and project manager.

Max has degrees from Claremont McKenna College in California and Washington State University-Pullman, and is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer.

Sara Lovtang:

Sara Lovtang joined the Oregon Department of Energy in June of 2016. She serves as Oregon's representative on the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council.



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Through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process defined by CERCLA, she and other Council members strive to restore ecosystem services injured by releases of hazardous waste and the remediation activities at Hanford Site.

Prior to joining the Oregon Department of Energy Sara worked for the USDA Forest Service for almost 20 years as an ecologist in the regional program, specializing in dry forests and shrub steppe.

She has worked in the field, contributed to plant association guides, and authored publications regarding plant communities throughout the Pacific Northwest's dryland ecosystems. Before her career as a plant ecologist, she worked for US Occupational Safety and Health Administration focusing on the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response standards.

She has a BS from the State University of NY in Syracuse in Environmental Studies, with concentrations in Environmental Law and Communications, and a MS from Oregon State University in Forest Ecology.

Mark Reese:

Mark joined the Oregon Department of Energy team in 2013 as the Nuclear Emergency Program Coordinator focusing on radiological emergency preparedness for the Hanford site and the Columbia Generating Station. Mark provides staff support to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board throughout the year as the Board's Administrator.

A life-long Oregonian, Mark grew up in Eugene and spent most of his adult life in Springfield and eastern Lane County before moving to West Salem in 2013.

Prior to joining ODOE, he spent 20 years in public safety as a Deputy Sheriff at the Lane County Sheriff's Office in Eugene where he served in patrol, corrections, and special operations. Mark was also involved in search & rescue, emergency management and the dive team.

Mark has a BA from Northwest Christian University in Management and a MA in Emergency Management from American Military University.

Mark serves as an ODOE representative for the Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA) and the Oregon Emergency Response System Council. Mark is also an Oregon Certified Emergency Management Specialist (ORCEMS.)



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Tom Sicilia:

Tom joined the Oregon Department of Energy in July of 2018. As the hydrogeologist on the Hanford team, he focuses on groundwater issues, including source material and transport through the vadose zone.

Prior to joining ODOE, Tom spent 10 years as a remediation consultant in New England. He received his B.S. in Geology from Western Washington University and his M.S. in Hydrogeology from Clemson University.

He is a Professional Geologist in Pennsylvania, a Registered Geologist in Oregon, and a Licensed Environmental Professional in Connecticut.

Matt Hendrickson:

Matt joined the Oregon Department of Energy in 2022 as the Radioactive Waste Remediation Specialist after spending 7 years with the University of Oregon. While at the U of O, Matt was the hazardous materials operations manager and the chemical safety officer responsible for the 90-day facility operations, building design safety review, protocol review for dangerous lab operations, controlled substance administration, and chemical use in animal subjects.

Before this he was a Wyoming OSHA compliance inspector and the hazardous materials specialist at the University of Wyoming (UW). Over the 6 years at UW Matt trained as a NFPA 472 Hazmat first responder, underground storage tank expert, air permitting, and substitute radiation safety officer.

Matt has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wyoming in Molecular and Microbiology and was formerly credentialed as Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) and Associate Safety Practitioner (ASP).

