



**Oregon Board of Forestry  
Forestry Program for Oregon Subcommittee  
February 15, 2023  
Facilitator's Summary**

Subcommittee Purpose: Collaborative work forum for Board and Agency leadership to advance efforts to jointly develop a modern Forestry Program for Oregon. The subcommittee will serve until completion of the FPFO, targeted for December 2023.

**In Attendance:**

- Board members: Ben Deumling, Joe Justice, Brenda McComb
- ODF leadership and technical and support staff: Ryan Gordon, Mike Wilson, Ryan Greco, John Tokarczyk, Danny Norlander, Hilary Olivos-Rood
- Oregon Consensus Facilitation Team: Robin Harkless (facilitator), Carolina Martins (OC partner, observer)
- Guests: Sarah Giles and Wendy Willis, Oregon's Kitchen Table

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<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
Draft Goal Themes/Subthemes section	ODF staff/ OC	March 10
Draft Operational Excellence goal theme	ODF Executive Team	March 15
Prepare staff report related to FPFO update	Ryan Gordon	Deadline for March 15 Board Meeting
Engage in framing questions for Community Outreach with OKT	Subcommittee (minimum 1 Board member and 1 ET member)	March 15

**FPFO Content Development**

Goal Themes: The subcommittee discussed goal themes for the FPFO, beginning with a review of various ways the conversations on values which had emerged from the October 2022 retreat and OVBC beliefs and values survey. Comments included:

- Observed that there is so far not a lot of correlation between the brainstormed list the Board and Executive Team developed in October, with the value sets that came out of the OVBC survey. Tells us to avoid ranking and to be cognizant of the broader social values that we may not immediately identify.
- We should recognize and apply values to the goals while also recognizing the Board and ODF leadership have a particular set of knowledge and expertise around forest management that the broader community does not.
- Contextualize the goals under umbrella themes of ‘forest resiliency’ and ‘accessibility’.
- Goals should be limited to 4-5 so they will be broad, but also need to encompass sub-themes that are important.
- After some discussion, the group narrowed, generally, to themes around economy, carbon, biodiversity/conservation, and operational excellence - with strong sub themes related to water / water quality as well as recreation.
- **ACTION:** ODF staff will work with OC to provide a first draft of the goals section, with examples of elements or strategies (including existing initiatives like the 20-



Year Resiliency Strategy) that would land under those goal themes. The subcommittee will revisit and refine this section at their March 15 meeting in preparation for the April Board retreat.

- **ACTION**: The Executive Team will initiate a draft of the Operational Excellence goal theme and bring something to the Subcommittee in March.

**Community Engagement**: Oregon's Kitchen Table Director Wendy Willis and Project Manager Sarah Giles provided an overview and timeline of the community engagement work they will be conducting over the next year. They noted points along the way where engagement with the Subcommittee will be important, including this Spring with framing questions (what do we want to know?) that will be developed into culturally specific surveys and other in person engagement activities; helping to identify groups, events and activities where the engagement should occur; and in the Fall, helping to develop and attend the community conversations that might involve more conventional stakeholders. Wendy emphasized the importance of asking questions that will be meaningful to the communities as well as informing policy efforts so that the information will be used in a meaningful way. This is an important aspect of building relationships over time. Comments, questions from the Subcommittee included:

- Excited about this work and the intention to create pathways for relationships with different communities.
- Weaving input to the FPFO process will be important and will come iteratively as the community engagement process unfolds - even though a 'final' report will not be complete until late Fall. Also, ODF has an interest in establishing relationships and connecting with communities on a number of strategic initiatives so will want to think about the approach through a lens beyond just FPFO development.
- We will want to have regular check ins with OKT along the way to learn real time what themes are emerging - convergence - as well as where there are unique perspectives that might come from a particular community - divergence.
- **ACTION**: Ryan Gordon will connect with OKT to initiate the framing conversations and bring something to the subcommittee as a next step.

### **Next Steps**

- Ryan will prepare a brief staff report on the FPFO effort for the upcoming Board meeting (March 8-9); the agenda itself will be limited to about 15 minutes for a status update.
- The Subcommittee will continue work to evolve the Goals section of the FPFO and plan to share a draft for discussion and refinement at the April Board retreat.



- OKT will plug in with the subcommittee on a regular basis to engage on development of the community engagement work and keep the group informed as new findings emerge from the community conversations.
- The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 15, 7:30-8:30am.**

Subcommittee meeting procedures:

- The public and participants accessed the meeting through phone and online video conference options.
- The meeting commenced at 7:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 a.m.
- The February 15, 2023, audio (01:03:01, 28.8 MB) posted online at, <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Documents/fpfosub/20230215-bof-fpfosub-audio.mp3>



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## 2023 Timeline

