



OREGON
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ENHANCEMENT BOARD

Virtual Meeting
April 26-27, 2022



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Meeting Agenda
April 26 & 27, 2022

Business Meeting:	Tuesday, April 26th 8:00 a.m.	Wednesday, April 27th 10:00 a.m.
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OWEB encourages written or verbal public comment on any agenda item. All comment requests should be sent to April Mack at April.mack@OWEB.oregon.gov no later than the 4:00 p.m. Thursday **April 21**.

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Verbal comments:

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 - The topic of your comment, and
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Tuesday, April 26, 2022

A. Board Co-Chair Re-appointment (8:05 a.m.)

The current term of Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chair Liza Jane McAlister ends in April 2022. Board members will vote to re-elect Liza Jane McAlister to continue as Co-Chair for a new two-year term. *Action item.*

B. Review and Approval of Minutes (8:20 a.m.)

The minutes of the January 26-27, 2022 virtual meeting will be presented for board approval. *Action item.*

C. Board Member/Executive Director Comments (8:25 a.m.)

Board representatives from state and federal agencies and OWEB's Executive Director will provide updates 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.*

D. Committee Updates (9:45 a.m.)

Representatives from board committees will provide updates on committee topics to the full board. *Information item.*

E. Public Comment (10:30 a.m.)

This time is reserved for the board to hear public general comment and review the written public comment submitted for the meeting. *Information item.*

F. 2022 Legislative Session Update and Amend Spending Plan (10:55 a.m.)

Deputy Director Stephanie Page will summarize new funding and staff allocations to OWEB from the 2022 legislative session. Staff will request approval to amend OWEB's spending plan to include the new funding and to reflect the cost of administering drought programs received in the December 2021 short legislative session. *Action item.*

G. Fall Open Solicitation Grant Offering Board Awards (12:25 p.m.)

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Staff will provide background information on the Fall 2021 Open Solicitation grant offering.

Verbal public comment specific for this agenda item will be heard at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Board Open Solicitation Board Deliberations (2:05 p.m.)

The board will consider grant applications submitted through the Fall 2021 Open Solicitation grant offering Proposals and supporting materials. Funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the board. *Action item.*

H. FIP Effectiveness Monitoring – Post FIP Reporting Funding Request (3:00 p.m.)

Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein and Conservation Outcomes Coordinator Audrey Hatch will request the board approve funding to support a pilot project to track progress towards ecological outcomes following the final biennium of funding under the OWEB Focused Investment Partnership initiative. *Action item.*

I. Board Approve Receipt of the BLM Funds (3:30 p.m.)

Business Operations Manager Courtney Shaff will request the board proactively approve receipt of up to \$10 million from the BLM for aquatic restoration and technical assistance projects over the next three years. *Action item.*

Wednesday, April 27, 2022**J. Director and Staff Updates (10:05 a.m.)**

Executive Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson and staff will update the board on agency business. *Information item.*

K. Post Fire Recovery Update (10:25 a.m.)

Fire, Klamath, and Drought Programs Manager Renee Davis will provide an update about multiple post-fire recovery grant programs being administered by OWEB during the 2021-2023 biennium. *Information item.*

L. Crooked River Watershed Council – Opal Springs Virtual Tour (10:55 a.m.)

Partnership Coordinator, Denise Hoffert and Crooked River Watershed Council Executive Director Chris Gannon will provide an update on the project accomplishments to date at the Opal Springs Dam Volitional Fish Passage Project. This presentation will summarize the restoration actions completed, initial monitoring results, and lessons learned. *Information item.*

M. Public Comment (11:35 a.m.)

This time is reserved for the board to hear public general comment and review the written public comment submitted for the meeting. *Information item.*

N. OWEB Board Climate Resolution Engagement Update (12:20 p.m.)

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams, Business Operations Manager Courtney Shaff, Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein, and Water and Climate Programs Coordinator Jessi Kershner will update the board about the Climate Resolution public engagement process. *Information item.*

O. Review of 2023-2025 Agency Request Budget and Policy Options Package (12:50 p.m.)

Executive Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson and Deputy Director Stephanie Page will request board feedback on a summary of Policy Option Packages for the 2023-2025 Agency Request Budget. *Action item.*

P. General Public Comment (1:50 p.m.)

This time is reserved for the board to hear public general comment and review the written public comment submitted for the meeting. *Information item.*

Q. Other Business (2:15 p.m.)

This item is reserved for other matters that may come before the board. *Information item.*

Meeting Rules and Procedures

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 when OWEB meetings convene.

Voting Rules

The OWEB Board has 18 members. Of these, 11 are voting members and 7 are ex-officio. For purposes of conducting business, OWEB's voting requirements are divided into 2 categories – general business and action on grant awards.

General Business

A general business quorum is **6 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 6 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 8 voting members** present to act on grant awards, and affirmative votes of at least six voting members. In addition, regardless of the number of members present, **if 3 or more voting members** object to an award of funds, the proposal will be rejected.

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.

More Information

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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Membership

Voting Members

Barbara Boyer, *Board Co-Chair, Board of Agriculture*
Brenda McComb, *Board of Forestry*
Bruce Buckmaster, *Public*
Gary Marshall, *Public*
Jamie McLeod-Skinner, *Public*
Kelly Coates, *Public (Tribal)*
Lindsay McClary, *Public*
Liza Jane McAlister, *Board Co-Chair, Public*
Mark Labhart, *Fish and Wildlife Commission*
Meg Reeves, *Water Resources Commission*
Molly Kile, *Environmental Quality Commission*

Non-voting Members

Cory Owens, *U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service*
Dan Brown, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
Dan Shively, *U.S Forest Service*
Eric Murray, *National Marine Fisheries Service*
Paul Henson, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
Stephen Brandt, *Oregon State University Extension Service*
Vacant, *U.S. Bureau of Land Management*

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2022 Board Meeting Schedule

July 26 & 27 Enterprise

October 25 & 26 TBD

2023 Board Meeting Schedule

January - Virtual

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2021- 2023 SPENDING PLAN FOR MEASURE 76 (LOTTERY), GENERAL FUNDS AND PCSRF FUNDS

April 2022 Board Meeting

	GRANTS	July 2021 Spending Plan	January 2022 Additions (Amended)	April 2022 Additions	Spending Plan as of April 2022	TOTAL Awards To Date	April 2022 Proposed Board Awards	TOTAL Awards To- Date & Proposed Awards	Remaining Spending Plan after Awards To- Date	Other Funding Received & Delegated
1	Open Solicitation:									
2	Restoration	32.000			32.000	7.988	7.788	15.776	16.224	0.780
3	Technical Assistance					-				
4	Restoration TA	3.000			3.000	1.116	0.851	1.967	1.033	-
5	CREP TA	1.200			1.200	1.200		1.200	-	0.400
6	Stakeholder Engagement	2.250			2.250	0.557	0.216	0.773	1.477	-
7	Monitoring grants	4.250			4.250	1.837		1.837	2.413	-
8	Land and Water Acquisition	9.000			9.000	3.079		3.079	5.921	0.490
9	Weed Grants	3.250			3.250	3.250		3.250	-	-
10	Small Grants	2.800			2.800	2.800		2.800	-	-
11	Quantifying Outputs and Outcomes	1.000			1.000	0.150		0.150	0.850	-
12	TOTAL	58.750	0.000	0.000	58.750	21.977	8.855	30.832	27.918	1.670
13	% of assumed Total Budget	47.02%			37.96%					
14	Focused Investments:									
15	Deschutes	1.915			1.915	1.915		1.915	0.000	-
16	Willamette Mainstem Anchor Habitat	1.400			1.400	1.400		1.400	0.000	-
17	Harney Basin Wetlands	0.100			0.100	0.100		0.100	0.000	-
18	Upper Grande Ronde	0.466			0.466	0.466		0.466	0.000	-
19	John Day Partnership	4.000			4.000	4.000		4.000	-	-
20	Baker Sage Grouse	2.435			2.435	2.435		2.435	0.000	-
21	Warner Aquatic Habitat	2.293			2.293	2.293		2.293	0.000	-
22	Rogue Forest Rest. Ptnrshp	2.700			2.700	2.700		2.700	-	-
23	Clackamas Partnership	3.082			3.082	3.082		3.082	0.000	-
24	New FIP Solicitation	10.000			10.000	-		-	10.000	-
25	FI Effectiveness Monitoring	0.750			0.750	0.700	0.050	0.750	-	-
26	TOTAL	29.141	0.000	0.000	29.141	19.091	0.050	19.141	10.000	-
27	% of assumed Total Budget	23.33%			18.83%					
28	Operating Capacity:									
29	Capacity grants (WC/SWCD)	15.121			15.121	15.121		15.121	-	-
30	Statewide org partnership support	0.225			0.225	0.225		0.225	-	-
31	Organizational Collaboration	0.500			0.500	0.130		0.130	0.370	-
32	Partnership Technical Assistance	1.500			1.500	0.797		0.797	0.703	-
33	TOTAL	17.346	0.000	0.000	17.346	16.273	-	16.273	1.0730	-
34	% of assumed Total Budget	13.89%			11.21%					
35	Other:									
36	CREP	0.750			0.750	0.750		0.750	-	-
37	Governor's Priorities	1.000			1.000	0.877		0.877	0.123	0.077
38	Strategic Implementation Areas	1.500			1.500	1.500		1.500	-	-
39	Gov. directed - Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	0.330			0.330	0.330		0.330	-	-
40	Gov. directed - Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership	0.350			0.350	0.350		0.350	-	-
41	TOTAL	3.930	0.000	0.000	3.930	3.807	-	3.807	0.123	0.077
42	% of assumed Total Budget	3.15%			2.54%					
43	General Fund:									
44	2020 Fire Recovery & Restoration									
45	Riparian/upland rest. & water quality	10.750			10.750	10.750		10.750	-	-
46	Floodplain restoration & reconnection	5.000			5.000	5.000		5.000	-	-
47	2021 Fire Recovery & Restoration	-		5.000	5.000	-	5.000	5.000	-	-
48	2021 Drought Resiliency - Amended									
49	Irrigation District Grants	-	1.551		1.551	1.551		1.551	-	-
50	Irrigation District Grants - N Unit	-	1.906		1.906	1.906		1.906	-	-
51	Jefferson Co Resiliency Grants	-	0.852		0.852	0.852		0.852	-	-
52	Klamath Livestock Wells & off channel const grants	-	2.733		2.733	2.733		2.733	-	-
53	Klamath Co Resiliency Grants	-	0.731		0.731	0.731		0.731	-	-
54	Jefferson SWCD Soil Conservation Grants	-	3.000		3.000	3.000		3.000	-	-
55	Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP)	-		4.465	4.465	-		-	4.465	-
56	Water Acquisitions	-		9.596	9.596	-		-	9.596	-
57	TOTAL	15.750	10.773	19.061	45.584	26.523	5.000	31.523	14.061	-
58	% of assumed Total Budget	12.61%			29.46%					
59	TOTAL OWEB Spending Plan	124.917	10.773	19.061	154.751	87.671	13.905	101.576	53.175	1.747
60	Funds transferred from/to other agencies									
61	Transfer to ODFW - PCSRF	12.884			12.884	12.884		12.884	-	-
62	Transfer to Eugene Water & Electric Board - GF	4.000			4.000	4.000		4.000	-	-
63	Transfer from ODF for Forest Health Collaboratives-OF	0.500			0.500	-		-	-	0.500
64	Transfer from PSMFC - IMW - OF	0.600			0.600	-		-	-	0.600
65	Transfer from NRCS - Farm Bill technical support - FF	-			0.000	-		-	-	-
66	TOTAL	17.984	0.000	0.000	17.984	16.884	-	16.884	-	1.100
67	OWEB Spending Plan & Other Directed Funds	142.901	10.773	19.061	172.735	104.555	13.905	118.460	53.175	2.847

The Approach We Take

We believe that every endeavor is guided by a set of commitments not just about the “why” and the “what,” but also the “how.” These are the ways we are committed to engaging in our work. This is our approach. These principles modify everything we do.

Our work is characterized by...

Involving stakeholders broadly and in partnership

- Involving the community members at all levels
- Promoting community ownership of watershed health
- Collaborating and authentically communicating
- Bringing together diverse interests
- Building and mobilizing partnerships

Using best available science supported by local knowledge

- Basing approaches on the best available science
- Advancing efficient, science driven operations
- Addressing root sources and causes
- Incorporating local knowledge, experience, and culture
- Catalyzing local energy and investment

Investing collaboratively with long-term outcomes in mind

- Aligning investments with current and potential funding partners
- Maintaining progress into the future
- Stewarding for the long term
- Taking the long view on projects and intervention

Demonstrating impact through meaningful monitoring and evaluation

- Providing evidence of watershed change
- Measuring and communicating community impact
- Increasing appropriate accountability
- Incorporating flexibility, adaptive management – when we see something that’s not working, we do something about it

Reaching and involving underrepresented populations

- Seeking to include the voice and perspectives that are not typically at the table
- Specific, targeted engagement
- Ensuring information is available and accessible to diverse audiences



OWEB Staff Culture Statement

We are dedicated to OWEB’s mission and take great pride that our programs support watershed health and empower local communities. Our work is deeply rewarding and we are passionate about what we do. Our team is nimble, adaptable, and forward-thinking, while remaining grounded in the grassroots history of watershed work in Oregon. With a strong understanding of our past, we are strategic about our future. We believe in working hard while keeping our work environment innovative, productive, and fun. We are collaborative, both with each other and with outside partners and organizations, and place great value in continually improving what we do and how we do it.

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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

January 25 & 26, 2022 Board Meeting

Virtual Zoom Board Meeting

(Audio time stamps reference recording at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dl-TOWlt4Sp--i1KEa_OA.)

OWEB MEMBERS PRESENT

Boyer, Barbara
Brandt, Stephen
Brown, Dan
Buckmaster, Bruce
Coates, Kelly
Henson, Paul
Kile, Molly
Labbe, Randy
Labhart, Mark
Marshall, Gary
McAlister, Liza Jane
McComb, Brenda
McLeod-Skinner, Jamie
Murray, Eric
Owens, Cory
Reeves, Meg
Shively, Dan

OWEB STAFF PRESENT

Charpilloz Hanson, Lisa
Davis, Renee
Fetcho, Ken
Hartstein, Eric
Hatch, Audrey
Kershner, Jessi
Larson, Taylor
Mack, April
McCarthy, Jillian
Page, Stephanie
Shaff, Courtney
Williams, Eric

OTHER

Mork, Lauren
Warren, Robert

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Co-Chair Liza Jane McAlister.

A. Board Member Comments/Executive Director Updates (Audio = 0:00:45)

Board representatives from state and federal agencies and OWEB's Executive Director provided updates on issues related to the natural resource agency they represent. This was 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 (Audio = 1:15:08)

The minutes of the Oct 26 & 27, 2021 virtual meetings were presented for board approval. *Action item.*

Mark Labhart motioned the board approve the minutes from the Oct 26 & 27, 2021 virtual meeting. Meg Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Comment (Audio = 1:16:16)

- Network of Watershed Councils (NOWC) Executive Director, Vanessa Green
- Public - Clair Klock
- Public - Jos Poland

D. Committee Updates (Audio = 1:36:59)

Representatives from board committees provided updates on committee topics to the full board. *Information item.*

E. Special Legislative Funding and Budget/Legislative Updates (Audio = 1:41:28)

Executive Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, Deputy Director Stephanie Page, Fire and Klamath Programs Coordinator Renee Davis, and Board and Legislative Coordinator Eric Hartstein updated the board on the December 13, 2021 special legislative session, provided a brief update on recent legislative days presentations, the 2022 legislative session and budget requests made in the 2023 legislative session. Staff also requested board approval to accept funds allocated to OWEB during the December 13, 2021 special session. *Action item.*

Jamie McLeod Skinner made the motion the board approve receipt of \$11,627,000 in General Funds allocated to OWEB during the December 13, 2021 special legislative session for the purpose of operating and distributing grant funds allocated as described in SB 5561, and delegate to the Executive Director the authority to distribute the funds through appropriate agreements with an award date of July 1, 2021, contingent upon compliance with state accounting policy and procedures, for the programs described in sections 21 and 23 of SB 5561, and an award date of December 14, 2021 for the programs described in sections 19, 19a, 20, and 22 of SB 5561, Gary Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Board Climate Resolution Public Comment, (Audio = 2:19:52)

- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Executive Director, Jan Lee

- Pudding River Watershed Council Coordinator and Network of Watershed Councils Government Committee, Anna Rankin
- Lake County SWCD's District Manager, Justin Ferrell
- Lower Rogue Watershed Council Coordinator, Kelly Timchak

Climate Resolution Board Discussion and Tentative Board Action (Audio =3:05:35):

Deputy Director Stephanie Page, Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Water and Climate Programs Coordinator Jessi Kershner provided an overview of a board climate resolution developed with the Climate Committee. Board discussed action on the climate resolution and the timing for rulemaking to develop climate evaluation criteria for OWEB's restoration grants. *Action item.*

Board discussed feedback received during public comment on the climate resolution and rulemaking. Board recommended additional stakeholder engagement prior to initiating rulemaking. OWEB staff will begin stakeholder engagement and return with an update at the April board meeting.

Randy Labbe moved the board approve the climate resolution as described in Attachment A to the staff report, with the modifications discussed today – **Background**, sixth paragraph; second line; eliminate "can" and replace it with "will". Eliminate "the unavoidable" with "require acceptable". Under **Resolution**, second bullet, second line, replace "economic and ecological damage" with "challenges arising from climate change". On the second page, under **It Is Further Resolved** first line, replace "should" with "will", and second line eliminate "possible" and replace with "Strategies". Bruce Buckmaster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 by Co-Chair Barbara Boyer.

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Co-Chair Barbara Boyer.

G. Public Comment (Audio =0:7:10)

- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) Executive Director, Jan Lee
- Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts Executive Director, Kelley Beamer
- Oregon Network of Watershed Councils Executive Director, Vanessa Green

H. Initiate Rulemaking on Division 5 (Audio =00:23:07)

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein sought board authorization to initiate rulemaking for Division 5, OWEB Grant Programs. *Action item.*

Mark Labhart motioned the board authorize rulemaking for Division 5, OWEB Grant Programs. Jamie McLeod-Skinner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Commissioner Appointments (Audio =00:39:35)

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams requested the board reappoint Doug Krahmer, Nathan Jackson, and Bruce Taylor to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission for four-year terms and appoint Nancy Duhnkrack for a four-year term. *Action item.*

Jamie McLeod-Skinner moved the board reappoint Doug Krahmer, Nathan Jackson, and Bruce Taylor to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission for four-year terms and appoint Nancy Duhnkrack for a four-year term. Gary Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. OWEB Board Meeting Schedule Format (Audio =00:46:27)

Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein provided an update regarding in-person and virtual options for future board meetings. The board was asked to approve a format that includes meeting in-person three times per year once it is (Covid) safe to do so. *Action item.*

Jamie McLeod-Skinner moved the Board approve a meeting format for 2022 for two virtual and two in-person meetings, to be revisited next January, with the January & April meetings being virtual and the July & October meetings being in person, with a virtual option for all meetings to accommodate maximum participation. Gary Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Tidegate Update and Accept Funds (Audio =1:25:04)

Coastal Programs Coordinator Jillian McCarthy provided a summary and update of the Oregon Tide Gate Partnership, and requested the board accept and delegate funding for tide gate technical studies that have a statewide benefit for tide gate project development. *Action item.*

Mark Labhart moved the board accept up to \$77,000 of state lottery funding from the Oregon Business Development Department and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into agreements to implement technical studies that have a statewide benefit for tide gate project development with an award date of January 26, 2022. Randy Labbe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) Effectiveness Monitoring Funding (Audio = 1:40:06)

Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein and Conservation Outcomes Coordinator Audrey Hatch requested the board approve funding to support Bonneville Environmental Foundation's ongoing work related to the FIP program, and supplemental effectiveness monitoring work for the second cohort of FIPs that were first awarded funding in the 2019-2021 biennium. *Action item.*

Randy Labbe move the board award up to \$700,000 from the Focused Investment Effectiveness Monitoring line item in the 2021-2023 spending plan to support the ongoing work of the OWEB-BEF partnership toward continued development and improvement of the FIP program, along with initiating grants to fill priority monitoring gaps for the second cohort of FIP initiatives, and delegate to the Executive Director the authority to distribute the funds through appropriate agreements with an award date of January 1, 2022. Kelly Coates seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Partnership Technical Assistance Grant Awards (Audio =2:16:07)

Business Operations Manager Courtney Shaff and Partnerships Coordinator Taylor Larson provided an overview of the 2021 Partnership TA grant offering and funding recommendations. Staff requested the board approve the funding recommendations outlined in the staff report. *Action item.*

Gary Marshall move the board award Partnership Technical Assistance grants as described in Attachment C to the staff report with an award date of January 26, 2022. Meg Reeves seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

N. OWEB Board Committees (Audio =2:53:07)

Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein updated the board on the current board committee structure. The board discussed public participation in committee meetings, and potential ideas for revising the committee structure. *Action item.*

Kelly Coates moved the board adopt the committee structure as discussed today. Whereas we will combine the Water and Climate Committees into the “Water and Climate” committee, combine Monitoring, FIP and Acquisitions Committees into one “Grants Committee”, eliminate coordinating committee and have the DEI and Environmental Justice Committee as a stand-alone committee. Jamie McLeod-Skinner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

O. Staff Updates (Audio =4:35:11)

OWEB updated the board on agency business and late-breaking issues. *Information item.*

P. FIP Progress Tracking Reports (Audio =5:13:46)

Conservation Outcomes Coordinator Audrey Hatch, Partnerships Coordinator Taylor Larson, Partnerships Coordinator Denise Hoffert, Board and Legislative Coordinator Eric Hartstein, and Robert Warren of Bonneville Environmental Foundation provided a presentation about continuing work to track FIP initiative progress towards ecological outcomes, with a focus on the Progress Tracking Reports for the second and third biennia for the six FIPs first awarded funding in the 2015-2017 biennium. *Information item.*

O. Other Business (Audio =6:04:04)

This item is reserved for other matters that may come before the board. *Information item.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 by Co-Chair Liza Jane McAlister.

April 26-27, 2022 OWEB Board Meeting

Water and Climate Committee Update

Committee Members

Bruce Buckmaster and Jamie McLeod-Skinner (Co-Chairs), Dan Brown, Stephen Brandt, Kelly Coates, Gary Marshall, Lindsay McClary, Brenda McComb, Eric Murray, Cory Owens, Meg Reeves, Dan Shively

Meeting Summary

The Water and Climate Committee met on March 17, 2022. Bruce Buckmaster and Jamie McLeod-Skinner, who were chairs of two previously existing committees that merged, were elected co-chairs of the committee. The meeting began with a discussion of committee scope and future topics of interest. Suggested topics for future committee meetings included updates on the regional water planning table convened by the Oregon Water Resources Department, the 100-year water vision, the integrated water resources strategy, and climate information on the OWEB web site. The committee will keep intersectionality with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee topics as a standing agenda item.

Staff provided an update about outreach and engagement around the board's climate resolution. Staff met with several other state agencies and the Governor's Office to gather advice on inclusive engagement strategies and have identified additional groups to contact to broaden outreach on the resolution. Public listening sessions have been planned for April and May 2022 and a survey has also been developed. Staff reached out specifically to Oregon's nine Tribes to schedule a meeting about resolution implementation. OWEB's DEI contractor will include questions about climate change in interviews of non-traditional partners. Staff provided a presentation about the engagement effort to the Oregon Conservation Partnership.

Staff presented an overview of the responses to climate-related questions on the fall 2021 open solicitation and several other grant applications. Most applicants demonstrated understanding of climate change and impacts and described how their project supports climate change adaptation. Some applicants modified projects to account for climate change. Applicants indicated that more site-specific projections and tools to measure resilience benefits would be helpful and raised uncertainties as a challenge. Some noted there can be trade-offs to build climate change into project planning. Many applicants rely on federal design standards, so it is important to understand how these are modified for climate change.

Staff updated the committee on the 2022 legislative session and several new funding allocations made to OWEB. Staff updated the committee on implementation of drought programs received in the December 2021 special legislative session. Staff also provided a summary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recent assessment report.

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Committee Members

Barbara Boyer, Dan Brown, Lindsay McClary, Mark Labhart, Paul Henson

Meeting Summary

The Grants Committee met for the first time on March 8, 2022. Dan Brown and Barbara Boyer were selected to co-chair the Grants Committee. The main purpose of the committee is to immerse in grant programs and grant decisions that will come before the board.

Staff provided an informational update on the Telling the Restoration Grant Offering, which is a targeted grant offering that was re-established in 2021 following a pause in 2020 due to the economic downturn caused by the pandemic. To support this offering, staff identify grantees and projects that could be highlighted to help communities working in similar landscapes, including landowners, other funders, and watershed practitioners, better understand the ecological benefits and outcomes of OWEB investments.

Staff provided the committee with background on post-Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) program reporting in preparation for an April 2022 funding request to the board (see agenda item H). Each biennium, OWEB produces a progress tracking report for each FIP that provides a high-level summary of progress in the context of the initiative's results chain. It can take many years to achieve ecological outcomes, and the board was interested in learning more about the long-term benefits on the investments. The audience for post-FIP reporting will be the board, key stakeholders, and FIP partners. The format and content are anticipated to be similar to FIP progress tracking reports with a greater emphasis on the progress toward longer-term ecological outcomes.

Staff provided an update on the \$5 million appropriation passed during the 2022 legislative session, which include grants for authorized Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) grants, including conservation easements and conservation management plans. The appropriation includes funding for 2.5 FTEs to operate the program through the end of the biennium. Staff will work to launch the program, including grant solicitations during the 2021-23 biennium.

In addition to OAHP, staff provided an update on the 2022 session, which resulted in appropriations to OWEB of \$5.2 million for 2021 Wildfire Recovery grants, \$10 million for water acquisition grants to help address long-term drought resiliency, as well as funding for a conservation outcomes specialist, and staff for drought relief programs.

OWEB received 11 FIP proposals covering all seven board ecological priorities in the recent FIP solicitation, which are currently being evaluated. The FIP evaluation consists of two expert review panels: 1) to evaluate the capacity of partnership to implement the initiative; and 2) to evaluate the ecological benefits of the initiative. The expert panels will develop ratings for each of the criteria in administrative rules. The ratings will be captured, along with strengths and concerns, and presented to the Grants Committee in advance of the June 14 -15 partnership interviews meeting.

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Environmental Justice Committee Update

Committee Members

Kelly Coates (co-chair), Dan Shively (co-chair), Molly Kile, Bruce Buckmaster, Liza Jane McAlister

The DEI and Environmental Justice Committee met for the first time on March 3, 2022. The committee elected Kelly Coates and Dan Shively as co-chairs of the committee.

The meeting began with a discussion of committee priorities. Priorities identified by the committee include:

- Continue outreach around the Climate Resolution and Rules Advisory Committee for Division 5 Rules while working to develop a DEI Outreach Strategy to guide agency outreach in the future.
- Continue DEI training for staff and board.
- Ensure OWEB resources are available to all communities in Oregon.
- Identify next steps for the Tribal Assessment presented to the board in 2021.

The committee also recognized that the board's work with tribes logically fits within the scope of the DEI and Environmental Justice committee. However, it is important to recognize that OWEB has a government-to-government responsibility when working with tribes that is separate and unique from OWEB's other DEI work.

Staff provided an update about outreach and engagement around the board's climate resolution. Staff met with several other state agencies and the Governor's Office to gather advice on inclusive engagement strategies and have identified additional groups to contact to broaden outreach on the resolution. Public listening sessions have been planned for April and May 2022 and a survey has also been developed. Staff reached out specifically to Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes to schedule a listening session about resolution implementation. OWEB's DEI contractor will include questions about the climate resolution in interviews of non-traditional partners. Staff provided a presentation about the engagement effort to the Oregon Conservation Partnership.

Staff updated the committee on the 2022 legislative session and several new funding allocations made to OWEB.

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Agenda Item F supports all of OWEB's Strategic Plan priorities.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Lisa Charpilloz-Hanson, Executive Director
Stephanie Page, Deputy Director
Eric Hartstein, Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator
SUBJECT: Agenda Item F – 2022 Legislative Session Update and Amend Spending Plan
April 26-27, 2022 Board Meeting

I. Introduction

This report summarizes new funding and staff allocations to OWEB from the 2022 legislative session. At the April 26-27, 2022 board meeting, staff will request to the board to amend OWEB's spending plan to include the new funding.

II. 2022 Regular Legislative Session Funding Allocations

The Oregon Legislature convened in February for the 2022 legislative session. Legislative priorities included workforce development, COVID economic relief, and drought and disaster resiliency.

OWEB received the following funding allocations in House Bill (HB) 5202 that support resiliency, disaster relief and recovery, and protection of farm and ranchlands.

- \$5 million in General Funds for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP)
- \$10 million in General Funds for water acquisition grants and administration
- \$5.2 million in General Funds for 2021 post-wildfire recovery grants and administration

Typically, General Funds must be spent by the end of each biennium. However, language in HB 5202 directs investments for OAHP and for water acquisitions into separate accounts at the State Treasury. This language allows OWEB to carry funds over at the end of the biennium.

OWEB also received several limited duration staff positions in the 2022 legislative session. These positions will administer the new funding allocations, provide additional support for new drought grant programs, and provide additional support to track and report conservation outcomes.

The new investments represent significant workload to the agency. OWEB will hire the new staff to help accomplish this workload. Hiring will be prioritized with the drought and fire positions first, followed by OAHP, water acquisitions, and conservation outcomes.

III. Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve amending the 21-23 biennial spending plan to reflect the 2022 legislative session General Fund allocations. Staff recommends the board delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute the legislatively directed 2021 post-wildfire recovery funds through appropriate agreements with an award date of April 4, 2022.

Staff also recommends that the board approve modifications to the spending plan line items for drought relief and recovery grants. The proposed modifications reflect the net amount of funding available for grants after subtracting OWEB's legislatively approved administrative costs.

Attachments

- A. The Proposed Updated Spending Plan (with additions for OAHP, water acquisitions and 2021 post-wildfire recovery shown in the 'April 2022 Additions' column and the adjusted amounts for the drought relief and recovery grants shown in the 'January 2022 Additions' column).

2021- 2023 SPENDING PLAN FOR MEASURE 76 (LOTTERY), GENERAL FUNDS AND PCSRF FUNDS
 April 2022 Board Meeting

	GRANTS	July 2021 Spending Plan	January 2022 Additions (Amended)	April 2022 Additions	Spending Plan as of April 2022	TOTAL Awards To Date	April 2022 Proposed Board Awards	TOTAL Awards To- Date & Proposed Awards	Remaining Spending Plan after Awards To- Date	Other Funding Received & Delegated
1	Open Solicitation:									
2	Restoration	32.000			32.000	7.988	7.788	15.776	16.224	0.780
3	Technical Assistance					-				
4	Restoration TA	3.000			3.000	1.116	0.851	1.967	1.033	-
5	CREP TA	1.200			1.200	1.200		1.200	-	0.400
6	Stakeholder Engagement	2.250			2.250	0.557	0.216	0.773	1.477	-
7	Monitoring grants	4.250			4.250	1.837		1.837	2.413	-
8	Land and Water Acquisition	9.000			9.000	3.079		3.079	5.921	0.490
9	Weed Grants	3.250			3.250	3.250		3.250	-	-
10	Small Grants	2.800			2.800	2.800		2.800	-	-
11	Quantifying Outputs and Outcomes	1.000			1.000	0.150		0.150	0.850	-
12	TOTAL	58.750	0.000	0.000	58.750	21.977	8.855	30.832	27.918	1.670
13	% of assumed Total Budget	47.02%			37.96%					
14	Focused Investments:									
15	Deschutes	1.915			1.915	1.915		1.915	0.000	-
16	Willamette Mainstem Anchor Habitat	1.400			1.400	1.400		1.400	0.000	-
17	Harney Basin Wetlands	0.100			0.100	0.100		0.100	0.000	-
18	Upper Grande Ronde	0.466			0.466	0.466		0.466	0.000	-
19	John Day Partnership	4.000			4.000	4.000		4.000	-	-
20	Baker Sage Grouse	2.435			2.435	2.435		2.435	0.000	-
21	Warner Aquatic Habitat	2.293			2.293	2.293		2.293	0.000	-
22	Rogue Forest Rest. Ptnrshp	2.700			2.700	2.700		2.700	-	-
23	Clackamas Partnership	3.082			3.082	3.082		3.082	0.000	-
24	New FIP Solicitation	10.000			10.000	-		-	10.000	-
25	FI Effectiveness Monitoring	0.750			0.750	0.700	0.050	0.750	-	-
26	TOTAL	29.141	0.000	0.000	29.141	19.091	0.050	19.141	10.000	-
27	% of assumed Total Budget	23.33%			18.83%					
28	Operating Capacity:									
29	Capacity grants (WC/SWCD)	15.121			15.121	15.121		15.121	-	-
30	Statewide org partnership support	0.225			0.225	0.225		0.225	-	-
31	Organizational Collaboration	0.500			0.500	0.130		0.130	0.370	-
32	Partnership Technical Assistance	1.500			1.500	0.797		0.797	0.703	-
33	TOTAL	17.346	0.000	0.000	17.346	16.273	-	16.273	1.0730	-
34	% of assumed Total Budget	13.89%			11.21%					
35	Other:									
36	CREP	0.750			0.750	0.750		0.750	-	-
37	Governor's Priorities	1.000			1.000	0.877		0.877	0.123	0.077
38	Strategic Implementation Areas	1.500			1.500	1.500		1.500	-	-
39	Gov. directed - Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	0.330			0.330	0.330		0.330	-	-
40	Gov. directed - Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership	0.350			0.350	0.350		0.350	-	-
41	TOTAL	3.930	0.000	0.000	3.930	3.807	-	3.807	0.123	0.077
42	% of assumed Total Budget	3.15%			2.54%					
43	General Fund:									
44	2020 Fire Recovery & Restoration									
45	Riparian/upland rest. & water quality	10.750			10.750	10.750		10.750	-	-
46	Floodplain restoration & reconnection	5.000			5.000	5.000		5.000	-	-
47	2021 Fire Recovery & Restoration	-		5.000	5.000	-	5.000	5.000	-	-
48	2021 Drought Resiliency - Amended									
49	Irrigation District Grants	-	1.551		1.551	1.551		1.551	-	-
50	Irrigation District Grants - N Unit	-	1.906		1.906	1.906		1.906	-	-
51	Jefferson Co Resiliency Grants	-	0.852		0.852	0.852		0.852	-	-
52	Klamath Livestock Wells & off channel const grants	-	2.733		2.733	2.733		2.733	-	-
53	Klamath Co Resiliency Grants	-	0.731		0.731	0.731		0.731	-	-
54	Jefferson SWCD Soil Conservation Grants	-	3.000		3.000	3.000		3.000	-	-
55	Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP)	-		4.465	4.465	-		-	4.465	-
56	Water Acquisitions	-		9.596	9.596	-		-	9.596	-
57	TOTAL	15.750	10.773	19.061	45.584	26.523	5.000	31.523	14.061	-
58	% of assumed Total Budget	12.61%			29.46%					
59	TOTAL OWEB Spending Plan	124.917	10.773	19.061	154.751	87.671	13.905	101.576	53.175	1.747
60	Funds transferred from/to other agencies									
61	Transfer to ODFW - PCSRF	12.884			12.884	12.884		12.884	-	-
62	Transfer to Eugene Water & Electric Board - GF	4.000			4.000	4.000		4.000	-	-
63	Transfer from ODF for Forest Health Collaboratives-OF	0.500			0.500	-		-	-	0.500
64	Transfer from PSMFC - IMW - OF	0.600			0.600	-		-	-	0.600
65	Transfer from NRCS - Farm Bill technical support - FF	-			0.000	-		-	-	-
66	TOTAL	17.984	0.000	0.000	17.984	16.884	-	16.884	-	1.100
67	OWEB Spending Plan & Other Directed Funds	142.901	10.773	19.061	172.735	104.555	13.905	118.460	53.175	2.847

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Item G

Open Solicitation Grant Board Awards

Refer to Supplemental Attachment



Agenda Item H supports Strategic Plan Priority 6: Coordinated monitoring and shared learning to advance watershed restoration effectiveness.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Audrey Hatch, Conservation Outcomes Coordinator
Eric Hartstein, Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator
SUBJECT: Agenda Item H – Post-FIP Reporting Funding Request
April 26-27, 2022 Board Meeting

I. Introduction

This report provides information about the need for a pilot project to track progress towards ecological outcomes following the final biennium of funding under the OWEB Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) initiative. At the April meeting, staff will request the board approve funding for the post-FIP reporting pilot.

II. Background

As described at prior board meetings, each FIP initiative is supported by a suite of products, known as the Progress Monitoring Framework, that describes the partnership, restoration goals, and approach to monitoring ecological outcomes for their initiative. FIP initiatives last for six years, while ecological outcomes may take 10 or more years to become apparent. Given this, the board identified interest in the concept of post-FIP reporting.

Post-FIP reporting is envisioned as the final piece in tracking FIP investments and describing the ecological outcomes achieved by the initiative, or the trajectory toward achieving those outcomes. Post-FIP reporting may inform future board decision-making and adaptive management of the FIP program.

The format of the post-FIP report is envisioned as similar to the biennial Progress Tracking Reports, but with a greater emphasis on the assessment of progress towards longer-term ecological outcomes. The report would include information about implementation actions and monitoring data supported by both OWEB and external funding. The audience will be the board plus key stakeholders identified by the partnership (e.g., other funders; private landowners).

The post-FIP report is a new product that would track progress beyond the OWEB-funded timeframe. Ideally, all FIPs would participate in post-FIP reporting, although it is possible that some partnerships will shift their focus.

To inform the scope, format and process for post-FIP reporting, OWEB is pursuing a pilot approach. This funding request is anticipated to cover data compilation, synthesis and analysis, and the production of a report. Staff may request additional funding for additional post-FIP reports at a future meeting.

III. Ashland Forest All Lands Restoration Initiative Pilot/Discussions to Date

The Ashland Forest All Lands Restoration Initiative (AFARI) FIP is part of the first cohort of FIPs funded in 2016. The AFARI partnership has obligated all FIP funding in grant agreements and have nearly completed all projects in the initiative. AFARI partners have expressed interest in participating in the proposed post-FIP reporting pilot.

The AFARI partners envision the post-FIP report reflecting the cumulative impact of all funding that supported the initiative. The report would describe the lessons learned that are relevant to decision makers, emphasizing that FIP funding and OWEB engagement catalyzed strategic thinking and visibility of the initiative. Partners anticipate preparing an application by the end of 2022 with the potential to begin work in 2023.

IV. Recommendation

Staff recommend the board award up to \$50,000 from the Focused Investment Effectiveness Monitoring line item in the 2021-23 spending plan to support a post-FIP reporting pilot project, and delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute the funds through appropriate agreements with an award date of April 26, 2022.



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Agenda Item I supports OWEB's Strategic Plan priority #5: The value of working lands is fully integrated into watershed health.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Courtney Shaff, Business Operations Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Item I – Approval of Receipt of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Funding

I. Introduction

This report requests the board proactively approve receipt of up to \$10 million in federal funds from the BLM for aquatic restoration and technical assistance projects distributed across the state over five years.

II. Background

The Oregon/Washington BLM is responsible for management of over 16 million acres of public lands across the State of Oregon. The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. To accomplish this, the BLM frequently works with partners, such as state agencies, through cooperative agreements.

An opportunity exists for developing a new cooperative agreement between BLM and OWEB, using the Good Neighbor Authority. This would continue the current partnership between the agencies which has been in place for the last two years and facilitated the distribution of almost \$2 million to local partners for aquatic restoration throughout the state. The focus of the projects funded through this new agreement would continue to be the design and implementation of instream restoration projects that increase habitat complexity and resiliency, as well as the removal of passage barriers to fish and other aquatic species.

III. BLM Funding

Funds from BLM at an amount of up to \$10 million over five years are available via a federal solicitation for the state of Oregon. OWEB has proposed development of a cooperative agreement for administering these funds, which would support aquatic restoration and technical assistance projects distributed across the state. Projects are expected to be identified and implemented in phases, as funding becomes available. BLM staff will develop projects, in coordination with local partners, and use existing BLM review and prioritization

processes to determine which projects would be proposed to OWEB and funded under this agreement. The specific details about each project phase will be agreed upon by the BLM and OWEB annually. Phase 1 projects, listed in Table 1, are currently ready to for implementation and have already been reviewed and prioritized by BLM staff. BLM expects to have projects identified for Phase 2 later in 2022 or early 2023.

Table 1. Phase 1 projects.

BLM District	OWEB Region	Project	Fund Amount (\$)
NW	1	SalmonWatch	\$10,000
Medford	2	Riparian Fence Maintenance	\$75,000
Coos	2	Hart Mountain Wildlife Refuge	\$50,000
Vale	5	Aquatic Invasive Species	\$25,000
Vale	5	Mosby Creek Floodplain Enhancement	\$50,000
		PHASE 1 TOTAL	\$210,000

IV. Recommendation

Staff recommend the board proactively approve receipt of up to \$10 million from the BLM for aquatic restoration and technical assistance projects over the next five years and delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute funds through the appropriate agreements with an effective date of May 1, 2022.

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Executive Director Update J-1 Focused Investment Partnership 2021-2023 Solicitation

This report provides an update on the 2021-2023 Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) solicitation.

Background

The FIP grant program was established by the board in the 2015-2017 biennium. FIP investments are made to address a board-identified ecological priority, implemented by high performing partnerships, use integrated and results-oriented approaches as identified through a strategic action plan, and achieve clear and measurable ecological outcomes. FIP funding supports partnerships with up to \$12 million over six years.

2021-2023 Solicitation

For the 2021-2023 FIP solicitation, OWEB received 11 FIP proposals, covering all seven of the board-adopted ecological priorities, requesting nearly \$100 million over three biennia.

FIP proposals have been evaluated in March and April, which consists of two separate expert review panels. The first expert review panel evaluated the capacity of partnerships to implement their proposed initiative. The second expert review team evaluated the proposals from an ecological perspective, gauging how proposed initiatives will make progress towards measurable outcomes, track progress towards those outcomes, utilize science and planning tools, and allocate grant funds across different activities.

The expert review teams have provided ratings for each of the proposals on the FIP evaluation criteria, and staff have documented those ratings, and captured strengths/concerns/and other comments to provide to the partnership applicants and the OWEB Board Grants committee in advance of the June 14-15 virtual committee meeting.

At this meeting, committee members will be interviewing representatives from each of the partnership applicants. Following the interviews, and deliberations, the committee will be developing a ranking for each of the proposals as well as a recommendation for the full board to consider at the July meeting where FIP funding awards for the 2021-2023 biennium will be made.

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Agenda Item K supports OWEB's Strategic Plan Priorities 3, 4, and 7.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Renee Davis, Fire, Klamath, and Drought Programs Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Item K – Post-Fire Recovery Grants Update
April 26-27, 2022 Board Meeting

I. Introduction

This staff report provides an update about multiple post-fire recovery grant programs being administered by OWEB during the 2021-2023 biennium. Standing up each new grant program involves several key steps and significant workload. At the board meeting, staff will review the process steps required when developing new grant programs.

II. Background

In October of 2020, the OWEB Board authorized funding for immediate wildfire response grants to address short-term post-fire recovery needs in areas impacted by 2020 wildfires. In parallel, the Governor's Office and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management activated the state's disaster recovery plan in response to the 2020 fires, convening the Natural and Cultural Resources Recovery Task Force (NCRRTF) to address interagency and intergovernmental coordination needs. The NCRRTF developed a synthesis of priority post-fire natural and cultural resources (NCR) recovery needs and a two-year cost estimate for this work. House Bill 5006 (2021) appropriated \$26 million in General Funds (GF) for NCR recovery funding to several agencies, including OWEB.

In July of 2021, the OWEB Board allocated \$350,000 for immediate wildfire response grants during the 2021-23 biennium, via the Governor's Priorities line item in the board's biennial spending plan. In October of 2021, the OWEB Board added \$19.75 million of legislative funding to the 2021-2023 spending plan for post-fire natural resources recovery grants and delegated authority to the Executive Director to distribute grant funds.

III. Status of Post-Fire Recovery Grant-Making

Since July of 2021, OWEB staff have developed and launched four new grant programs for post-fire recovery. Following is a list and status update for each of the post-fire recovery grant programs that OWEB is administering:

Riparian and upland replanting and restoration in 2020 fire areas to stabilize soils and protect water quality and important aquatic habitat (\$10.75 million, GF) – The first grant cycle for this offering opened in mid-November 2021 and closed on January 31, 2022. Three grant

applications totaling more than \$1 million were received. One application, for the White River fire area, was withdrawn prior to review for submission during a later cycle. Based on application reviews, one grant of nearly \$190,000 for riparian restoration in the North Santiam Watershed (Beachie Creek fire area) is being funded. A revised grant application for the upland restoration in the Brattain fire area will be resubmitted during the Spring 2022 cycle. OWEB anticipates receiving replanting grant applications from up to nine fire areas during the spring grant cycle, which opened on April 1 and closes on May 31, 2022. Depending on available funds, a third grant cycle may occur in Summer of 2022.

Floodplain restoration and reconnection in 2020 fire areas to reduce water-quality impacts and post-fire flood risk (\$5 million, GF) – The first grant cycle resulted in two grant applications totaling more than \$3 million. Based on the review process, one grant totaling nearly \$175,000 for floodplain restoration in the Indian Creek fire area is being funded. A revised grant application for the floodplain restoration in the Molalla Watershed (Beachie Creek fire area) will be revised based on review feedback, with the ultimate funding amount to be determined based on refinements to the project scope. OWEB anticipates receiving floodplain grant applications from up to five fire areas during the spring grant cycle. (See above for grant cycle timelines.)

Restoration and acquisition by the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) in the Holiday Farm fire area (\$4 million, GF) – OWEB staff are working with EWEB and local partners such as McKenzie Watershed Council and McKenzie River Trust, for post-fire restoration and acquisition grant applications, respectively. While Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) was engaged on development of these grant programs, coordination with DOJ is especially important for the EWEB funding due to inclusion of land acquisitions. At the writing of this staff report, applications are in progress for these targeted grant offerings.

Immediate fire response grants in up to four fire areas impacted during the 2021 fire season (Up to \$175,000, Lottery funds) – The offering for the 2021 immediate wildfire response grants is complete. Grant awards have been made for two fire areas: \$75,000 for the Bootleg fire area, and nearly \$50,000 for the Cougar Peak fire area, with both projects supporting a combination of on-the-ground recovery actions and stakeholder engagement to support post-fire recovery, and the Bootleg grant also funding technical assistance. On-the-ground scoping by partners in the Skyline Ridge Complex and Elbow Creek fire areas determined that necessary post-fire actions were not a good fit with this grant offering.

At the April board meeting, staff will review the process steps involved when establishing new grant programs, including, but not limited to: development of guidance and grant applications; project solicitation and engagement with potential applicants; application evaluation; grant award and oversight; and project implementation and reporting.

IV. Recommendation

This is an informational item only.

Attachment

A. Diagram of OWEB granting process

Continuous Improvements Goal
 People submit high quality applications to get money for measurable watershed improvements...OWEB consistently and rigorously reviews and evaluates each application/project.





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Agenda Item L supports OWEB's Strategic Plan priority # 1: Broad awareness of the relationship between people and watersheds.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Denise Hoffert, Partnerships Coordinator
SUBJECT: Agenda Item L – Crooked River Watershed Council, Opal Springs Project, April 26-27, 2022 Board Meeting

I. Introduction

Crooked River Watershed Council Executive Director Chris Gannon will provide an update on the project accomplishments to date at the Opal Springs Dam Volitional Fish Passage Project (Attachment A). This presentation will summarize the restoration actions completed, initial monitoring results and lessons learned from the restoration and monitoring efforts in the Crooked River.

II. Background

The Opal Springs Dam site is in Jefferson County approximately eight miles from the town of Culver and is owned and operated by the Deschutes Valley Water District to supply municipal water to approximately 4,100 households as well as provide hydropower generation. The dam was constructed in 1982 and completely blocked volitional fish passage to over 125 miles of upstream habitat for bull trout, steelhead, Chinook salmon, redband trout and other aquatic species at the lowest point in the Crooked River Watershed (River Mile 7.2). Of particular interest, the project limited access to habitat in the mainstem Crooked River, McKay and Ochoco Creeks to reintroduced Middle Columbia steelhead and Chinook salmon. Opal Springs Dam was the second highest priority fish passage barrier on Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2013 Statewide Fish Passage Priority List. Conversations with the landowner and project partners were initiated in 2003 in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing of the Pelton-Round Butte dam complex on the mainstem Deschutes River, which created the impetus for addressing fish passage at this upstream barrier.

Project partners included: Deschutes Valley Water District, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Water Resources Department, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Trout Unlimited, Portland General Electric and Energy Trust of Oregon, OWEB, and the Crooked River Watershed Council.



Kate Brown, Governor



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Agenda Item N supports all OWEB's Strategic Plan priorities.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Eric Williams, Grant Program Manager
Courtney Shaff, Business Operations Manager
Eric Hartstein, Board and Legislative Policy Coordinator
Jessi Kershner, Water and Climate Programs Coordinator
SUBJECT: Agenda Item N – OWEB Board Climate Resolution Engagement Update
April 26-27, 2022 Board Meeting

I. Introduction

Staff will update the board about the Climate Resolution public engagement process.

II. Background

At the January 2022 meeting, the board reviewed and passed the Climate Resolution (Attachment A). During the meeting, the board received public comment on the climate resolution and proposed rulemaking. Based on these comments, the board recommended OWEB pursue additional stakeholder engagement prior to initiating rulemaking.

In February and March 2022, OWEB staff met with several other state agencies, including Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Energy, and Department of Administrative Services, to hear lessons learned and recommendations from their recent stakeholder engagement processes. Staff also met with the Governor's Office to talk about existing diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice advisory groups and how best to engage them in the climate resolution outreach process.

Lastly, based on feedback from the DEI and Environmental Justice Committee, staff identified new potential partners to contact, focusing initially on agricultural partners. This outreach will provide opportunities for engagement on the climate resolution as well as longer-term communication and coordination.

III. Climate Resolution Public Engagement Process

The public engagement process launched in March 2022, and includes:

1. A webinar to the Oregon Conservation Partnership on March 15th, which shared information about the Climate Resolution and opportunities for public engagement.
2. Six virtual public listening sessions to be held in April and May 2022. Listening sessions will be approximately two hours long and will include an introductory presentation

followed by discussion with attendees. Dates and times for the sessions are listed below.

	Day	Date	Time
<u>Session 1</u>	Thursday	April 14	2 – 4 pm
<u>Session 2</u>	Wednesday	April 20	11 am – 1 pm
<u>Session 3</u>	Tuesday	May 3	6 – 8 pm
<u>Session 4</u>	Wednesday	May 11	5 – 7 pm
<u>Session 5</u>	Tuesday	May 17	1 – 3 pm
<u>Session 6</u>	Thursday	May 19	9 – 11 am

3. A [virtual survey](#) for those unable to attend a listening session or who prefer to share feedback anonymously. The survey covers the same content as the listening sessions and will be open until the end of May.
4. A tribal focus group listening session on May 10.
5. Opportunities for one-on-one conversations with OWEB staff to share input.
6. Adding climate-focused questions to interviews that OWEB’s diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant, ECONorthwest, is conducting with non-traditional partners.

IV. Recommendation

This is an informational item only. Following the public engagement process, OWEB staff will summarize input and share with the board at the July board meeting.

Attachments

- A. Climate Resolution

Climate Resolution

OWEB Resolution 01-2022

Background

WHEREAS, Oregon's watersheds will continue to experience the impacts of significant climate changes, including but not limited to increased water temperatures, altered streamflows (e.g., decreased summer flows, earlier timing of flows), increased extreme events (e.g., drought, heat, flooding), and increased wildfires.

WHEREAS, these changes will affect fish and wildlife populations and may lead to changes in species distribution; reduced population sizes; decreased extent, availability, and quality of habitat; displacement of native species by invasive species, and other impacts.

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change are affecting the quality and quantity of ground and surface water that is critical for Oregon's watersheds, natural resources, people, and communities.

WHEREAS, the impacts of a changing climate may disproportionately affect impacted communities, such as Native American tribes, communities of color, rural communities, coastal communities, lower-income households, and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes.

WHEREAS, investments in fish and wildlife habitat and watershed restoration and health can aid in mitigating for and adapting to the impacts of climate change on our state, by sequestering and storing carbon, maintaining and improving water quality and quantity, and building resiliency in fish and wildlife populations, ecosystems, and communities.

WHEREAS, restoration project components, including fuels, equipment, materials, and transportation, among others, will generate greenhouse gas emissions which may require acceptable tradeoffs in order to achieve the desired long-term net gains for communities and ecosystems.

WHEREAS, Oregon state agencies have been directed by Governor Brown (Executive Order 20-04) to address climate change in a comprehensive and urgent manner and, to the full extent allowed by law, shall consider and integrate climate change, climate change impacts, and the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals into their planning, budgeting, investing, and policy making decisions.

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board will:

- Integrate climate mitigation and adaptation in their budgeting, investing and policy making decisions by:
 - Funding climate-smart adaptation and resilience for Oregon's watersheds, natural resources, people, and communities.

- Funding projects that include meaningful emissions reductions, carbon sequestration, and protection of carbon storage in enhancing watershed health and habitat restoration.
- Valuing project co-benefits and assessing long-term sustainability of projects and acquisitions.
- Learn and apply diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice principles when making funding decisions to address challenges arising from climate change to traditionally underrepresented and impacted communities.
- Engage traditionally underrepresented and impacted communities in processes to craft meaningful solutions that are integrated into funding decisions.

It is further resolved that the above resolutions will be implemented through applicable strategies within OWEB’s authorities. Strategies include but are not limited to:

- Rulemaking to include OWEB Climate Lens of climate-focused evaluation criteria
- Developing agency level goals and metrics for climate adaptation and mitigation to track progress
- Identifying opportunities for and collaborating with climate-focused partners and staff in other agencies to increase efficiencies and share expertise
- Supporting and assisting grantees and partners by providing funding for technical resources and guidance to improve understanding of climate considerations and criteria
- Supporting and funding continued learning and development of climate-smart strategies in watershed restoration and habitat improvement
- Employing a continuous improvement approach in the integration of climate considerations in the agency’s grant programs

Definitions

Adaptation: the process of modifying and adjusting to a new or changing environment

Climate lens: project ranking criteria designed to determine the relative value of proposals according to how they address climate action

Climate-smart: the intentional consideration of climate change, and application of strategies that improve resilience, increase carbon sequestration, and/or reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Mitigation: a human intervention to reduce emissions or enhance greenhouse gas sequestration and storage

Resilience: the ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disruptions



Agenda Item O supports all of OWEB's Strategic Plan priorities.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Stephanie Page, Deputy Director
Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Agenda Item O – 2023-2025 Agency Request Budget
April 26-27, 2022 Board Meeting

I. Introduction

As OWEB develops the agency's 2023-2025 biennium budget request, staff are seeking the board's feedback. Staff propose to focus on OWEB's agency structure and request the resources needed to continue existing work, launch new programs, and address board and state priorities.

II. Budget Preparations for the 2023 Legislative Session

The Oregon Legislature approves budgets for state agencies on a biennial basis. First, each agency submits a requested budget. The Governor then releases a recommended budget, and the Oregon Legislature approves a final budget.

State agencies will submit requested 2023-2025 budgets later this year. Agencies must specifically request additions to the base budget and justify the need for each addition. The requested additions to an agency's base budget are called Policy Option Packages (POPs).

Agencies are also required to submit reduction options. This is typically set at 10% but may be updated as more information becomes available.

III. Budget Proposals for the 2023-2025 Biennium

OWEB needs additional resources to expand engagement and partnerships, continue new programs for disaster resiliency, administer land and water acquisition investments, and create a sustainable organization structure into the future.

The OWEB proposed 2023-2025 POP list is attached. Proposed POPs request continued funding and staffing for several new programs and initiatives. They update the agency's management structure to supervise the expanded portfolio of programs and staff. Staff also propose to add positions to support expanded outreach and engagement and provide technical assistance to local partner organizations on capacity issues.

IV. Recommendation and Next Steps for Budget Development

Staff requests board feedback on the attached proposed POP summary. Staff will bring an updated list of POPs to the July 2022 board meeting.

Attachment

- A. Draft Proposed Policy Option Packages for OWEB's 2023-25 Agency Request Budget

2023-25 Agency Request Budget Summary

Overview

- OWEB's policy packages focus on creating a sustainable organization structure to meet OWEB's needs; expanding coordination on climate and water-related work; expanding equity and inclusion efforts; managing land and water acquisitions; and continuing new programs for disaster resiliency.
- The requested packages will provide OWEB the structure to effectively administer new and existing grant programs into the future. The packages will provide the resources to ensure compliance with federal and state program requirements, including requirements related to management of easements and land acquisitions.
- The requested packages address key state priorities, goals and objectives of OWEB's strategic plan, and OWEB's climate resolution.
- Priorities, goals, and objectives addressed include building non-traditional partnerships, identifying and funding projects with climate benefits, protecting working farms and ranches, building community and partner capacity, and supporting healthy, resilient watersheds.

Policy Packages - Grants Budget Enhancements

- Ag Heritage Investment: Request an additional state investment of \$10 million for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program to support protection and stewardship of working farms and ranches for future generations.
- Additional limitation: OWEB may request additional federal fund and other fund limitation to be able to receive and expend grant funds beyond current service level.

Policy Packages - Operations Budget Enhancements

- Staffing requests: OWEB will request several new positions. The requested positions will support a sustainable organization structure and help the agency effectively administer new and existing grant and acquisition programs, participate in water and climate policy discussions, expand inclusive engagement and fulfill environmental justice legislation requirements, and provide technical assistance to partner organizations.
- Contracted services: Requests funding for contracted services to conduct internal audits required by law and recommended in an audit by the Oregon Secretary of State's office, and to support acquisition monitoring.

Policy Packages - Grants Budget Continuation

- Drought and post-fire recovery program continuity: Requests to continue drought and 2020/2021 post-fire recovery grant programs beyond the current biennium. These programs were received in the regular 2021, December 2021 and February 2022 legislative sessions. We expect demand for these programs to extend beyond June 30, 2023.
- Ag Heritage and Water Acquisitions continuity: Request's limitation to continue spending existing state investments in the Oregon Ag Heritage Program and Water Acquisitions Program beyond June 30, 2023.
- Standard grant program continuity: These packages include the standard request to extend expenditure limitation for non-lottery fund grants that have been awarded and continue to be active; and to bring in lottery grants expenditure limitation at the needed level for the 23-25 biennium.

Policy Packages - Operations Budget Continuation

- Program continuity: OWEB will ask to continue several existing positions to help administer new and existing grant and acquisition programs and participate in water and climate policy discussions.
- Drought and post-fire recovery program continuity: Requests to continue the limited duration positions received to administer drought and post-fire recovery grant programs.
- Program continuity - requests to continue contracted services for DEI work, effectiveness monitoring of investments, and legal services.
- Request position adjustments to account for changes in OWEB's proposed organizational structure.

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