
OWEB CLIMATE RESOLUTION PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

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OUTLINE

Climate Resolution

Public engagement process

OWEB rulemaking



BACKGROUND

- March 2020-Governor issues Executive Order 20-04
- April 2020-OWEB Board Climate Committee
- July 2021-Climate-Related Technical Resources
- Fall 2021-Open Solicitation Grant Offering, Climate Considerations
- Fall 2021-OWEB Climate Statement of Purpose and Climate Lens
- January 2022-OWEB Climate Resolution

BOARD CLIMATE RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that OWEB will:

- Integrate climate mitigation and adaptation in 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.



GOALS FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- Provide an overview of the climate resolution
- Learn from stakeholders about the potential challenges and opportunities associated with the climate resolution
- Use feedback from stakeholders to inform considerations around rulemaking





OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

- Public listening sessions (6)
- Survey
- One-on-one conversations with OWEB staff
- Rulemaking

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS – TODAY!

Facilitated discussion with stakeholders:

- Challenges and opportunities related to integrating emissions reductions, adaptation, and resilience into projects
- Resources, support, and technical assistance needed to do the above successfully
- Other feedback and input



SURVEY

- Same content as listening sessions
- Offered as alternative avenue for stakeholders to share concerns, opportunities, or general feedback





OWEB ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- Climate Resolution-Rulemaking to include OWEB Lens of climate-focused evaluation criteria
- [Link](#) to current OWEB administrative rules
- Rulemaking Process:
 - o Formal
 - o Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC)
 - o Opportunities for public engagement and feedback

TIMELINE

Jan 2022

Board passes Climate Resolution

Mar 2022

Public engagement process kicks off

Apr-May
2022

- Public listening sessions
- Tribal focus group listening session
- Online survey

Jun-Jul
2022

- Analyze and summarize feedback
- Present feedback to Board during July 2022 board meeting

Sept 2022

Rulemaking begins (tentative)

TODAY

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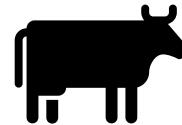
MITIGATION

Reducing emissions or enhancing sequestration and storage



Storing C in soil
(e.g., nutrient management, cover crops)

Improved animal management



Using existing equipment more efficiently

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ADAPTATION

Modifying or adjusting to a new or changing environment



Removing fish passage barriers

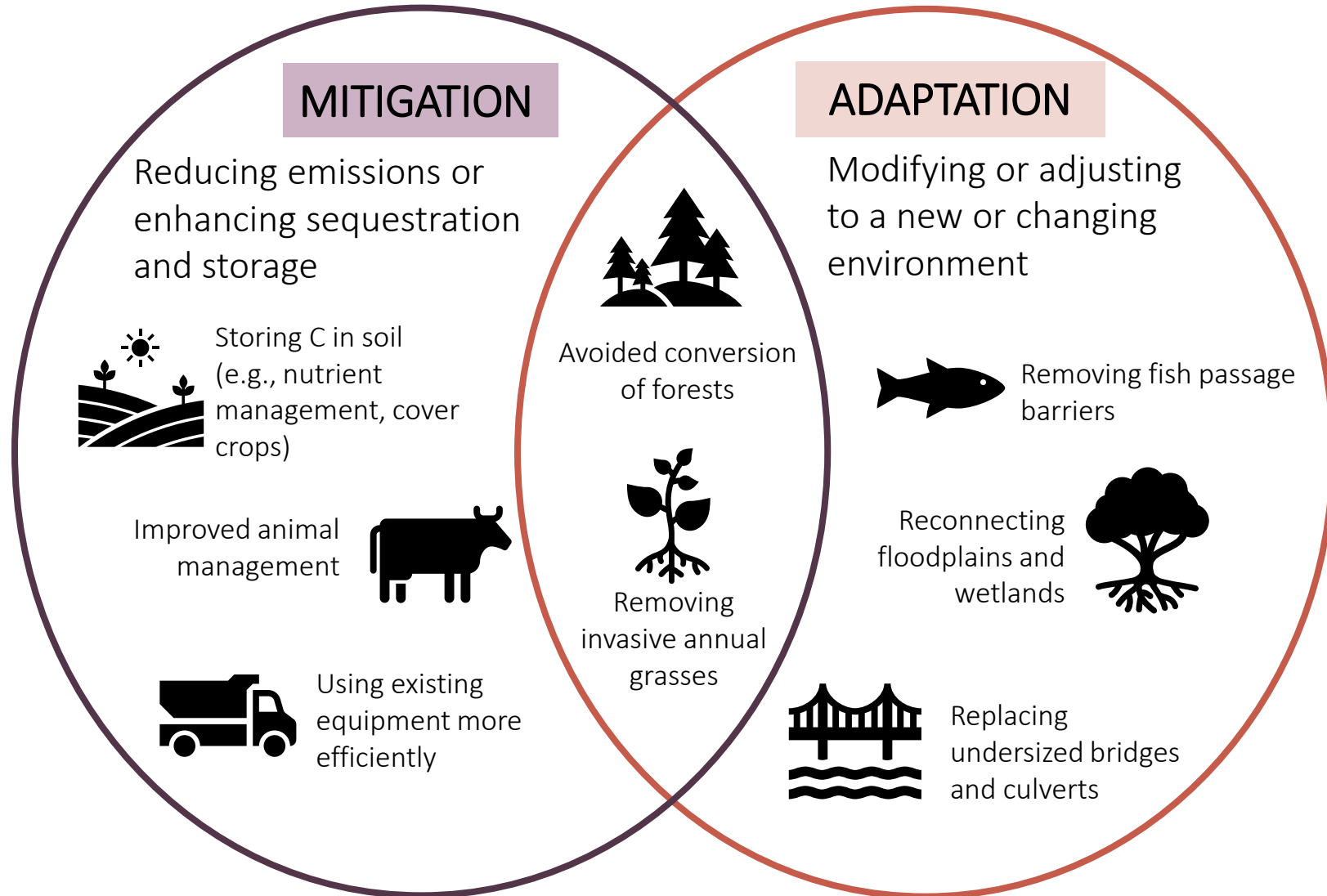
Reconnecting floodplains and wetlands



Replacing undersized bridges and culverts

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Your input today will:

- Help shape OWEB's grant programs
- Inform rulemaking to add climate-focused criteria to grant applications & evaluations

NEXT UP –

Polls

Discussion: Concerns
+ Benefits

