



# Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

## Meeting Agenda

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### Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board January 27-28 2015

*Tuesday, January 27, 2015*

The Loft at the Red Building  
20 Basin Street, Suite F  
Astoria, OR 97103

Directions: <http://www.theredbuildingloft.com/>

***Business Meeting – 8:00 a.m.***

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#### **A. Board Member Comments**

Board representatives from state and federal agencies will provide an update 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.*

#### **B. Review and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 28-29, 2014 Board meeting in Grants Pass will be presented for approval. *Action item.*

#### **C. Focused Investments – Presentation and Board Discussion**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will provide an introduction about the Board's process to develop priorities for Focused Investment Partnerships (FIPs). The Board will hear initial public comment (at approximately 9:40 a.m.) about potential FIP priorities. Ms. Loftsgaarden and Renee Davis, Deputy Director, then will brief the Board about status of the priority-setting process to date, and the Board will discuss potential priorities. Finally, the Board will hear additional public comment (at approximately 3:45 p.m.) about potential FIP priorities. *Information item.*

**D. Public Comment [approximately 4:45 p.m.]**

This time is reserved for general public comment, as well as other matters before the Board.

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***Informal Reception - 5:00-6:00 p.m.***

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*The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff at a reception sponsored by North Coast, Region 1 local partners.*

*Location: The Loft at the Red Building*

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**Wednesday, January 28, 2015****Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.**

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**E. Salmon River Estuary Presentation**

Staff from the U.S. Forest Service will give a brief presentation to the Board about collaborative restoration in the Salmon River Estuary. *Information item.*

**F. Effectiveness Monitoring Update and Funding Request**

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will request feedback from the Board about the Effectiveness Monitoring Program's recent work with partners on an outline for materials describing the Board's Special Investment Partnerships. The Board also will consider a funding request for volunteer water-quality monitoring equipment that is provided for use by local groups as part of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's volunteer water-quality monitoring program. *Action item.*

**G. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Technical Assistance (CREP TA) Update and Award of Funding**

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, and Juniper Davis, Partnerships Coordinator, will provide a brief update to the Board about the CREP TA program. Staff will request the Board consider awarding supplemental funding from Natural Resources Conservation Service in support of the CREP TA and delegating authority to the OWEB Executive Director for distribution of these funds. *Action item.*

**H. Willamette Riparian Pilot Project -- Funding Request**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will brief the Board about the newly developed voluntary riparian restoration work in the Willamette, and efforts to coordinate investments, other agency resources, local landowners and restoration practitioners. The Board will consider a funding request for this program from the Oregon Plan/Governor's Priorities line item in OWEB's 2013-2015 spending plan. *Action item.*

**I. Healthy Rangelands Update**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, and Brett Brownscombe, Acting Deputy Director for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will provide an update about Oregon's Sage-grouse conservation efforts and recent progress under the Governor's initiative, for which the Board has provided funding. *Information item.*

**J. Executive Director Update**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will update the Board on agency business and late-breaking issues. *Information item.*

**K. Biennial Report Update**

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will update the Board on the agency's completion of the 2013-2015 Biennial Report on the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and provide the Board with the final report that was submitted to the Legislature and the Governor's Office. *Information item.*

**L. Spending Plan Discussion**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will lead a discussion with the Board about initial ideas and potential options for the 2015-2017 OWEB spending plan. *Information item.*

**M. Public Comment [approximately 12:05 p.m.]**

This time is reserved for general public comment, as well as other matters before the Board.

**N. Other Business**

**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 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

**Public Testimony:** The Board encourages public comment on any agenda item.

General public comment periods will be held on Tuesday, January 27 at 4:45 p.m. and Wednesday, January 28 at 12:05 p.m. for any matter before the Board. Comments relating to a specific agenda item may be heard by the Board as each agenda item is considered. People wishing to speak to the Board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). *The Board encourages persons to limit comments to three to five minutes.*

**Tour:** The Board may tour local watershed restoration project sites. The public is invited to attend, however transportation may be limited to Board members and OWEB staff. If you wish to join the tour, be prepared to provide your own transportation.

**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.

**Questions?** If you have any questions about this agenda or the Board's procedures, please call Brandi Elmer, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-986-0181. If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Brandi Elmer (503-986-0181) as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

## Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Membership

### Voting Members

- Board of Agriculture member: *Doug Krahmer*
- Environmental Quality Commission member: *Morgan Rider*
- Fish and Wildlife Commission member: *Bob Webber*
- Board of Forestry member: *Cindy Deacon Williams*
- Water Resources Commission member: *John Roberts*
- Public member (tribal): *Eric Quaempts, Board Co-Chair*
- Public member: *Lisa Phipps*
- Public member: *Will Neuhauser*
- Public member: *Randy Labbe*
- Public member: *Dan Thorndike, Board Co-Chair*
- Public member: *Karl Wenner*

### Non-voting Members

- Representative of NMFS: *Kim Kratz*
- Representative of Oregon State University Extension Service: *Stephen Brandt*
- Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Debbie Hollen*
- Representative of U.S. BLM: *Mike Haske*
- Representative of U.S. NRCS: *Ron Alvarado*
- Representative of U.S. EPA: *Alan Henning*

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### 2014-2016 Board Meeting Schedule (Proposed)

2014	2015	2016
January 28-29 in Portland	January 27-28 in Astoria	January 26-27, location TBD
April 29-30 in Bandon	April 28-29 in Salem	April 26-27 location TBD
July 29-30 in The Dalles	July 28-29 in Prineville	July 26-27 location TBD
October 28-29 in Grants Pass	October 27-28 in John Day	

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