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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item D-1: Spending Plan Delegated Authority
July 28-29, 2015 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This report accompanies the spending plan report provided to the Board in June 2015. Once the Board approves the spending plan, staff requests subsequent approval of a number of delegated line items.

II. Background

The OWEB Board has direct oversight over OWEB's grant funds, which are budgeted through the spending plan. The OWEB Board is responsible for approving distribution of grant funds (OAR 695-004-0010) and can do so in a number of ways:

- 1) Direct approval of individual grants (example: funding for SageCon Partnership,)
- 2) Direct approval of a suite of grants (example: approval of the slate of grants presented as a part of regular grant awards)
- 3) Approval of overall funding and delegation to the Executive Director for distribution (examples: Special Investment Partnerships, small grants)

Some delegated awards are legislatively directed (e.g., funding to Soil and Water Conservation Districts, funding to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), while others are based on agency processes. This would include current Special Investment Partnerships – the full funding amount is approved by the Board while specific grants are approved by the Director through delegated authority.

III. Delegated Spending Plan Line Items

Attachment A contains a listing of all spending plan line items recommended for funding, whether they are delegated or not, and when they are typically awarded. It also includes the amount currently requested for delegation.

Based on the May 2015 revenue forecast plus previous biennia estimated ending balances, it is estimated that \$58 million will be available for grant distribution through Measure 76 Lottery Funds. This is an increase of \$2 million over estimates from the February Lottery forecast. Up to \$25 million of Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) funding is estimated to be available as well. A portion of these funds are legislatively directed to be transferred to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). For Lottery funding, the amount is strictly

dependent on revenues received. For PCSRF funding, the amount available depends on OWEB's successful receipt of PCSRF funding through their competitive grant process. There are limitations on eligible uses of the available PCSRF funds based on NOAA recovery priorities and grant types (restoration, TA and monitoring are all allowed). PCSRF funds are also used for OWEB and ODFW staff. Of the \$25 million, it is assumed that approximately \$9.8 million would be invested in OWEB's grant program.

In October 2014, the Board discussed how the spending plan should be organized within the Long-Term Investment Strategy (LTIS) Framework to accurately reflect how funds have been spent. Staff re-organized the spending plan accordingly in the attachment to this staff report. In January 2015, the Board provided feedback on three approaches for the spending plan; and in April 2015 staff presented two options.

IV. Recommendation

Attachment A to the staff report contains a summary of all spending plan line items, noting the delegated items, including those that are requested for Board delegation at the July Board meeting. Staff recommend the Board approve items contained in Attachment A under the 'Current Delegation Request' with an effective date of July 1, 2015.

Attachment

- A. Summary of How Spending Plan Funds are Awarded

Summary of how Spending Plan Funds are Awarded

	Recommended Amount	Award Type	When Awarded by OWEB Board	Current Delegation Request
Open Solicitation:				
Restoration	24.650	Direct	April/October	0
Restoration Technical Assistance	2.750	Direct	April/October	0
CREP Technical Assistance	0.750	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	0.750
Monitoring	1.900	Direct	Each April	0
Outreach	0.600	Direct	Each April	0
Land and Water Acquisition	7.500	Direct	Each April	0
Weed Grants	2.500	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	2.500
Small Grants	2.800	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	2.800
OS Effectiveness Monitoring	0.500	Delegated	throughout biennium	0
Focused Investments:				
FI Partnership Implementation	12.750	Delegated	January 2016 Board	0
FI Partnership Capacity-Building	1.000	Delegated	January 2016 Board	0
FI Effectiveness Monitoring	0.500	Delegated	throughout biennium	0
Operating Capacity:				
Capacity Grants (WC/SWCD)	12.500	Mix	SWCD delegated/council direct award beginning of biennium	6.250
Statewide organization partnership support	0.300	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	0.300
Building Capacity Grants	0.400	Delegated	throughout biennium	0.400
Other:				
CREP	0.500	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	0.500
Oregon Plan/Governor Priorities	1.000	Direct	throughout biennium	0
OTHER DISTRIBUTED FUNDS IN ADDITION TO SPENDING PLAN DISTRIBUTION				
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife - PCSRF	9.512	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	9.512
Forest Health Collaboratives from ODF	0.500	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	0.500
Rangeland Fire Protection Association Grants	0.600	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	0.600
PSMFC-IMW	0.300	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	0.300
Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	0.300	Delegated	Beginning of biennium	0.300
TOTAL	84.112			24.712