



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
January 26-27, 2016

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

McMinnville Grand Ballroom
325 NE Third St.
McMinnville, Oregon

Directions: <http://www.macgrandballroom.com/contact.html>

Business Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

During the public comment periods (Agenda Items C and G) anyone wishing to speak to the Board on specific agenda items is asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). This helps the Board know how many individuals would like to speak, and to schedule accordingly. At the discretion of the Board co-chairs, public comment for agenda items on which the Board is taking action may be invited during that agenda item. *The Board encourages persons to limit comments to three to five minutes.*

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 27-28, 2015, Board meeting in John Day will be presented for approval. *Action item.*

C. Public Comment [approximately 8:45 a.m.]

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

D. Spending Plan Update

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will provide the Board a brief update on the 2015-2017 Spending Plan. *Information item*

E. OWEB Key Performance Measures (KPMs)

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will lead the Board in a discussion of revising OWEB's KPMs. The Board will then consider approval of the revised KPMs. *Action item.*

F. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Technical Assistance (CREP TA) -- Approval to Receive Program Funding

Juniper Davis, Partnerships Coordinator, will provide the Board an update on the CREP TA grant program. Staff will request the Board consider awarding supplemental funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, allocating recaptured lottery funds in support of CREP TA, and delegating authority to the Executive Director for distribution of these funds. *Action item.*

G. Focused Investments-Approval of 2015-2017 Focused Investment Partnerships (FIP) Implementation Initiatives and Capacity Building Awards and Public Comment

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, and Eric Williams, Grant Program Manager, will brief the Board on the 2015-2017 FIP solicitation process. The Board will then hear public comment (at approximately 11:15 a.m.) on the 2015-2017 FIP solicitation process, pending Implementation FIP Initiatives, and Capacity Building grant applications. Based on recommendations from the Board Focused Investments subcommittee, the Board will consider approval of 2015-2017 FIP Implementation Initiatives and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into partnership agreements and subsequent grant awards. Also based on recommendations from the Board Focused Investments subcommittee, the Board will consider approval of 2015-2017 FIP Capacity Building grants. *Action item*

H. Governor's Priorities

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, and Richard Whitman, Governor Brown's Natural Resources Policy Director, will describe the Governor's Priorities, which include Working Lands Easements, Greater Sage-Grouse, Coastal Coho, and the Clean Water Partnership. The Board will consider funding requests for these items. *Action item*

I. Willamette River Report Card

Pam Wiley, former Willamette River Initiative Director, and Allison Hensey, current Willamette River Initiative Director, from the Meyer Memorial Trust will provide to the Board a presentation on the 2015 Willamette River Report Card. *Information item.*

J. Willamette Special Investment Partnership (SIP) Accomplishments Report

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, and Ken Fetcho, Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator, will present to the Board the Willamette SIP Accomplishments Summary Report, which highlights accomplishments made since SIP investments in the partnership began in 2008. *Information item.*

Informal Reception- 5:15-6:00 p.m.

The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff at a reception sponsored by local partners and stakeholders in the Willamette Valley.

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McMinnville, Oregon*

Wednesday, January 27, 2016**Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.**

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K. Public Comment [approximately 8:00 a.m.]

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L. Legislative Update

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, and Eric Hartstein, Senior Policy Coordinator, will brief the Board on emerging legislative issues. *Information item.*

M. OWEB Agency Request Budget

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, will lead the Board in a discussion on the development of the 2017-2019 OWEB Agency Request Budget. *Information item.*

N. Tribal Update

Juniper Davis, Partnerships Coordinator, will brief the Board on the OWEB 2015 Annual Government-to-Government Report to Tribes that highlights work the agency does with tribes in Oregon. *Information item.*

O. Partners Update to the Board

Representatives from the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, and the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts will provide the Board an update on their representative organizations. *Information item.*

P. Executive Director Update

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

Q. Other Business**Tour - 1:00 p.m.**

The Board and OWEB staff will conduct a field tour of OWEB-funded acquisition and restoration sites in Yamhill County. Transportation will be provided for OWEB Board members and staff. Anyone is welcome to join the tour, but please be prepared to provide your own transportation.

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.

Voting Rules: The OWEB Board has 17 members. Of these, 11 are voting members and six are ex-officio. For purposes of conducting business, OWEB's voting requirements are divided into two categories – general business and action on grant awards.

General Business – A general business **quorum is six 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 six** 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 eight voting** members present to take action on grant awards, and affirmative votes of at least six voting members. In addition, regardless of the number of members present, **if three or more voting members object** to an award of funds, the proposal will be rejected.

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

A public comment period for pending Focused Investment Partnerships proposals and applications will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at 11:15 a.m. The Board will not accept any written materials at that time. Any written comments pertaining to pending Focused Investment Partnerships proposals must be received by January 24, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. 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.*

General public comment periods will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at 8:45 a.m. and Wednesday, January 27 at 8:00 a.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 Bonnie Ashford, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-986-0181. If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Bonnie Ashford (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: *Gary Marshall*
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: *Rosemary Furfey*
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*
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2016 Board Meeting Schedule

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July 26-27 in Lincoln City or Seaside
October 25-26 in North Bend or Ashland

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