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**October 20, 2026
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Meeting Agenda**

Public Wi-Fi logon: LandsDSL

*This is a **virtual only** meeting that can be viewed through the
Department of State Lands' livestream video:*

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CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes

Proposed action: Approval of the minutes of the June 09, 2026, State Land Board Meeting.

No public testimony will be taken on this item.

2. Bridge Easement in Lane County

Proposed action: Approval of permanent bridge easement on the Willamette River in Eugene.

No public testimony will be taken on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Elliott State Research Forest Board Appointments

Proposed action: Appointment of four individuals to four-year terms on the Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors.

Public testimony will be taken on this item

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Director's Updates

No public testimony will be taken on this item.

WATCH THE MEETING ONLINE

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PROVIDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The State Land Board places great value on information received from the public. The public may provide written or spoken (online or in-person) testimony regarding action agenda items, time permitting and at the discretion of the Chair.

- **Providing Written Testimony:** Testimony received by 10 a.m. on the day before the meeting will be provided to the Land Board in advance and posted on the meeting website. Submit your input in writing to: landboard.testimony@dsl.oregon.gov. Testimony received after this deadline may not be provided to the Land Board prior to a vote. Please indicate the agenda item your testimony relates to.
- **Providing Spoken Testimony by Video/Phone:** Advanced sign-up is required for the public to provide spoken testimony (in-person or by Zoom). The sign-up deadline is 10 a.m. the day before the meeting.
Please note: When the number of people interested in speaking exceeds the time allotted for an agenda item, speakers are randomly selected for testimony slots to ensure all have an equal opportunity to testify. Speakers have the same chance of being randomly selected whether they plan to testify in person or by Zoom. The testimony order will be posted to the State Land Board Meetings webpage the day before the meeting, and everyone who signed up to testify will be notified of the testimony order via email. Be aware there may not be time for everyone who signs up to speak.

Additional Testimony Information

- Testimony on action items is taken during the item's presentation, before the Land Board votes. Please review the meeting agenda and be present and prepared to provide testimony at the appropriate time.
- The Board typically accepts testimony on action items only. Testimony is not taken on informational items unless specifically indicated on the agenda. The consent agenda is approved by a single vote without Land Board discussion or

testimony. At the discretion of the Chair, items on the consent agenda may be changed to action items to allow for testimony and Land Board discussion prior to the vote. To request an item on the consent agenda be considered as an action item, email your name and the agenda item number to landboard.testimony@dsl.oregon.gov by 10 a.m. the day before the meeting.

- The standard time limit is three minutes for each individual; the actual time available for testimony during Land Board meetings is at the discretion of the Chair.
- The Board may not be able to accept testimony on items for which a formal comment period has closed, such as a rulemaking comment period. The meeting agenda indicates whether testimony will be accepted on an item.



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State Land Board

The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session on June 9, 2026, in the Land Board Room at the Department of State Lands (DSL), 775 Summer Street NE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

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Present were:

Tina Kotek
Tobias Read
Elizabeth Steiner

Governor (via Zoom)
Secretary of State
Treasurer (via Zoom)

Land Board Assistants

Geoff Huntington
Dmitri Palmateer
Jessica Howell

Governor's Office
Secretary of State's Office
State Treasurer's Office

Department Staff

Kaitlin Lovell	Bill Ryan	Ellie Forness	Katrina Scotto di Carlo
Arin Smith	Chris Castelli	Ali Ryan Hansen	Hannah Beverage
Ted Bright	Cait McCusker	Caiti Hudson	

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Secretary Read called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The topics discussed and the results of those discussions are listed below. To view the Land Board (Board) meeting in its entirety, please visit our YouTube page: [June 9, 2026, Land Board Meeting](#)

Consent Items

1. Request for approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2026, State Land Board Meeting
2. Request approval of permanent bridge easement in Clatsop County
3. Request approval of permanent bridge easement in Clatsop County
4. Request approval of permanent bridge easement in Tillamook County

Treasurer Steiner made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Governor Kotek seconded the motion. The items were approved at 10:03 a.m. without objection

Action Items

5. Request approval of sale of Winchester property in Coos County

Director Lovell introduced Deputy Director of Land Management, Chris Castelli, to assist in presenting the item.

The Department recommended that the Land Board approve the sale of 80-acres of State-owned forestland to the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve for \$780,000.

No public comment was received on this item.

Treasurer Steiner made a motion to approve the action item.

Governor Kotek seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:11 a.m. without objection

6. Request approval of Hayden Island filled lands sale to Oregon Department of Transportation

Deputy Director Castelli presented the item along with Director Lovell.

Bill Warnacke, Deputy Environmental Manager for the ODOT bridge replacement project explained the restoration and enhancement plans for the property.

The Department recommended the Land Board authorize completion of the sale of the South Shore property on Hayden Island in Multnomah County to ODOT for a price of \$1,300,000, contingent upon completion of a legal lot of record for the property.

Written public comment was received and presented on this item.

Treasurer Steiner made a motion to approve the action item.

Governor Kotek seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:25 a.m. without objection

7. Request to initiate Division 95 rulemaking: State Agency Coordination program

Mr. Castelli presented the item.

Governor Kotek asked for clarity on the reasoning for the rulemaking how it will be helpful for customer service.

Brenda Bateman, Director of DLCD, stated that the program is a public commitment by each state agency to notice and involve local partners and make that process a part of their projects.

Treasurer Steiner asked how this will affect the Tribal consultation process.

Mr. Castelli stated that all agencies have adopted Government-to-Government policies and those will be wrapped into this updated plan.

The Department recommended the Land Board authorize the Department to initiate permanent rulemaking under OAR 141-095 to adopt a new SAC program and amend its associated rules.

No public comment was received on this item.

Treasurer Steiner made a motion to approve the action item.
Governor Kotek seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:46 a.m.

8. Request to initiate Division 88 rulemaking: Restrictions on camping in the Sandy River Delta

Deputy Director for Aquatic Resources, Bill Ryan, joined the table to present the item.

The Department recommended the Land Board authorize the Department to initiate permanent rulemaking under OAR 141-088-0036 to prohibit overnight camping year-round and open fires at any time between May and November on state-owned lands at the Sandy River Delta in Multnomah County.

No public comment was received on this item.

Treasurer Steiner made a motion to approve the action item.
Governor Kotek seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:53 a.m.

9. Oregon Department of Forestry budget request

Mr. Castelli introduced Mike Wilson, State Forest Division Chief and Kevin Boyd, State Forest Division Asset Manager, to assist in presenting the item.

The Department of Forestry and the Department of State Lands recommended that the Land Board approve the submission of ODF's 2027-29 Budget for Common School Forest Land and other DSL-managed lands to the Department of Administrative Services as part of ODF's Agency Request Budget, with recognition that there may be policy option packages that could cause changes to the Budget, although none are known at this time.

No public comment was received on this item.

Treasurer Steiner made a motion to approve the action item.
Governor Kotek seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 11:09 a.m.

10. Department of State Lands budget

a. Informational overview of proposed 2027-29 policy option packages

DSL Deputy Director of Administration, Caiti Hudson and Larry Warren, Director of Oregon State Marine Board, joined Director Lovell at the table for the presentation that provided a consolidated summary of the Department's proposed 2027-29 Policy Option Packages (POPs), including ongoing needs required to maintain core programming, and one-time requests supporting legal and environmental obligations. Collectively, these packages also prevent the Department from losing ground on work invested in achieving our mission and four strategic goals: Thriving Oregon, Exceptional Service, Supporting Schools, and Great Workplace.

A virtual public informational session on the agency budget was held on June 3rd.

Treasurer Steiner asked when the title fee was last increased and what kind of vessels are included in the title fee.

Mr. Warren stated that it has been over 7 years since the last increase and the fee would include all recreational vessels.

b. Request to authorize Director to submit and certify Agency Request Budget

For all current and subsequent Department budget submissions, the Department recommends that the Land Board delegate to the Director the authority to:

- Submit DSL's biennial Agency Request Budget to DAS;
- Sign the DAS Agency Request Budget Certification Page; and
- Sign all required certification pages for the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) and Legislatively Adopted Budget (LAB) documents as instructed by DAS.

No public comment was received on this item.

Treasurer Steiner made a motion to approve the action item.

Governor Kotek seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 11:34 a.m. without objection.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Elliott State Research Forest – 1000 Road Parcel

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Land Board with an update on the Department's actions related to the 1000 Road Parcel of the Elliott State Research Forest.

12. Other

Celebrating the retirement of Jean Straight, Deputy Director of Administration for Department of State Lands.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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Kaitlin Lovell, Director

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**Regular Meeting
October 20, 2026
Agenda Item 2**

SUBJECT

Permanent easement in Lane County

ISSUE

Whether the State Land Board should approve a request from City of Eugene for a permanent easement to maintain the Ferry Street Bridge crossing the Willamette River in Township 17 South, Range 03 West, Section 29. See the site map in Appendix A.

AUTHORITY

- Article VIII, Section 5 of the Oregon Constitution; requiring the Land Board to “manage lands under its jurisdiction with the object of obtaining the greatest benefit for the people of this state, consistent with the conservation of this resource under sound techniques of land management.”
- ORS 273.171; relating to the duties and authority of the Director.
- OAR 141-123-0010 to 141-123-0120; establishing procedures for granting easements and rights-of-way on trust and non-trust lands and requiring Land Board approval of easements granted in perpetuity.

BACKGROUND

The Ferry Street Bridge is an existing bridge in Lane County that crosses the Willamette River at approximately river mile 182. Built in the 1950's, it is owned and operated by the City of Eugene.

Department staff became aware of the need for an easement for this bridge during a routine review of aerial imagery of Oregon-owned waterways. Addressing this need is consistent with the Department's Aquatic Resource Management Program guidance,

which recommends issuing permanent easements for existing state-, county-, and city-owned bridges because their use is likely to be indefinite. Although no in-water work is proposed, and a removal-fill permit is therefore not required, an easement is still necessary to authorize the continued presence and use of the existing bridge.

In October 2025 the Department notified the City, and the City submitted a complete application and \$750 processing fee on December 4, 2025.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Department circulated the application for a 30-day public review and comment from December 15, 2025, through January 14, 2026 and received 0 comments.

STAFF FINDINGS

Department staff finds that the proposed permanent easement, when carried out in compliance with all terms and conditions outlined in the draft easement (see Appendix B), will be consistent with all applicable constitutional provisions, statutes and rules, and is consistent with collective rights of the public to use and enjoy this resource for public trust uses.

COMPENSATION

Pursuant to OAR 141-123-0060(11)(c), a compensatory payment of \$100 was paid in advance for the easement area on February 27, 2026, prior to approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Land Board approve the permanent easement 65879-EA to the City of Eugene to maintain and operate the Ferry Street Bridge on, over, under or across the Willamette River.

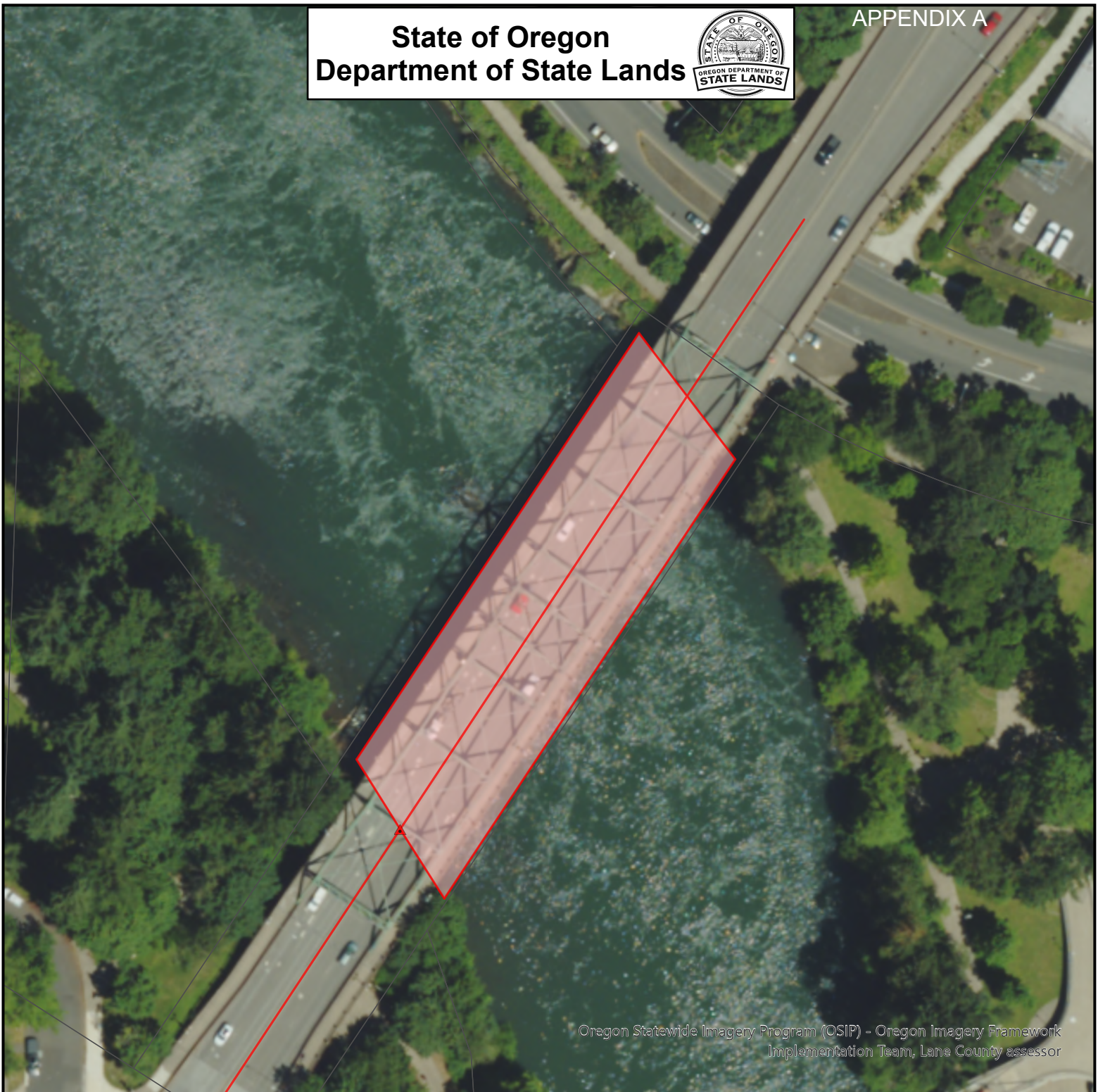
APPENDICES

- A. Site Map & Legal Description
- B. Draft Easement 65879-EA

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APPENDIX A



Oregon Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP) - Oregon Imagery Framework
Implementation Team, Lane County assessor

APPENDIX A

65879-EA Waterway Easement
T17S, R03W Section 29
Lane County
27,900 Sq. Ft. (0.64 Acres)

-  Points of Beginning
-  Description lines
-  Use Area

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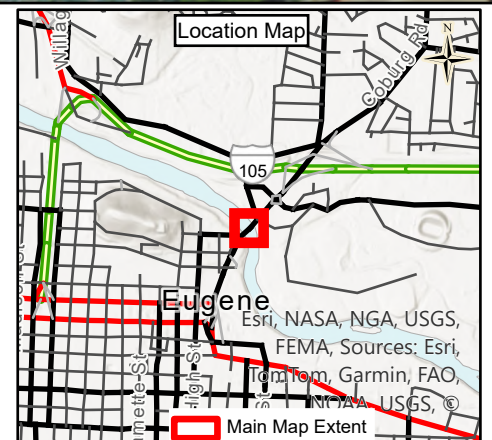


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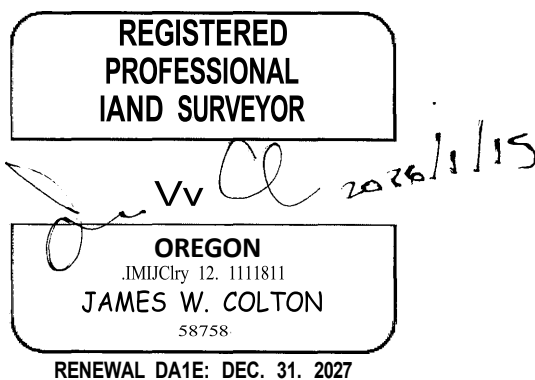
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land lying in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 3 West, Willamette Meridian, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon.

The said parcel being all that state-owned submerged and submersible land lying between the lines of Ordinary Low Water of the Northeasterly and Southwesterly banks of the Willamette River included in a strip of land 90.00 feet in width, lying 45.00 feet on each side of the center line of Ferry Street, which center line is described as follows:

Beginning at Engineer's center line Station 27+74.84, said station being 2259.73 feet North and 727.63 feet East of the Southeast corner of the Eugene F. Skinner D.L.C. No. 64, Township 17 South, Range 3 West, Willamette Meridian: thence North 33°46'40" East, 703.77 feet to Engineer's Station 34+78.61.

Bearings are based on Lane County Survey File Numbers 35840 and 35841, dated April 12, 1999.



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STATE OF OREGON
Department of State Lands

EASEMENT NO. 65879-EA
S&S Bridge

The STATE OF OREGON, by and through its Department of State Lands, GRANTOR, for and in consideration of \$100.00, hereby grants to GRANTEE,

NAME of GRANTEE:
 City of Eugene

ADDRESS:
 500 E. 4th Ave
 Eugene OR 97401

a single use easement and right to construct, maintain, operate and replace the Ferry Street Bridge over, upon, and across the following particularly described property situated in Lane County, Oregon, as shown on Exhibit A and described in Exhibit A-1.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto GRANTEE in perpetuity, subject to the following conditions:

1. GRANTOR has the right to grant additional easements within the area authorized by this easement subject to the provisions of the administrative rules governing the granting of easements.
2. GRANTEE shall obtain prior written approval from GRANTOR prior to:
 - a) Changing the type of use authorized by this easement;
 - b) Expanding the number of authorized developments or uses;
 - c) Changing the authorized area; and/or
 - d) Permitting other persons to utilize the easement for uses and developments requiring separate written authorization by GRANTOR pursuant to the administrative rules governing the granting of easements or other GRANTOR requirements.
3. The easement area shall remain open to the public for recreational and other non-proprietary uses unless restricted or closed to public entry by the State Land Board or GRANTOR.
4. GRANTOR and/or its authorized representative(s) shall have the right to enter into and upon the easement area at any time for the purposes of inspection or management.
5. Except as expressly authorized in writing by the Department, GRANTEE shall not:
 - a) Cut, destroy or remove, or permit to be cut, destroyed or removed any vegetation,
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- b) Remove any sand and gravel, or other mineral resources for commercial use or sale, that occur in the easement area except as expressly authorized in writing by GRANTOR.

Routine right-of-way maintenance including vegetation trimming shall be allowed.

- 6. GRANTEE shall compensate GRANTOR for the fair market value of any commercially valuable timber or sand and gravel resources in the easement area that must be removed during or after placement of the authorized use, or which cannot be developed because of the authorized use.
- 7. GRANTEE shall conduct all operations within the easement area in a manner that conserves fish and wildlife habitat; protects water quality; and does not contribute to soil erosion, or the introduction or spread of noxious weeds or pests. Upon completion of construction, GRANTEE shall reclaim disturbed lands to a condition satisfactory to GRANTOR.
- 8. GRANTEE shall obtain a surety bond in the amount of \$N/A to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this easement.
- 9. The right to use this easement shall automatically terminate if it, or the development authorized by GRANTOR, is not used within five (5) consecutive years of the date this easement was granted, pursuant to the provisions of the administrative rules governing the granting of easements.
- 10. Unless otherwise approved in writing by GRANTOR, GRANTEE shall remove all cables, pipes, conduits, roads, and other developments placed by GRANTEE on the easement, and shall restore the surface of the easement area to a condition satisfactory to GRANTOR within one (1) year following termination of use or expiration of this easement.
- 11. GRANTEE shall inspect the condition of the area authorized by this easement and the developments authorized by this easement on a frequency of: N/A.
- 12. GRANTOR shall have the right to stop operation of the use authorized by this easement for noncompliance with the conditions of this easement, the provisions of the administrative rules governing the granting of easements, and/or any lawful requirement by a regulatory agency of this STATE.
- 13. If this easement authorizes the use of state-owned submerged and/or submersible land:
 - a) Construction in navigable waters shall conform to the standards and specifications set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard for the use authorized by this easement.
 - b) Any blasting which may be necessary, or in-water placement, maintenance, or repair of the authorized use shall be performed according to the laws of this

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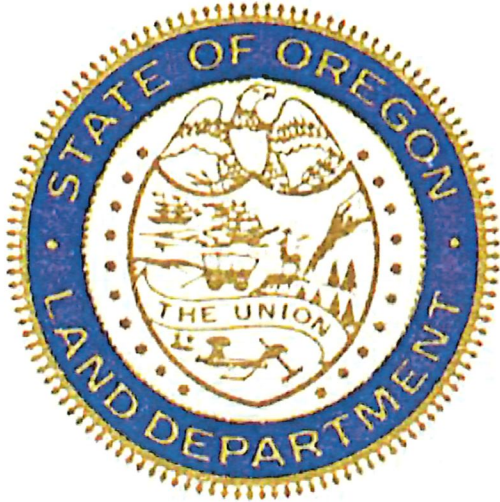
STATE, including strict adherence to Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife in-water work windows.

14. GRANTEE shall pay to GRANTOR the current market value, as determined by GRANTOR, for any unnecessary and non-approved damages to state-owned lands caused by construction or maintenance of the easement.
15. GRANTEE shall pay all assessments that may be legally charged on public lands which are levied against the property subject to this easement, whether or not such assessments have been levied against the easement area or STATE by the assessing agency.
16. GRANTEE shall use the authorized easement area only in a manner or for such purposes that assure fair and non-discriminatory treatment of all persons without respect to race, creed, color, religion, handicap, disability, age, gender or national origin.
17. GRANTEE shall ensure that all state, federal and local permits are consistent and compatible with this authorization prior to work commencing.
18. This easement is freely transferable. However, no transfer may increase the burden on the easement area or detract from the value of the underlying state-owned land.

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This easement does not convey an estate in fee simple of the lands used for a right-of-way. This grant is for an easement only, and title remains in the State of Oregon.



STATE OF OREGON, acting by and through its Department of State Lands

DSL Authorized Signature/Printed Name

Date

STATE OF OREGON)
)ss
County of Marion)

This foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ of _____, 20 , by
_____, the _____ of the Department
of State Lands.

Signature
My commission Expires _____, 20__.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCE
(ORS 93.808)

City of Eugene, Grantee, hereby approves and accepts, pursuant to ORS 93.808, the grant of an interest in real property from The State of Oregon, by & through its DSL, Grantor, as described in the instrument to which this Certificate is attached.

A copy of this Certificate may be affixed to, and recorded with, the instrument described above.

DATED this 29 day of April, 2026.

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Matt Rodriguez

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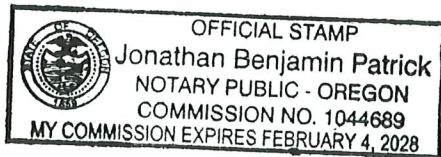
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Name: Jenny Haruyama

Title: City Manager

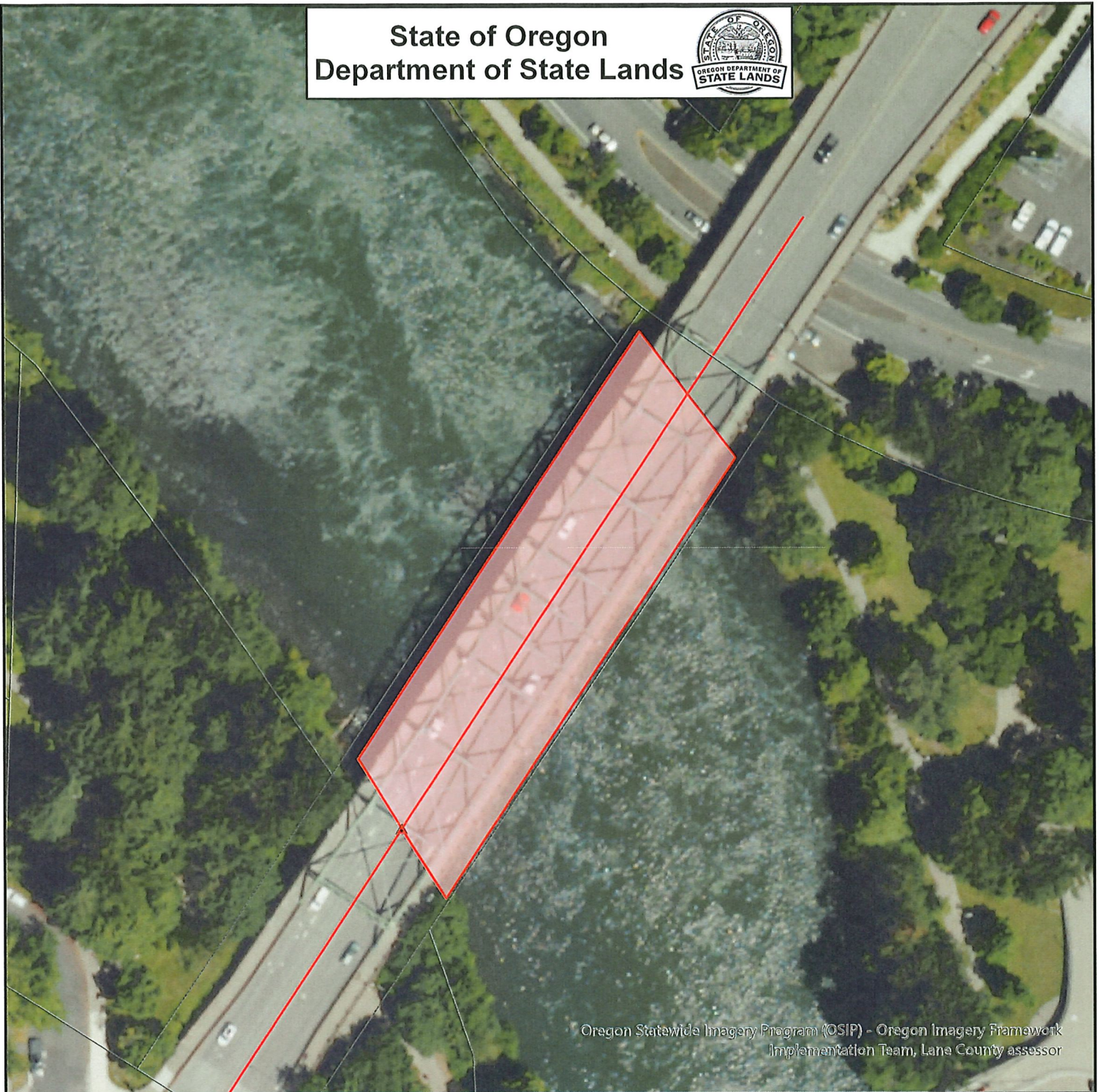
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County of Lane)

On this 29th day of April, 2026, before me personally appeared Jenny Haruyama, who being duly sworn stated that he/she is the City Manager of City of Eugene, Grantee, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the voluntary act of said Grantee and that he/she executed the foregoing instrument under authority granted by said Grantee.



Jonathan Benjamin Patrick
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR OREGON
My commission Expires: February 4, 2028

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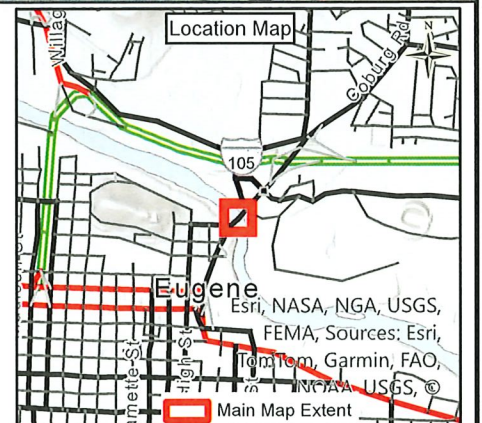


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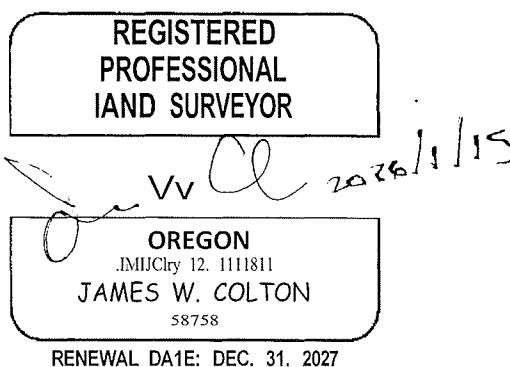
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

Memorandum

Date: April 20, 2026
To: Jenny Haruyama
CC: Matt Rodrigues, Lacey Risdal, Doug Singer, Katie Marwitz, Jordan Vesper
From: Jonathan Patrick, Real Property Officer
Subject: Certificate of Approval of Conveyance - Ferry Street Bridge Easement No. 65879-EA – State of Oregon - DSL

Please find the attached Certificate of Approval of Conveyance for your review and signature.

PWE has coordinated with the State of Oregon Department of State Lands to acquire a Waterway Easement over, upon and across the Ferry Street Bridge in Eugene, Oregon. DSL has provided the attached easement draft, which requires the City of Eugene's signature on the attached Certificate of Approval of Conveyance.

There is no monetary consideration for this conveyance, but the City is required to obtain a surety bond in an amount to be determined per Section 8 of this easement.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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Regular Meeting

October 20, 2026

Agenda Item 3

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SUBJECT

Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors

Elizabeth Steiner

State Treasurer

ISSUE

Whether the State Land Board should appoint four members to the Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors.

AUTHORITY

- Oregon Constitution, Article VIII, Section 5, specifies the State Land Board is responsible for managing lands placed under their jurisdiction by law.
- ORS 273.045; authorizing the Department of State Lands to exercise the administrative functions of the State Land Board.
- ORS 273.830; Elliott State Research Forest; rules.

BACKGROUND

The public Elliott State Research Forest (ESRF) is envisioned as a nationally important center for forest science and management that contributes to conservation, education, recreation, and local economies and supports Indigenous values.

The Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors guides the Department's management of the research forest. An Elliott Board that includes diverse perspectives and experiences is essential to successfully managing a public research forest for multiple benefits and ensuring transparency and accountability. Roles and responsibilities are outlined in the ESRF Oversight Structure (see Appendix A).

The Elliott Board consists of seven or nine voting members, each serving a four-year term. The inaugural members were appointed by the Land Board in 2024 to staggered one-, two-, or three-year terms. Those initial term lengths were staggered to support building knowledge and strengthening relationships, while also ensuring regular

opportunities to enhance the Elliott Board's composition with new perspectives. All terms have an October end date.

Applications for the Elliott Board are accepted continuously and reviewed by a committee that includes Department staff and the current chair and vice chair of the Elliott Board. The committee provides input to the Department Director, who recommends candidates for Land Board consideration.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Following the 2025 appointment cycle, the Department engaged in government-to-government consultation with the five Western Oregon Tribes to understand their interest in participating in the research forest's planning and management. One outcome of these discussions is that the Department will maintain an open application process for the Elliott Board wherein Tribal staff and members may submit applications for future open seats. The Department requests that any Tribal staff and members appointed to the Elliott Board distinguish when speaking in their capacity as Tribal employees or members and when they are speaking in their personal capacity but are welcome to speak in both capacities. Government-to-government communication will continue through traditional, formal and informal channels.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Outreach aimed at encouraging potential candidates to submit applications and ensure a strong pool of applicants began in April 2026, and included:

- A solicitation to the Elliott Board at their March 2026 meeting of expertise, values, and experience valuable to support the Elliott's success.
- A call for applications posted on the Department website, social media, Workday, and job boards from March to May 2026.
- Direct outreach to the current Elliott Board members, as well as people and organizations interested in the research forest, encouraging sharing of information about the opportunity.
- Direct connection with potential candidates to encourage application.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department Director recommends the Land Board appoint the following candidates to the terms listed below, subject to a positive background check:

- Mike Wilson – Four-year term (appointment retroactive to October 14, 2025, ending October 2029)
- Amanda Craig – Four-year term (ending October 2030)
- Mike Buffo – Four-year term (ending October 2030)
- Jerry Ingersoll – Four-year term (ending October 2030)

APPENDIX

A. Elliott State Research Forest: Oversight Structure (April 9, 2024)

B. Elliott State Research Forest Board Biographies (October 20, 2026)

Elliott State Research Forest Oversight Structure

For the purpose of safeguarding public oversight, accountability and transparency in the administration of the Elliott State Research Forest (ESRF), the State Land Board on April 9, 2024 approved the following structure for an ESRF Board of Directors (ESRF Board) to guide management of the ESRF by the Department of State Lands (DSL).

The ESRF Board will function in an advisory capacity to DSL based on existing statutory authorities, delegated responsibilities and direction from DSL and the State Land Board. This document is divided into three primary sections:

1. State Land Board roles and duties related to the ESRF, ESRF Board membership and appointment;
2. DSL responsibilities; and
3. ESRF Board duties and responsibilities.

Future changes to this Oversight Structure will follow this process:

- Revisions relevant to Section 1 (ESRF Mission, Management Policies, and State Land Board responsibilities) may be made based on State Land Board review and approval.
- Revisions relevant to Sections 2 and 3 (DSL and ESRF Board responsibilities) may be made based on mutual agreement between DSL and the ESRF Board.
 - If such mutual agreement exists, DSL will notify the State Land Board of the changes at its next scheduled meeting, and State Land Board approval need not occur provided that the changes agreed upon by DSL and ESRF Board are consistent with State Land Board direction.
 - If DSL and the ESRF Board do not reach mutual agreement over a proposed change, either entity may seek State Land Board guidance and resolution.

Section 1: State Land Board Roles

A. ESRF Mission

The State Land Board's mission for the Elliott State Research Forest is the creation of an enduring, publicly owned, world-class research forest that:

(1) Advances and supports forest health, climate resilience, carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, recovery of imperiled species, water quality and quantity, recreational opportunities and local economies as well as scientific research that improves knowledge related to forest management's role in achieving these qualities.

(2) Is managed to promote collaboration, partnerships, inclusive public processes and equity, consistent with:

- (A) The management policies in Subsection B below;
- (B) An applicable habitat conservation plan approved pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531 to 1544); and
- (C) A forest management plan approved by the State Land Board.

B. ESRF Management Policies

The State Land Board's management policies for the ESRF are to:

- (1) Further the mission described in subsection (A) of this section.
- (2) Support scientific inquiry.
- (3) Allow public access for recreational and educational purposes that is compatible with scientific and conservation purposes, and the mission and management policies described in this section.
- (4) Advance long-term, operational-scale research on issues including forest management practices, ecosystem function, biodiversity, habitat conservation, water quality and quantity, carbon sequestration, rural livelihoods and the resilience of forests to the impacts of climate change.
- (5) Support rural economies through active forest management, timber harvest and other forest products, recreation, research, habitat restoration and related jobs.
- (6) Improve the ecological health of the forest through conservation and restoration measures relevant to habitat, biodiversity, carbon and climate resilience outcomes;
- (7) Promote opportunities at all education levels to interact with the forest and advance public understanding of the ecological, economic and social benefits of healthy forest ecosystems.
- (8) Seek active partnerships with Tribal governments to:
 - (A) Research and demonstrate traditional and contemporary Tribal cultural practices and ecological knowledge related to forest management.
 - (B) Provide opportunities for Tribal governments and Tribal members to harvest traditional forest products and engage in traditional Tribal cultural practices related to the forest.

(C) Consult on potential impacts on natural, cultural and traditional resources in the forest.

(9) Maintain a financially self-sufficient forest management entity and structure capable of operating and overseeing the forest and necessary infrastructure.

(10) Prioritize collaborative partnerships that recognize both the local and statewide values the forest provides.

(11) Maintain a high level of public accountability and transparency in forest management decisions and operations.

C. ESRF Guidance and Decision Responsibilities

Consistent with the ESRF's mission and management policies, the State Land Board will provide the following to DSL and the ESRF Board:

(1) Policy guidance.

(2) Feedback on DSL's biennial programmatic reports.

(3) Approval or denial of:

(A) A forest management plan, and any amendments thereof.

(B) Any amendments to the habitat conservation plan, prior to submittal to federal or state regulatory agencies.

(C) Any expansion of lands in the forest, or exchange of lands in the forest or timber on the lands.

D. ESRF Board Membership and Appointment Process

The State Land Board will appoint voting members to the ESRF Board. The ESRF Board shall consist of seven or nine voting members and a person designated by the lead research entity for the ESRF, who shall be a nonvoting member.

(1) The State Land Board shall:

(A) Appoint the voting members for terms of four years and for not more than two consecutive terms, except as set forth below in subsection 5.

- (B) Fill any vacancy among the voting members by appointing a voting member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
 - (C) Consult with, and consider input from, the primary ESRF research partner and the existing ESRF Board when determining whom to appoint to the ESRF Board.
 - (D) Endeavor to appoint members who have a full complement of relevant experience or expertise in subjects related to the mission and management policies and operations of the research forest, and demonstrated interest in the success of the mission and management policies of the forest as a research forest.
- (2) ESRF Board Members are not entitled to compensation but may receive reimbursement by DSL of their actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, to the extent allowed by applicable law.
- (3) On or before June 1, 2024, the DSL Director will develop a list of candidates for appointment as the first voting members of the ESRF Board.
- (4) The State Land Board intends to appoint the first voting members of the ESRF Board from a list of candidates at its June 2024 meeting.
- (5) Notwithstanding section 1(a) above:
- (A) Of the voting members first appointed by the State Land Board:
 - (i) Three shall serve for a term ending one year after the date of the appointment.
 - (ii) Two shall serve for a term ending two years after the date of the appointment.
 - (iii) Two shall serve for a term ending three years after the date of the appointment.
 - (iv) If there are nine members, three shall serve for a term ending two years after the date of the appointment, and three shall serve for a term ending three years after the date of the appointment.
 - (B) A voting member serving a term described in this subsection, or serving the remainder of an unexpired term resulting from vacancy referred to in Subsection 1(B), may be appointed to serve two additional consecutive terms.

Section 2: DSL Responsibilities

(1) DSL shall advance ESRF management in a manner consistent with the mission and management policies of Section 1 above, including in compliance with an approved habitat conservation plan, forest management plan, or other plans or direction referenced in Section 3(2)(A)-(N) below.

(2) DSL will safeguard public transparency, accountability and participation in decision-making related to the ESRF by ensuring the ESRF Board complies with Oregon Public Meetings Laws, ORS 192.610 to 192.705 and by advancing the following:

(A) Provide opportunities for public comment at each ESRF Board meeting.

(B) Provide ESRF Board members with copies of written public comments before the ESRF Board acts.

(C) Provide the public with written materials as well as a public review and comment opportunity on items listed in Section 3(2)(A)-(N). For any proposed biennial operations plans, forest management plan or related amendments, or amendments to the habitat conservation plan, at least 45 days will exist for public comment before the ESRF Board votes on any recommendations related to such plans.

(D) Conduct at least five meetings of the ESRF Board per year for which public participation is facilitated.

(3) DSL will adopt the recommendations of the ESRF Board to the fullest extent possible, especially if offered with full consensus of the ESRF Board, unless DSL determines the ESRF Board recommendation is inconsistent with state law, inconsistent with State Land Board or DSL policy, or other reasons exist for making a different decision. DSL will respond to ESRF Board Recommendations within 30 days. If DSL does not adopt the advice or recommendations of the ESRF Board, DSL will articulate its reasons to the ESRF Board in writing concurrent with the Department's decision.

Section 3: ESRF Board Duties & Responsibilities

(1) The ESRF Board shall advise the DSL Director and ESRF Forest Manager, and advance recommendations if it has them, on the following:

(A) Evaluation, or contract for evaluation, of whether management of the forest (operational planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting) is being effectively integrated with a lead research entity or entities.

(B) Evaluation of whether the mission and management policies for the Elliott State Research Forest are being effectively implemented.

(C) The operational and fiscal integrity of the ESRF.

(D) The hiring of an ESRF forest manager as well as delegation of responsibilities to this position.

(E) The scope of biennial operations plans.

(F) The advancement and/or implementation of operations and research programs, whether prospective (based on proposed programs) or retrospective (based on ongoing or past implementation of programs).

(2) After considering public comments received in response to the Department's circulation of materials related to items below, as well as any further input the ESRF Board solicits, the ESRF Board shall advise the ESRF Forest Manager and/or DSL Director with recommendations on:

(A) Department budgets for the ESRF, including related to its Agency Request Budget.

(B) Biennial operations reports.

(C) Biennial operations plans.

(D) Proposed research plans or programs.

(E) Recreation plans.

(F) Education plans.

(G) A forest management plan.

(H) Any sale of carbon credits or entry into easements or other encumbrances of lands in the forest.

(I) Any expansion or exchange of lands in the forest.

(J) Any amendments to a habitat conservation plan related to the forest

(K) Any proposed amendments to the Elliott State Research Forest Proposal.

(L) Any other submission to federal or state agencies that relates to revising or clarifying ESRF management or policy direction.

(M) Any proposed receipt of funds, including bequests, or funding requests made to the federal government, private sector, state agencies or the Legislative Assembly not otherwise covered in subsection 2(A), including any request for issuance of revenue bonds, certificates of participation financing, or state-funded debt service.

(N) Any other plans or decisions DSL intends to make of significance to advancement of or compliance with the ESRF's mission and management policies.

(3) In advancing oversight, advice or recommendations, the ESRF Board shall review DSL proposals, plans, reports or other information submitted to it (by DSL, the public or otherwise) relevant to the subject matter in subsections (1) and (2) above. While DSL and the State Land Board have responsibility for decisions on plans, amendments, or other decision areas referenced in subsection (1) and (2), the ESRF Board's review and any advice or recommendations related to those subsections will focus on and strive to ensure consistency with the direction and intent of the applicable Forest Management Plan, Habitat Conservation Plan, research direction, or overall mission and management policies of the ESRF.

(4) The ESRF Board shall also:

(A) Review DSL's biennial or other programmatic reports to the State Land Board on the ESRF and may provide recommendations to the State Land Board on the DSL reports.

(B) Promote transparency around decisions concerning the forest, including forums to provide public input in association with ESRF Board meetings or separately.

(5) The ESRF Board may also:

(A) Form advisory bodies or subcommittees as the Board deems necessary and appropriate.

(B) Request that DSL pursue funding of ESRF operations and/or research through state-issued bonds, certificates of participation or similar instruments as well as other opportunities identified by the ESRF Board.

Elliott State Research Forest Board Appointments

Department of State Lands Director's Recommended Candidates: October 2026

Recommended Candidate Biographies

MICHAEL WILSON

Michael (Mike) Wilson served as the Natural Resource Department Director for the Grand Ronde Tribe (now retired), where he managed forestry and Indigenous stewardship approaches and programs on the Tribe's forestlands and tribal ceded lands. He also served on many state and federal committees and planning efforts where he engaged in forest policy and tribal representation. Currently, he serves as the Board Chair of the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District and continues to consult on several projects promoting tribal rights, values and representation. Mike is a Grand Ronde Tribal member and brings valuable knowledge and experience of tribal forest operations and management. Mike worked and recreated around the Elliott early in his career and worked as part of representation of Grand Ronde Tribal interests in the original Elliott advisory committee. Mike holds an MBA from George Fox University and Business/Environmental Studies from Linfield College and AAS in Forest Technology from Lane CC.

JERRY INGERSOLL

Jerry Ingersoll recently completed 38 years of service with the US Forest Service, retiring in May 2026 as a member of the Senior Executive Service. One of the highlights of his career was service as the Forest Supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest in the Oregon Coast Range from 2010 to 2018. On the Siuslaw, Jerry led a program of "restoration, recreation, and partnerships," emphasizing old growth and salmon restoration, sustainable use, and close partnership with watershed councils and Tribal governments using the best available science. Jerry took pride in working with all parties, including the timber industry, the environmental community, and local residents, to craft collaborative solutions to difficult problems. The Siuslaw National Forest shares a border, a history, and common ecological and social challenges and opportunities with the Elliott State Research Forest. Jerry earned a BS and MS in Forestry from the University of California, Berkeley. He lives in Corvallis, Oregon. Jerry and Amelia have three grown children who are now each making their own ways in the world.

MIKE BUFFO

Mike Buffo is the Director of Technical Services at Mason, Bruce & Girard, where he works on forest planning, forest economics, land management, and carbon project evaluation. He has more than 20 years of experience in forestry and land management across the

Pacific Northwest and beyond, working with state and federal agencies, families, tribes, nonprofits, and private companies. Prior to joining Mason, Bruce & Girard, Mike worked for the Washington Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, and the Great Basin Institute, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia. He holds a Master of Science in Forest Sciences from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from Bates College.

AMANDA CRAIG

Amanda Craig is a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and serves as Assistant Director of the Tribe's Department of Culture and Natural Resources. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon. Amanda's work focuses on natural resource and cultural stewardship, restoration, and strengthening connections between people and place across the Tribe's 1.6-million-acre ancestral homelands. Her work focuses on natural and cultural stewardship, restoration, traditional foods, sovereignty, and strengthening connections between people and place. Amanda brings a community-centered perspective to her work, with a commitment to ensuring Tribal knowledge, values, traditional food systems, and practice are represented.

Current Board Member Biographies

HALEY LUTZ

Haley Lutz is proud to call the Oregon coast her home and was born in North Bend. She is the Executive Director of the Coos Watershed Association (CoosWA), a locally organized, non-regulatory organization that has been leading innovative science, restoration, monitoring, and education programs with the Coos watershed community since 1994. CoosWA has a deep interest in the Elliott, and related partnerships, and she is pleased to have served on the Elliott State Research Board of Directors for the last two years, including serving one year in the Vice Chair position. Haley holds a Master of Studies in Environmental and Natural Resource Law from Lewis and Clark Law School. Before coming to CoosWA, she worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, interned with NOAA Fisheries working on the Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Plan, and led a watershed council on the North Coast. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing, throwing pottery, swimming, and spending time outside with her family.

PAYTON SMITH

Born and raised in North Bend, Payton Smith spent much of her youth growing up on the Elliott. After graduating from college at the University of Oregon, she worked for Roseburg Forest Products in Springfield before moving home to Coos Bay. Payton serves as the Director of Communications and Government Affairs for Southport Lumber. Her job

connects her with South Coast community and economic vitality efforts in many ways. She also serves on the board of directors for the Judith Ann Mogan Foundation as well as the American Forest Resource Council.

KEN CARLONI

Ken Carloni holds a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from Oregon State University, where his research focused on The Ecological Legacy of Indian Burning Practices in Southwest Oregon. He was an Associate Professor of Biology and Natural Resources at Umpqua Community College from 1987 to 2018, chairing the Science Department from 2012 to 2018. Ken currently is the Vice President of the Yew Creek Land Alliance, Inc. (YCLA), a nonprofit in Southwest Oregon that manages a diverse 380-acre landscape with a mission that includes conservation, restoration, education, and recreation. From 2018 to 2022 the YCLA completed the first multi-acre biochar project ever funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service; this project restored 32 acres of oak habitat while converting 12 acres of thinning slash to biochar. YCLA restoration projects have now sent more than 200 MBF of timber to local mills while demonstrating innovative regenerative forestry practices. Ken is currently collaborating with researchers and community groups on a grant proposal to test biochar's efficacy in mitigating toxic algal blooms in Tenmile Lake near the ESRF.

MIKE KENNEDY

Mike Kennedy retired in 2024 as the Natural Resources Director for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, where he was responsible for operation of the Tribal Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, Hunting & Fishing, Realty and Environmental Protection programs. Prior to that role, he served as the Tribe's Forester and Presales Forester and spent eight seasons as a Forestry Technician on the Ochoco National Forest. All told, he has dedicated his career to forest management for 44 years and continues to remain engaged in these issues while living in Siletz, Oregon. Mike holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. In addition to serving on the Elliott State Research Forest Board, he has served on the Siuslaw National Forest Resource Advisory Committee, the BLM Western Oregon Resource Advisory Committee, the Oregon Department of Forestry State Forests Advisory Committee, and the Oregon State University McDonald-Dunn Research Forest Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

KEITH TYMCHUK

Keith Tymchuk is a lifelong resident of Reedsport. A graduate of the University of Oregon and Oregon State University, he was a high school educator for 43 years. He served six terms as Reedsport's mayor and was a Port of Umpqua Commissioner for 30+ years. He served for 15 years as the Regional Solutions Convener for Douglas, Coos, and Curry

Counties. He is currently the President of the Board of Directors for Central Lincoln PUD. Keith has also been involved in projects as diverse as Wave Energy, Community Forests, the Oregon Coast Trail and workforce housing. He has served on the Elliott State Research Forest Advisory Committee and now the Management Board since their inception. He is an avid reader and enjoys hunting, fly fishing and golfing in his free time.