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State Land Board

The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session on April 8, 2025, 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.

Tina Kotek

Governor

Tobias Read

Secretary of State

Elizabeth Steiner

State Treasurer

Present were:

Tina Kotek

Tobias Read

Elizabeth Steiner

Governor

Secretary of State

Treasurer

Land Board Assistants

Geoff Huntington

Dmitri Palmateer

Jessica Howell

Governor's Office

Secretary of State's Office

State Treasurer's Office

Department Staff

Vicki Walker

Arin Smith

Ted Bright

Bill Ryan

Chris Castelli

Cait McCusker

Ellie Forness

Ali Ryan Hansen

Hannah Beverage

Katrina Scotto di Carlo

Linda Safina-Massey

Jean Straight

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Governor Kotek called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: [April 8, 2025, Land Board Meeting](#)

Consent Items

1. Minutes

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2025, and the February 27, 2025, Land Board meetings.

Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:01 a.m. without objection.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Elliott State Research Forest: Adopt, by reference, the Forest Management Plan into administrative rules.

Director Walker stated that the Forest Management Plan (FMP) guides how the lands will be managed. The FMP was approved at the October 2024 Land Board meeting and the adoption of the plan into rule to further codify the document. Director Walker then gave an overview of the rulemaking and public process that took place.

The Department recommended the Land Board permanently adopt, by reference, the Forest Management Plan for the Elliott State Research Forest into new Administrative Rule 141-079-0001. If adopted, the proposed rule will go into effect immediately upon filing.

Public comment was taken from:

- Fergus Mclean
- Bob Zybach

Secretary Read asked if any changes have been made to the FMP since it was adopted. Director Walker stated that no changes have been made.

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the action item.
Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.
The item was approved at 10:16 a.m. without objection.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Oregon Department of Forestry Annual Report on Common School Forest Lands

Director Walker introduced Mike Wilson, ODF Division Chief and Kate Skinner, Interim State Forester, to present the report.

The report included information related to timber management (volume and value of harvested, sold and planned timber sales), fiscal year operating costs, revenue transferred to the Common School Fund, reforestation, intensive management accomplishments and costs, and other information affecting land management and operations for fiscal year 2024

Secretary Read asked how the uncertainty of the economy is considered when forecasting. Mr. Wilson responded that we are continuing to see a very competitive market and doubts timber prices will crash.

Governor Kotek asked how close projections were last year. Mr. Willson introduced Kevin Hass, business team lead in the State Forest Division, to answer the question. He stated that projections were close last year and we are tracking well for this year's projections as well.

Treasurer Steiner asked if the Common School Fund gets all of the revenue from the timber sales.

Mr. Hass stated that all money is transferred to the CSF and then ODF is reimbursed for their operating costs and fire protection costs.

Director Walker asked Mr. Wilson to share with the Board how the names of the timber sales are chosen.

Mr. Wilson stated that they are based on the geography of the area and then words are added to keep the names amusing.

4. ~~Oregon Ocean Science Trust Report~~

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

5. Legislative Update

Director Walker introduced Ellie Forness, Government Relations Director, and Danielle Boudreaux, Rulemaking Coordinator, to present the item.

- **HB5539:** The Department's budget bill
- **SB165:** Clears title to historically filled lands by removing ownership uncertainty for private landowners while retaining future opportunities for public ownership of high-value lands.
- **SB793 A:** Allows fair payment for easements in the territorial sea, ensures fees cover the cost of issuing those easements; gives the Department rulemaking authority.
- **SB795 A:** Promotes efficiency in Oregon's Abandoned & Derelict Vessels Program; implements community-supported fixes for effectively addressing the problem of hazardous vessels in publicly owned waterways.
- **SB74:** Improves the process for declaring rivers to be Oregon-owned and navigable.
- **SB147:** Housekeeping to more efficiently manage the Elliott State Research Forest.

Treasurer Steiner asked, regarding SB165, if there are filled lands outside of city limits. Ms. Forness stated that this bill only pertains to filled lands inside the city limits as those outside do not hold the same value.

Ms. Boudreaux gave a high-level overview of DSL's rulemaking process.

Governor Kotek stated that she appreciates the thoughtfulness in DSL's rulemaking process and that DSL is a good model for other agencies.

She then asked what the internal process is for prioritizing rulemaking. Ms. Boudreaux stated that highest priority are those with legislative effective dates and various programmatic needs.

6. Other

- **Shutter Creek Facility**

The facility will be used as a home base for the Elliott State Research Forest and the June Land Board meeting will be held there. The 12-ft fence surrounding the facility needed to be removed and was taken by Camas Valley Fire Dept. for their use and at no cost to DSL.

- **The Common School Fund had a record distribution**

The total distribution was \$76.8 million; the average distribution to school districts was \$389,607.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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Vicki L. Walker, Director