



# Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

## Department of State Lands

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### State Land Board

The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met virtually and in regular session on April 14, 2026. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

Tina Kotek  
Governor

#### Present virtually were:

Tina Kotek

Tobias Read

Elizabeth Steiner

Governor

Secretary of State

Treasurer

Tobias Read  
Secretary of State

Elizabeth Steiner  
State Treasurer

#### Land Board Assistants

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Kaitlin Lovell

Arin Smith

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Bill Ryan

Chris Castelli

Dana Hicks

Ellie Forness

Ali Ryan Hansen

Patricia Fox

Blake Helm

#### Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Governor Kotek called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 14, 2026, Land Board Meeting](#)

### Consent Items

#### 1. Minutes

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2026, Land Board meetings.

Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:04 a.m. without objection.

## **Action Items**

### **2. Lee Family & South Clough National Estuarine Research Reserve Land Exchange**

Director Lovell introduced Chris Castelli, Deputy Director, to present the item.

The Department recommended that the Land Board approve the completion of the Lee – South Slough Reserve land exchange along Seven Devils Road in Coos County.

Secretary Read made a motion to approve action item  
Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.  
The item was approved at 10:11 a.m. without objection.

### **3. a. Adopt Div82 Rules for Waterway Leases, Licenses, & Registrations**

Director Lovell introduced Dana Hicks, Planning & Policy Manager, and Blake Helm, Proprietary Specialist, to present the item.

Treasurer Steiner stated that she appreciates the Departments work in engaging the communities and being meticulous in getting this right and maintaining access to recreational activities.

Secretary Read agreed with the Treasurer's statement.

Governor Kotek also thanked the Department and then asked for an explanation of how this fee change will affect the floating home community and how value is calculated.

Mr. Helm responded that using real market value (RMV) is one of the ways the Department is able to build a sustainable program by using an objective third party data set managed by trained knowledgeable staff. Current lessees will be subject to the minimum payment and will either see a reduction in their rent or at most a 15% increase upon renewal. New lessees will be subject to the RMV and use rate calculation.

Treasurer Steiner asked about sheer booms and stiff booms language being included in the rules or if an amendment is needed to include it.

Mr. Helm stated that an amendment will be needed to add that specific language to one subsection of rule.

10:29 a.m.

Public testimony was taken from Ms. Kelly Holtz, representing herself and WOOO in opposition to the fee calculations used.

Director Lovell stated that she appreciates the Public participation and the comments received, and the Department has taken into consideration the impact on current lessees while also seeking to ensure cost recovery, compensation and use of a Public asset that protects the waterway health and safety.

Secretary Read asked when the fees were last increased. Director Lovell stated that the fees were last increased twelve years ago.

Treasurer Steiner stated that she is sympathetic to those who pay these fees but also feels things like this need to be maintained through a balance between funds from agencies as well as user fees because every dollar that is not paid by the user is a dollar that comes out of the Common School Fund.

Governor Kotek stated that if the changes in rule are approved, they do not take effect until July 2027. She also stated that she would like the Department to continue looking into the way value is calculated for the floating homeowners in the future.

The Department recommended that the Land Board permanently adopt the proposed rules for OAR 141-082, Rules Governing the Management of, and Issuing of Leases, Licenses and Registrations for Structures on, and Uses of State-Owned Submerged and Submersible Land, effective on July 1, 2027

10:48 a.m.

Secretary Read made a motion to adopt the rules.  
Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

Governor Kotek asked if there was any discussion.

Treasurer Steiner then made a motion to add an amendment stating that stiff and sheer booms are excluded from the calculation of square footage for floating recreational cabins.

Secretary Read seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:50 a.m. without objection

#### **b. Adopt Div145 Rules for Waterway Remediation & Habitat Restoration**

In conformance with Div82 rules, the Department recommended the Land Board permanently adopt the proposed rules for OAR 141-145, Rules Governing the Management of State-Owned Submerged and Submersible Lands Used for Remediation and Habitat Restoration Activities, effective on July 1, 2027.

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the action item.

Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:51 a.m. without objection

### **Informational Items**

#### **4. Department of State Lands Legislative Update**

Director Lovell introduced Ellie Forness, Government Relations Manager, to present the report which gave an overview of the short legislative session and the Bill's that had direct or indirect impacts on the Department.

**5. Department of State Lands Strategic Plan Progress Report**

10:58 a.m.

Director Lovell introduced Ali Ryan Hansen, Chief of Staff, who presented information on the progress towards meeting the Strategic Plan goals. This included a review of projects completed, progress objectives and next steps.

Treasurer Steiner stated that when thinking about the next strategic plan, in addition to setting the right goals it is also important to set the right number of goals, so not to be too ambitious, but also not to be stagnant.

**6. South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Annual Report**

11:26 a.m.

Director Lovell introduced Chris Castelli, Deputy Director and Patricia Fox, Reserve Manager, to present the item which highlighted the accomplishments of the Reserve over the last year.

The presentation also highlighted a video focused on science and research at the reserve.

**7. Other**

Director Lovell gave brief updates on the following topics:

- Modernization of administration system (DSL Connects)
- Elliott State Research Forest timber sale
- Governor's housing priority progress

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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Kaitlin Lovell, Director