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State Land Board to meet April 14

Agenda items include updated rules for waterway authorizations and a land exchange at the South Slough Reserve

SALEM, Ore. – The State Land Board will meet virtually on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda items the Land Board will consider include:

- **Authorize the exchange of approximately 0.2 acres of lands between the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Lee Family in Coos County.** The Reserve’s Visitor Center entrance is being moved to improve safety, expand parking capacity, and enhance bus mobility. The proposed land exchange involves the existing entrance area and will benefit both the neighboring Lee family and the Reserve.
- **Adopt updated rules that implement best management practices to protect the health and safety of Oregon-owned waterways and achieve sustainable operations.** The rules govern leases, licenses and registrations for structures and uses on state-owned submerged and submersible land, such as marinas, ports, docks, and floating homes. Rules include fees, compensation, insurance requirements, and other minor updates.

The Land Board will also hear legislative updates, the [annual report of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve program](#), and a summary of progress on the Department’s 2022-2027 Strategic Plan projects.

Meeting Details and Agenda

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

This meeting of the Land Board will be held **virtually only**. Watch the meeting livestreamed online on the [DSL YouTube channel](#). The full meeting agenda and materials are available on the [DSL website](#).

The public may [submit written testimony or sign up to provide spoken testimony](#) (by phone or

virtually) during the meeting. The meeting agenda indicates whether testimony will be accepted on an item. **Advanced sign-up is required. The deadline is 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 13.**

If you need assistance to participate in this meeting due to a disability, please contact Arin Smith at 503-986-5224 or arin.n.smith@dsl.oregon.gov at least two working days prior to the meeting.

Visitors are not permitted to bring backpacks, bags, or large purses into the building prior to, during, or following Land Board meetings. Purses, medical bags, and diaper bags are permitted, but may be subject to inspection by the Oregon State Police.

About the State Land Board and the Department of State Lands: The State Land Board consists of Governor Tina Kotek, Secretary of State Tobias Read, and State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner. Established by the Oregon Constitution in 1859, the Land Board oversees the state's Common School Fund. The Department of State Lands is the Land Board's administrative agency, managing the lands and resources that help fund Oregon's public schools and protecting the state's waterways and wetlands for the many benefits they provide.

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