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State Land Board to meet October 14 in Salem

Agenda items include board appointments for the Elliott State Research Forest and annual program updates

SALEM, Ore. – The State Land Board will meet on Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of State Lands building in Salem.

The day will begin with the 21st annual State Land Board Awards ceremony. Every year, the Land Board honors exceptional projects and partners for their contributions to enhancing Oregon's natural resources. Award recipients are:

- Stream Award: **Sheep Creek Stewardship Project**
- Wetland Award: **West Sundial Wetlands**
- Partnership Award: **John Day Basin Partnership**
- Catalyst Award: **Kyle Waggoner, Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District**

The Land Board meeting will begin immediately after the awards ceremony, and agenda items the Land Board will consider include:

- **Appoint three voting members of the Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors: Payton Smith, Haley Lutz, and Ken Carloni.**
The board serves as a key structure in shaping the management of the research forest through public oversight, accountability, and engagement. The appointments are intended to achieve a full complement of relevant experience that is not otherwise represented by current board members.

The Land Board will also receive updates on the Southern Resident Orca Management Plan, recent achievements at South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Oregon State Treasury's annual report on Common School Fund investments, and the Oregon Ocean Science Trust's annual report.

Meeting Details and Agenda

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Department of State Lands

Land Board Room
775 Summer St. NE, Salem

The full meeting agenda and materials are available on the [DSL website](#). The meeting will be livestreamed to the [DSL YouTube channel](#).

The public may [submit written testimony or sign up to provide spoken testimony](#) (in person, by video, or phone) during the meeting. **Advanced sign-up is required, and the deadline is 10 a.m. on Monday, October 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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