

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board Member Bios

Marylou Schnoes (appointed 2019):

Governor Brown appointed Marylou in 2019.

For two years Marylou observed the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board on behalf of the League of Women Voters Oregon and was appointed to the board by Governor Kate Brown in October 2019.

In working toward her BS in chemistry at the University of Illinois, she was able to take graduate level courses in physical and radiochemistry. After working for a few years as a chemist in Oceanography at Oregon State University, she returned to school and got a BS in zoology and attended the University of Florida earning an MS in Wildlife Ecology. She then worked as a Wildlife Biologist for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, doing field work, environmental analyses and Endangered Species consultation. She also gained experience in writing and administering federal contracts. She retired in 2009.

Marylou feels that though there are many worthy volunteer positions that could help leave a better planet for our descendants, working for the best Hanford cleanup possible is one of the most compelling tasks there is.

In her free time, Marylou plays with her two toddler grandchildren in Eugene, bakes, gardens and enjoys creating pottery.

Laura Feldman (appointed 2019):

Governor Brown appointed Laura in 2019.

Laura is a poet, activist and educator, born and raised in North Portland. She received her M.S. from Portland State University's Leadership for Sustainability Education (LSE) program in 2013. Her comprehensive project "Sustainable Activism: The Hanford Nuclear Reservation" proposed curricula that students, community leaders and activists can use to promote citizen oversight and stewardship of the Hanford cleanup.

Laura led a PSU student tour of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and has facilitated presentations on Hanford at PSU and other community venues. She taught Global Political Ecology in the LSE program, and designed a Hanford curriculum for college students published online through *Curriculum for the Bioregion* through the Sustainability Education Resource – Carleton College (SERC, 2016).

Laura began attending Hanford hearings in the late '90s which inspired place-based writing projects such as *hearing Hanford* (nine muses press, 2011), selections of which toured with the

Particles on the Wall Exhibit (Toxipedia, 2011). She and artist Yukiyo Kawano are currently initiating the first *Cascadia Film Arts Festival: Living in a Nuclear Landscape* here in Portland in preparation of the 9th Fukushima anniversary.

As a board member of the Willamette River Advisory Group she has participated in community art, education and outreach so that those most directly impacted by the Portland Harbor superfund cleanup will have a role in cleanup decisions.

Laura has a deep and abiding love for our home place, and feels as an elder her work is to help nourish a just and resilient world. She says, "Serving on the ODOE Hanford Cleanup board is a wonderful opportunity to continue to learn more about how to heal landscapes like Hanford."

DAN SOLITZ: (appointed 2015. Current Board Vice Chair)

Governor Brown appointed Dan to serve the remainder of an unexpired term in 2015 and he was appointed to serve a full term in 2018.

While Dan was born and spent the first six months of his life in Butler, Pennsylvania, he considers himself a proud fourth generation Oregonian as his mother's family has lived in Central Oregon since the mid-1800s. Dan was raised in Prineville, and as the oldest of ten children, he learned group process early and well. He graduated from Crook County High School in 1965 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Dan completed the one-year Naval Nuclear Propulsion training in Vallejo, California and A1W Prototype training in Arco, Idaho 1966-1967. Following his training, He served four years as an electrician on the USS Enterprise nuclear aircraft carrier.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Dan returned to Oregon and attended the University of Oregon from 1972-1975, studying literature and business. He worked at the Weyerhaeuser Particleboard Plant from 1975 to 1998.

From 1974 through 1980, Dan volunteered on the Oregonians for Nuclear Safeguards, Construction Work in Progress and Citizens Action for Energy Security ballot initiatives.

In 1979 he began attending and participating in the Energy Facility Siting Council's deliberation on need for power. In 1980 through 1988, Dan joined Common Cause Northwest Energy Task Force and Lane Energy Plan Committee to lobby Congress on the Regional Power Bill.

Since 1988, Dan and his wife have managed their Willamette Valley rental properties. After leaving the Navy, he continued his interest in nucleonics and in 2010 followed the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future and submitted comments. Since 2013, Dan has attended the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board meetings.

Dan lives in Eugene with his wife Susan Connolly and nearby to his five grandchildren. Dan also enjoys music, travel and reading and has, from time to time, sang in a Russian Choir.

BRYAN WOLFE (appointed 2015):

Governor Kitzhaber appointed Bryan to serve the remainder of an unexpired term in 2015 and he was appointed to a full term in 2018 by Governor Brown.

Bryan is a farmer and former feedlot owner-operator and makes his home in Hermiston. He has served his state and his community for many decades, including serving on and Chairing the State's Energy Facility Siting Council; serving as Director of the Oregon National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and serving as Director of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative.

Bryan is a graduate of Oregon State University and in 2000 was name to the OSU Agricultural Hall of Fame. Bryan has been married to Lou Ann for 50 years, and together they have four sons, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

JUSTIN IVERSON:

Justin represents the Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) on the Board.

Justin is the Groundwater Section Manager at the OWRD.

Justin is a Registered Geologist and holds an Honors BS and MS in Geology from Oregon State University.

Justin was previously a consulting hydrogeologist, where he focused on water resources management and groundwater development for water supply in the United States, Canada, Australia, and the South Pacific.

Jurgen Hess (appointed 2018):

Governor Brown appointed Jurgen to the Board in 2018.

Living through WWII in Germany has given him a passion to use his life for protecting and restoring Earth's landscapes.

Jurgen has a BS in Landscape Architecture from Iowa State University. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 34 years managing public forest lands, including appointment to the Columbia River Gorge Commission representing the federal government.

Jurgen was awarded the Vice President Al Gore Golden Hammer Award for innovation in planning. Jurgen has also given the international presentations on Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Jurgen's public service also includes being the Chair of the Hood River City Planning Commission; guest lecturer on public forest policy at the PSU business school (for four years); Conservation Chair Friends of Mount Adams; Cascade Forest Conservancy board; Member of Society of Environmental Restoration.

With wife Susan, Jurgen formed *Columbia Insight*, an on-line magazine creating stories of environmental issues facing the Columbia Gorge and the Northwest. Some of their stories have included climate change, anadromous fish survival, pesticides, recreation, mining, Malheur Refuge takeover and Hanford cleanup.

An award-winning photographer/photojournalist, Jurgen gives presentations on wildfire, including the recent Eagle Creek Fire. The focus of those presentations is helping people understand the role of fire in shaping our natural environment. He teaches photography for beginning to advanced students.

Erica Elliott (appointed 2018):

Governor Brown appointed Erica to the Board in June 2018.

Erica is the Academic Advisor for the Sustainability Double Degree Program at Oregon State University. She advises students majoring in disciplines as diverse as Natural Resources, Mechanical Engineering, and Public Policy as they help move us towards a more sustainable world.

Erica worked at the University of Oregon (UO) for over a decade and, during that time, taught an interdisciplinary course that focused on Hanford history and cleanup. She completed her B.A. in Biology and English at Kenyon College in Ohio (her home state) before moving to Oregon, where she earned an M.A. in English and Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy at UO.

The government has spent several decades and billions of dollars cleaning up Hanford. Still, there is an enormous amount of dangerous, long-lived waste buried and pooled across the 580-square-mile site.

Erica serves on the OHCBC because Hanford cleanup requires constant vigilance and oversight from entities outside the federal government. Though a lot of progress has been made, Hanford still poses serious risks to human and environmental health.

Erica lives in Corvallis with her partner and their dog, Rodeo. She also serves on the Steering Committee of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, where she hopes to delve into local issues like community inclusion, food security, and water quality.

Thomas (Tom) Roberts (appointed 2017)

Governor Brown appointed Tom to the Board in 2017.

Tom is the Emergency Manager for Umatilla County and he represent the public safety community on the Board.

Tom's Previous Related Work Includes being the Emergency Management for US Army at three Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Sites including the Umatilla Chemical Depot in Hermiston, Oregon, the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo, Colorado, and the Bluegrass Chemical Depot in Richmond, Kentucky.

Tom has an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Management from Clackamas Community College and Graduate of Hermiston Senior High School.

Tom is also a FEMA Trained Master Exercise Practitioner and Advanced Public Information Officer.

Tom has served as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for 20 combined years with the Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services, the Pendleton Fire Department and as a Lieutenant with the Irrigon Fire Protection District.

Jeff Wyatt (appointed 2021):

Governor Brown appointed Jeff in 2021.

Jeff Wyatt has over thirty-five years of experience in engineering and project management. At Chevron he has managed an R&D laboratory, designed petrochemical plants, managed capital and environmental projects, and marketed specialty chemicals. He was the environmental team leader on four large international merger and acquisition projects, including an offshore oil field in Western Australia and two petroleum refineries.

Jeff developed Chevron's hypothesis-based methodology for international mergers and acquisitions and worked with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to extend the methodology to Chemical Weapons control and verification. In conjunction with LLNL, he taught a course in environmental project management at the University of California Berkeley.

Jeff successfully lobbied Congress, EPA and the Federal Highway Administration to authorize the use of federal funds to purchase environmentally safe highway deicers. He managed two federal Superfund sites and the RCRA closure and cleanup of Chevron's Richmond, CA agricultural chemicals incinerator and plant.

More recently (2006-2010) he managed a portfolio of environmental and capital projects designed to eliminate surface discharges of produced water at the Wafra Kuwait oil field, recover 3 million barrels of oil into production and remediate over 800 acres of evaporation pits. In 2016 he retired from Chevron's after managing a \$530 million expansion of Tengizchevroil's tank farm and export facilities at the Tengiz field in Kazakhstan.

In his five years with Nanomix, a nanotechnology startup, Mr. Wyatt worked on electronic materials, chemical sensors, automotive hydrogen storage systems, and medical devices. He raised over \$20 million in grants and venture capital funding and has five issued patents in chemical sensing and automotive hydrogen storage.

Jeff recently served on the City of Ashland Oregon's Climate Policy Commission. He has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and a post graduate certificate in Environmental Economics from the University of London.

SENATOR BILL HANSELL:

Senator Bill Hansell was appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by the Senate President in 2013.

Bill represents Oregon Senate District 29, which is the closest Oregon Senate district to Hanford. A former Umatilla County Commissioner, serving for 30 years, he has long had an interest in what has and is happening at Hanford.

Bill has ancestors that came to Oregon in 1853 on the Oregon Trail, making him a sixth generation Oregonian.

Bill lives in Athena, where he was raised on a wheat and cattle ranch.

During his 30 years as a county commissioner, Bill served on a number of local, state, and national positions. These included: president of the Association of Oregon Counties (1988) and the president of the National Association of Counties, based in Washington DC in 2005.

Bill was elected to the Oregon Senate in 2013. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he met and married his wife Margaret 47 years ago.

They are the proud parents of six children and even prouder grandparents of eleven grandchildren. “For what is now seven generations my family has lived in this area. I am pleased to have been asked to serve on this Board, and to be involved in working on the issues Hanford presents.”

REPRESENTATIVE TAWNA SANCHEZ:

Representative Tawna Sanchez was appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by the Speaker of the House in 2016.

Tawna Sanchez has spent her life working to strengthen the community. Born of Shoshone-Bannock, Ute, and Carrizo descent, Tawna grew up in Portland, and for many years has been a leader fighting for the rights of women, indigenous people, and the most vulnerable.

As the Director of Family Services at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Tawna helped create the Early College Academy, expanded early childhood services, affordable housing development, elder support, and assisted in building a nationally recognized domestic violence wrap-around service model.

Over time, Tawna has helped raise 18 foster kids, and has been active in state policy making – serving on the Family Services Review Commission and the Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

As a state representative, Tawna remains committed to standing up for social justice on the side of the oppressed and pushing to make our systems more equitable. She serves on the House Human Services and Housing, and Judiciary Committees, as well as the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety.

REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY LEVY:

Bobby Levy is the Oregon State Representative for House District 58. As a life-long resident of Eastern Oregon, Bobby has spent her years in a multitude of professions.

As a farmer, rancher, small-business owner, and educator, Bobby has dabbled in almost every sector of rural life.

During her eight years on the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission, Bobby discovered her passion for supporting Eastern Oregon. She now spends her time advocating for bridging the urban/rural divide in the state legislature and through the non-profit, Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition, where she resides as president.

Oregon Department of Energy Staff Bios

Maxwell (Max) Woods

Max Woods is the Assistant Director for Nuclear Safety and Emergency Preparedness at the Oregon Department of Energy. The division represents Oregon's interests in the Hanford cleanup, with a focus on promoting cleanup efforts at Hanford that are protective of the Columbia River and the downstream Oregon communities.

The division is also responsible for representing Oregon's interests in the Natural Resources Damages Assessment process at Hanford; provides staff support to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board; nuclear emergency response and planning; safe transportation of radioactive material through Oregon; enforcement of Oregon's radioactive waste disposal laws; and petroleum emergency preparedness and response.

Max previously worked in ODOE's Energy Facility Siting Division. Before joining ODOE, he worked for an environmental consulting company as an environmental planner and project manager.

Max has degrees from Claremont McKenna College in California and Washington State University-Pullman, and is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer.

Sara Lovtang:

Sara Lovtang joined the Oregon Department of Energy in June of 2016. She serves as Oregon's representative on the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council.

Through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process defined by CERCLA, she and other Council members strive to restore ecosystem services injured by releases of hazardous waste and the remediation activities at Hanford Site.

Prior to joining the Oregon Department of Energy Sara worked for the USDA Forest Service for almost 20 years as an ecologist in the regional program, specializing in dry forests and shrub steppe.

She has worked in the field, contributed to plant association guides, and authored publications regarding plant communities throughout the Pacific Northwest's dryland ecosystems. Before her career as a plant ecologist she worked for US Occupational Safety and Health Administration focusing on the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response standards.

She has a BS from the State University of NY in Syracuse in Environmental Studies, with concentrations in Environmental Law and Communications, and a MS from Oregon State University in Forest Ecology.

Mark Reese:

Mark joined the Oregon Department of Energy team in 2013 as the Nuclear Emergency Program Coordinator focusing on radiological emergency preparedness for the Hanford site and the Columbia Generating Station. Mark provides staff support to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board throughout the year as the Board's Administrator.

A life-long Oregonian, Mark grew up in Eugene and spent most of his adult life in Springfield and eastern Lane County before moving to West Salem in 2013.

Prior to joining ODOE, he spent 20 years in public safety as a Deputy Sheriff at the Lane County Sheriff's Office in Eugene where he served in patrol, corrections and special operations. Mark was also involved in search & rescue, emergency management and the dive team.

Mark has a BA from Northwest Christian University in Management and a MA in Emergency Management from American Military University.

Mark serves as an ODOE representative for the Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA) and the Oregon Emergency Response System Council. Mark is also an Oregon Certified Emergency Management Specialist (ORCEMS.)

Jeff Burrigh:

Jeff joined the Oregon Department of Energy in November 2017. He brings prior experience providing technical decision support for complex Federal nuclear remediation projects around the country, as well as knowledge of radioactive waste management at a national level.

At ODOE, Jeff is focused on issues surrounding the high-level radioactive waste tanks at Hanford, the Waste Treatment Plant, and other issues related to long-term risk management, site cleanup, and waste disposal.

Prior to joining ODOE, he worked for a management consulting firm based in Walla Walla that advocated collaborative, technical problem solving and risk management for environmental remediation projects, with clients including the U.S. Department of Energy, NASA, the U.S. Army, and large private entities.

Originally from Albany, Oregon, Jeff holds a B.A. in English and an M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University.

Tom Sicilia:

Tom joined the Oregon Department of Energy in July of 2018. As the hydrogeologist on the Hanford team, he focuses on groundwater issues, including source material and transport through the vadose zone.

Prior to joining ODOE, Tom spent 10 years as a remediation consultant in New England. He received his B.S. in Geology from Western Washington University and his M.S. in Hydrogeology from Clemson University.

He is a Professional Geologist in Pennsylvania, a Registered Geologist in Oregon, and a Licensed Environmental Professional in Connecticut.