



## Agenda/Notes

Office of Governor Tina Kotek

RJC Environment Equity Committee

October 15, 2025 – Virtual

1:00-2:30pm

### MEMBERS

X	Dr. Alai Reyes-Santos	X	Cheyenne Holliday	X	Jill Fuglister
X	Ana Molina	X	Clara Soh		
E	Dr. Bob Komoto	E	Janet Komoto		

### OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes		Chandra Ferrari
	Amy Schlusser	X	Yasmin Solorio	X	Anca Matica
				X	Nicole Maness, OWEB

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
<b>Update Oregon Environmental Restoration Funds: Nicole Maness OWEB (Background, timeline, appointments, potential engagement intersection)-</b>	<p><i>Meeting commences at 1:03pm by Ana. Members introduce themselves.</i></p> <p><i>Nicole Maness shares "OERF Presentation slides.</i></p> <p><i>Nicole shares information on the Oregon Environmental Restoration Funds and the Council .</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2022 settlement with Oregon for \$698 million for PCB contamination</li><li>• Settlement Funds will be directed at environmental remediation or restitution projects as determined by the State related to restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land, water and other natural resources</li><li>• Council Responsibilities include: Recommend long-term distribution policy for OERF, Develop Strategic Priorities, Initiate rulemaking and adopt rules for sub funds, Make funding decisions, Evaluate &amp; report on impact</li></ul>	Make OWEB a standing item for future agendas.
<b>Brief Update Resiliency Efforts: EO, Resilience Forum Meeting: (Chandra)</b>	<p><i>Chandra shares information on Executive Order and summarizes Resilience Forum Meeting.</i></p>	

<b>EJC-EEC Update (Ana)</b>	<p>There are still availability for the Environmental Justice Council (EJC) recruitment.</p> <p>Environmental Equity Committee (EEC) is not in statute. EJC is in statute.</p> <p>Meeting concludes at 2:17pm</p>	
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<b>Materials</b>	 OERF Presentation to RJC EEC_10.15.25.r	
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### Zoom Chat

More info on PRO: <https://apps.oregon.gov/oregon-newsroom/OR/GOV/Posts/Post/plan-for-a-resilient-oregon-kicks-off-statewide-resilience-forum>

PRO website: <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/PRO.aspx>

State wide forum Packet for minutes

<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/10.15.PRO.StatewideForum.Packet.pdf>

From Anca Matica (she/her) Gov Kotek to all panelists 01:50 PM

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From Cheyenne Holliday (she/her), Verde to all panelists 01:50 PM

Verde is the metro convenor

From Alai Reyes-Santos, PhD to all panelists 01:53 PM

Wonderful. Who are the conveners across the state?

From Cheyenne Holliday (she/her), Verde to all panelists 01:54 PM

I know Unite OR and Centro but I am not sure who the others are

From Chandra Ferrari, Governor's Office to all panelists 01:55 PM

<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/10.15.PRO.StatewideForum.Packet.pdf>

From Anca Matica (she/her) Gov Kotek to all panelists 02:11 PM

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**OREGON  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESTORATION  
FUND**

**RJC ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY COMMITTEE**

**OCTOBER 15 2025**



**TODAY**

**Background - Monsanto Settlement Agreement**

**Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund & Council**

**2025-26 Workplan**



# BACKGROUND

- 2018 lawsuit
- 2022 settlement with Oregon for \$698 million for PCB contamination
- Settlement Funds will be directed at environmental remediation or restitution projects as determined by the State related to restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land, water and other natural resources



# BACKGROUND

## SB 1561

- 2024 Legislative session
- Process for fund distribution through:
  - *Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund*
  - *Oregon Environmental Restoration Council*
- Funds: "supplement" efforts by federally-recognized Tribes, disproportionately impacted communities, and state agencies



**State Agency  
Program Fund**  
50% (transfers)

**Tribal Nation Natural  
Resource Program Fund**  
25% (transfers)

**Community  
Impact Fund**  
25% (grants)



# OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION COUNCIL

## Council Membership (SB 1561)

### 11 voting members

Governor/Governor's Designee

DEQ Director/Designee

ODFW Director/Designee

OHA Director/Designee

Attorney General/Designee

Six Governor-appointed members

### 2 non-voting members

Member House of Representatives

Member of Senate



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## Council Responsibilities

- Recommend long-term distribution policy for OERF
- Develop Strategic Priorities
- Initiate rulemaking and adopt rules for subfunds
- Make funding decisions
- Evaluate & report on impact



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## Council Membership (SB 1561)

### Inaugural Council

Governor/Governor's Designee	Geoff Huntington, NR Policy Advisory
DEQ Director/Designee	Director Feldon
ODFW Director/Designee	Director Colbert
OHA Director/Designee	Andre Ourso
Attorney General/Designee	Leslie Wu
House of Representatives	Rep Helm
Senate	Sen David Brock Smith

Chuck Sams (Co-chair)	2 year/4 year
Vacant	2 year/4 year
Michael Dembrow (Co-chair)	3 year/4 year
Alai Reyes-Santos	3 year/4 year
Cheyenne Holliday (Vice-chair)	4 year/4 year
Molly Kile	4 year/4 year

# PROGRAM STAFF

**Clare Lanusse**, Program Analyst

**Rachel Thompson**, Program Coordinator

**Nicole Maness**, Program Manager

**Miriam Scharer**, Business Operations Manager

**Gina Flores**, Grant Accountant



**Clare Lanusse**



**Rachel Thompson**



**Nicole Maness**



**Miriam Scharer**



**Gina Flores**



# GOVERNOR'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Balance urgency of making funds available with good process

Prioritize payments to sovereign tribal nations

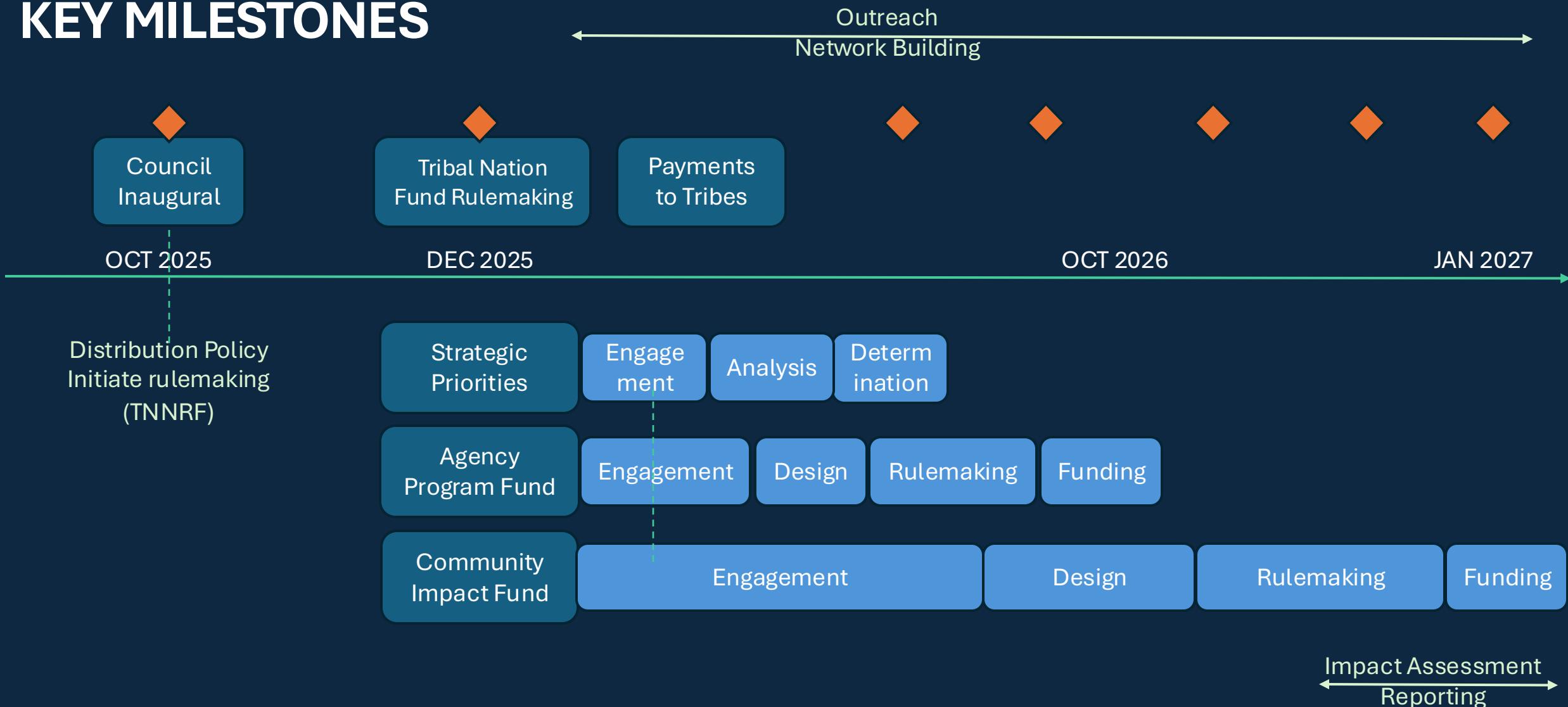
Build an effective Council

Ensure sovereign Tribes and communities feel heard and have voice in process

Proactive outreach, engagement, and communications

Ensure funds have impact for Oregonians

# KEY MILESTONES





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