



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Meeting Agenda
April 16-17, 2019

Monday, April 15, 2019

Reception – 5:00p.m.

The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff at a reception celebrating the 20th anniversary of OWEB.

Location of Reception:

Willamette Heritage Center

Dye House

1313 Mill St. SE

Salem, OR 97301

Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/i9yeoactTJk>

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Macleay Conference & Retreat Center

Fireside Hall

2887 74th Ave. SE

Salem, OR 97317

Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/K4hg6vokwkx>

Business Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

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A. Board Member Comments (8:05 a.m.)

Board representatives from state and federal agencies will provide an update on issues related to the natural resource agency they represent. This is also an opportunity for public and tribal board members to report on their recent activities and share information

and comments on a variety of watershed enhancement and community conservation-related topics. *Information item.*

B. Review and Approval of Minutes (8:45 a.m.)

The minutes of the January 15-16, 2019 meeting in Cannon Beach will be presented for approval. *Action item.*

C. Board Co-Chair Election (8:50 a.m.)

The current term of Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chair Will Neuhauser ends in April 2019. Co-Chair Randy Labbe will lead a discussion and vote by Board members to elect one Board Co-Chair position for a new two-year term. *Action item.*

D. Board Subcommittee Updates (8:55 a.m.)

Representatives from board subcommittees will provide updates on subcommittee topics to the full board. *Information item.*

E. Strategic Plan Update (9:00 a.m.)

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden will provide a *written* report to the board on progress made on strategic plan implementation. *Information item.*

F. Public Comment (9:00 a.m.)

This time is reserved for general public comment, as well as other matters before the board.

G. Harney Basin Groundwater Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) (9:15 a.m.)

Partnerships Coordinator Jillian McCarthy will be joined by Harney County Commissioner Mark Owens, High Desert Partnership Executive Director Brenda Smith, and Consultant Ken Bierly to provide a presentation to the board on a proposal to develop a Harney Basin Groundwater CREP initiative to reduce groundwater use across the basin. *Information item.*

H. Director's Update (9:45 a.m.)

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden will update the board on agency business and late-breaking issues. *Information item.*

I. Spending Plan Presentations and Discussion (10:20 a.m.)

NOTE: Public Comment specific for this agenda item at approximately 1:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

Following an introduction by Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden, the board will hear staff presentations on items in the OWEB spending plan. Presentations will feature a brief history of each item, the demand and future need for the item, and recent highlights and accomplishments with the OWEB spending plan line item. *Information item.*

Wednesday, April 17, 2019**Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.**

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J. Public Comment (8:00 a.m.)

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K. Land Acquisition Grant Program- Administrative Rules (8:15 a.m.)

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams, Acquisitions Coordinator Miriam Forney, and Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein will present administrative rule revisions for the land acquisition grant program for board consideration and approval. Public comment associated with this item may be heard as part of general public comment. However, because this item has already been the subject of a formal public hearing and a comment period, further public testimony may not be taken except upon changes made to the item since the original public comment period, or upon the direct request of the board members in order to obtain additional information. *Action item.*

L. Land Acquisition Grant Awards (9:00 a.m.)

NOTE: Public Comment specific for this agenda item at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Acquisitions Coordinator Miriam Forney will request board action on land acquisition grant applications that were received during the Fall 2018 grant offering. *Action item.*

M. Monitoring Grants-Administrative Rules (10:00 a.m.)

Deputy Director Renee Davis and Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein will request the board authorize rulemaking for the monitoring grant program. *Action item.*

N. Programmatic Effectiveness Monitoring Funding Request (10:10 a.m.)

Deputy Director Renee Davis and Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator Ken Fetcho will request the board provide funding for tidal wetland effectiveness monitoring. *Action item.*

O. Fall 2018 Open Solicitation Grant Offering (10:30 a.m.)

NOTE: Public Comment specific for this agenda item at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Introduction

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and OWEB Regional Program Representatives will provide background information on the Fall 2018 Open Solicitation grant offering.

Public Comment [approximately 11:40 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on pending restoration, technical assistance, and stakeholder engagement grant applications to be considered for funding by the board. Only comments pertaining to these specific grant applications will be accepted during this portion of the meeting. Any written comments pertaining to pending grant proposals must be received by agency staff by the **April 9, 2019 deadline** in order to be provided to the board in advance of the meeting. ***The board encourages speakers to limit comments to 3 to 5 minutes.***

Board Consideration of Pending Open Solicitation Grant Applications

The board will consider grant applications submitted through the Fall 2018 Open Solicitation grant offering. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

P. Water Acquisition Grant Awards (1:30 p.m.)

NOTE: Public Comment specific for this agenda item at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Partnerships Coordinator Jillian McCarthy will request board action on water acquisition grant applications that were received during the December 2018 grant cycle. *Action item.*

Q. Coastal Wetlands Grants- Permission to Apply for 2020 Federal Grant (2:00 p.m.)

Partnerships Coordinator Jillian McCarthy will request permission from the board to apply to the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program for funding in 2020. *Action item.*

R. Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) Program- Rule Waiver (2:20 p.m.)

Interim Business Operations Manager Courtney Shaff and Partnerships Coordinator Andrew Dutterer will provide a report to the board explaining a pending administrative rule waiver regarding the John Day Partnership, which was recently selected by the board as a FIP beginning in the 2019-2021 biennium. *Information item.*

S. Other Business (2:35 p.m.)

This item is reserved for other matters that may come before the board.

Meeting Rules and Procedures

Meeting Procedures

Generally, agenda items will be taken in the order shown. However, in certain circumstances, the board may elect to take an item out of order. To accommodate the scheduling needs of interested parties and the public, the board may also designate a specific time at which an item will be heard. Any such times are indicated on the agenda.

Please be aware that topics not listed on the agenda may be introduced during the Board Comment period, the Executive Director's Update, the Public Comment period, under Other Business, or at other times during the meeting.

Oregon's Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that board members may meet for meals on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Voting Rules

The OWEB Board has 18 members. Of these, 11 are voting members and 7 are ex-officio. For purposes of conducting business, OWEB's voting requirements are divided into 2 categories – general business and action on grant awards.

General Business

A general business quorum is **6 voting members**. General business requires a majority of **all** voting members to pass a resolution (not just those present), so general business resolutions require affirmative votes of **at least 6 voting members**. Typical resolutions include adopting, amending, or appealing a rule, providing staff direction, etc. These resolutions cannot include a funding decision.

Action on Grant Awards

Per ORS 541.360(4), special requirements apply when OWEB considers action on grant awards. This includes a special **quorum of at least 8 voting members** present to take action on grant awards, and affirmative votes of at least six voting members. In addition, regardless of the number of members present, **if 3 or more voting members** object to an award of funds, the proposal will be rejected.

Public Testimony

The board encourages public comment on any agenda item.

General public comment periods will be held on *Tuesday, April 16 at 8:55 a.m., and Wednesday, April 17 at 8:00 a.m.* for any matter before the board. Comments relating to a specific agenda item may be heard by the board as each agenda item is considered. People wishing to speak to the board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). *The board encourages persons to limit comments to 3 to 5 minutes.* Written comments will also be accepted on any item before the board. Written comments should be sent to Eric Hartstein at Eric.Hartstein@oregon.gov. Please note that written comments received after *April 9, 2019* will not be provided to the board in advance of the meeting.

Tour

The board may tour local watershed restoration project sites. The public is invited to attend, however transportation may be limited to board members and OWEB staff. Any person wishing to join the tour should have their own transportation.

Executive Session

The board may also convene in a confidential executive session where, by law, only press members and OWEB staff may attend. Others will be asked to leave the room during these discussions, which usually deal with current or potential litigation. Before convening such a session, the presiding board member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

More Information

If you have any questions about this agenda or the Board's procedures, please call Darika Barnes, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-986-0181 or send an e-mail to darika.barnes@oregon.gov. If special physical, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Darika Barnes as soon as possible, and at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Membership

Voting Members

Barbara Boyer, *Board of Agriculture*
Molly Kile, *Environmental Quality Commission*
Bruce Buckmaster, *Fish and Wildlife Commission*
Vacant, *Board of Forestry*
Meg Reeves, *Water Resources Commission*
Jason Robison, *Public (tribal)*
Gary Marshall, *Public*
Will Neuhauser, *Board Co-Chair, Public*
Randy Labbe, *Board Co-Chair, Public*
Jan Lee, *Public*
Liza Jane McAlister, *Public*

Non-voting Members

Vacant, *National Marine Fisheries Service*
Stephen Brandt, *Oregon State University Extension Service*
Debbie Hollen, *U.S. Forest Service*
Kathy Stangl, *U.S. Bureau of Land Management*
Ron Alvarado, *U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service*
Alan Henning, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
Paul Henson, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

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2019 Board Meeting Schedule

January 14-16, in Cannon Beach
April 16-17, in Salem
July 16-17, in Klamath Falls
October 15-16, in Condon

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