



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Meeting Agenda
April 21-22, 2020

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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 22-23, 2020 meeting in Jacksonville will be presented for board approval. *Action item.*

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

The current term of Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chair Randy Labbe ends in April 2020. Board members will vote to elect one board Co-Chair position for a new two-year term. *Action item.*

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

Representatives from board committees will provide updates on committee topics to the full board. *Information item.*

E. Public Comment (9:05 a.m.)

This time is reserved for general public comment.

F. Board Committee Structure (9:20 a.m.)

Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein will present the new board committee structure and board membership. *Information item.*

G. OWEB Funding Opportunities (9:40 a.m.)

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams will update the board potential new funding opportunities in the Klamath and Snake River basins. *Information item.*

H. Telling the Restoration Story (9:55 a.m.)

Conservation Outcomes Coordinator Audrey Hatch will provide an update to the board on the 'Telling the Restoration Story' targeted grant offering, and provide an example from Coyote Creek in the Long Tom watershed. *Information item.*

I. Fall 2019 Open Solicitation Grant Offering (10:20 a.m.)

NOTE: Public Comment specific for this agenda item at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Introduction

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and OWEB Regional Program Representatives will provide background information on the Fall 2019 Open Solicitation grant offering.

Public Comment [approximately 11:30 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on pending restoration, technical assistance, monitoring, 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 15, 2020 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 2019 Open Solicitation grant offering. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the board. *Action item.*

J. OWEB Monitoring Grants- Administrative Rules (1:30 p.m.)

Deputy Director Renee Davis, Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator Ken Fetcho, and Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein will present monitoring grants administrative rule revisions 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.*

K. Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) Monitoring Funding Request (2:30 p.m.)

Deputy Director Renee Davis and Conservation Outcomes Coordinator Audrey Hatch will request the board provide supplemental monitoring funding for the second cohort of Implementation FIP initiatives. *Action item.*

L. Director's Update (2:50 p.m.)

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

Tour TBD – 3:45 p.m.

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

This time is reserved for general public comment.

N. Water Acquisition Grant Program- Administrative Rules (8:15 a.m.)

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams, Partnerships Coordinator Jillian McCarthy, and Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein will present administrative rule revisions for the water 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.*

O. OWEB Agency Request Budget (9:15 a.m.)

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden and Deputy Director Renee Davis will request the board's approval of budget proposals that will be included in OWEB's Agency Request Budget to the Governor's Office and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the 2021-2023 biennium. *Action item.*

P. Land Acquisition Grant Awards (10:15 a.m.)

NOTE: Public Comment specific for this agenda item at approximately 10:30 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 2019 grant offering. *Action item.*

Q. Retrospective Evaluation of OWEB's Capacity Investments in Watershed Councils and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (11:30 a.m.)

Deputy Director Renee Davis and Interim Business Operations Manager Courtney Shaff will update the board on efforts to retrospectively evaluate OWEB's capacity investments. *Information item.*

R. Other Business (12:00 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 when OWEB meetings convene.

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 21 at 9:05 a.m., and Wednesday, April 22 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) or if meeting virtually, informing OWEB staff of the request through virtual meeting platform. *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 15, 2020* 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 April Mack, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-986-0181 or send an e-mail to april.mack@oregon.gov. If special physical, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise April Mack 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*
Mark Labhart, *Fish and Wildlife Commission*
Brenda McComb, *Board of Forestry*
Meg Reeves, *Water Resources Commission*
Jason Robison, *Board Co-Chair, Public (Tribal)*
Gary Marshall, *Public*
Jamie McLeod-Skinner, *Public*
Randy Labbe, *Board Co-Chair, Public*
Bruce Buckmaster, *Public*
Liza Jane McAlister, *Public*

Non-voting Members

Eric Murray, *National Marine Fisheries Service*
Stephen Brandt, *Oregon State University Extension Service*
Debbie Hollen, *U.S. Forest Service*
Anthony Selle, *U.S. Bureau of Land Management*
Ron Alvarado, *U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service*
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2020 Board Meeting Schedule

January 22-23, in Jacksonville
April 21-22, in Clackamas
July 21-22, in Sisters
October 20-21, in Enterprise

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