

# OWEB Acquisitions, Restoration, and Emerging Issues (ARE) Committee Agenda

December 11, 2025

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

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## Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Introductions (*est. 10 mins.*)
- 2) Context setting: Staff presentation about foundational questions (*Renee & Sara; est. 30 min*)
  - a. Quick review of discussions to date for foundational question #1, Conservation easements as protective instrument
  - b. Orientation to foundational question #2, Significant habitat and Future conditions
  - c. Brief touch on foundational questions #3, Other uses, and #4, Risk tolerance
  - d. Clarifying questions from Committee members
- 3) Tribal panel: Feedback from Tribal members and staff about Conservation easements and other foundational questions / Q&A with committee (*Panel members TBD; est. 90 mins.*)
- 4) Public Comment (*est. 30 mins.*)
- 5) Discussion of next steps for and timing of ARE workstream (*Staff and committee members; est. 20 mins.*)
- 6) Wrap-up

## Public Comments

The committee welcomes public comment.

## Written Comments

Written comments should be submitted by **Tuesday, December 9, at 5:00 pm** using [OWEB's Public Comment Form](#) and will be provided to the committee before the meeting.

## Verbal Comments

Verbal comments are limited to three minutes and will be heard during the public comment period (Agenda Item 2). Anyone interested in providing comments will be asked during the public comment period to alert organizers of their interest by using the raise-hand function on Zoom.

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## Committee Overview

Acquisitions, Restoration, and Emerging Issues. The committee oversees programs related to land and water transactions and restoration (regardless of fund source), as well as our Small Grants and Weed Grants programs. The committee's role also includes identifying and discussing emerging issues directly relevant to OWEB's mission, grantmaking, and partnerships.