

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

September 4, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84121163940?pwd=mxEYElJ8XWlQVNVl30BcAoyxnfLAalc.1>

**YouTube Streaming:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dl-TOWlt4Sp--i1KEa\\_OA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dl-TOWlt4Sp--i1KEa_OA)

### Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Introductions (*est. 10 mins.*)
- 2) Public Comment (*est. 15 mins.*)
- 3) Staff presentation and Committee Q&A: context & follow-up from last meeting (*Renee & Sara, committee members; est. 55 min*)
  - a. Updates about Land Acquisition modernization workstreams and upcoming topics for ARE committee
  - b. Matrix of Risk categories
  - c. History of Conservation easements: OWEB approach and project examples
  - d. Brief review of matrix of Title restriction tools to help outline challenges and opportunities
  - e. Committee Q&A
- 4) Grantee/partner panel: Feedback about use of Conservation easements and pros/cons, Q&A with committee (*Panel members TBD; est. 65 mins.*)
- 5) Title restriction alternatives: Revisit potential tools, Q&A and discussion (*Staff and committee members; est. 30 mins.*)
- 6) Wrap-up

### Public Comments

The committee welcomes public comment.

### Written Comments

Written comments should be submitted by **Tuesday September 2 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.

If physical, auditory, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please contact [Nicole Bettinardi](#) as soon as possible, at least 48 hours before the meeting.

### 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.