OWEB CLIMATE RESOLUTION
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

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OUTLINE

Climate Resolution
Public engagement process
OWEB rulemaking
BACKGROUND

- March 2020-Governor issues Executive Order 20-04
- April 2020-OWEB Board Climate Committee
- July 2021-Climate-Related Technical Resources
- Fall 2021-Open Solicitation Grant Offering, Climate Considerations
- Fall 2021-OWEB Climate Statement of Purpose and Climate Lens
- January 2022-OWEB Climate Resolution
BOARD CLIMATE RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that OWEB will:

- Integrate climate mitigation and adaptation in budgeting, investing, and policy making decisions by:
  - Funding climate-smart adaptation and resilience for Oregon’s watersheds, natural resources, people, and communities.
  - Funding projects that include meaningful emissions reductions, carbon sequestration, and protection of carbon storage in enhancing watershed health and habitat restoration.
  - Valuing project co-benefits and assessing long-term sustainability of projects and acquisitions.
GOALS FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- Provide an overview of the climate resolution
- Learn from stakeholders about the potential challenges and opportunities associated with the climate resolution
- Use feedback from stakeholders to inform considerations around rulemaking
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

- Public listening sessions (6)
- Survey
- One-on-one conversations with OWEB staff
- Rulemaking
PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS – TODAY!

Facilitated discussion with stakeholders:

– Challenges and opportunities related to integrating emissions reductions, adaptation, and resilience into projects

– Resources, support, and technical assistance needed to do the above successfully

– Other feedback and input
SURVEY

- Same content as listening sessions
- Offered as alternative avenue for stakeholders to share concerns, opportunities, or general feedback
OWEB ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- Climate Resolution-Rulemaking to include OWEB Lens of climate-focused evaluation criteria

- [Link](#) to current OWEB administrative rules

- Rulemaking Process:
  - Formal
  - Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC)
  - Opportunities for public engagement and feedback
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<td>Board passes Climate</td>
<td>Public engagement process</td>
<td>• Public listening sessions •</td>
<td>• Analyze and summarize feedback</td>
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<td>Tribal focus group listening</td>
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ADAPTATION

Modifying or adjusting to a new or changing environment

- Removing fish passage barriers
- Reconnecting floodplains and wetlands
- Replacing undersized bridges and culverts
TODAY

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MITIGATION

- Reducing emissions or enhancing sequestration and storage
- Storing C in soil (e.g., nutrient management, cover crops)
- Improved animal management
- Using existing equipment more efficiently

ADAPTATION

- Modifying or adjusting to a new or changing environment
- Avoided conversion of forests
- Removing invasive annual grasses
- Removing fish passage barriers
- Reconnecting floodplains and wetlands
- Replacing undersized bridges and culverts
- Improved animal management
- Storing C in soil (e.g., nutrient management, cover crops)
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Your input today will:

• Help shape OWEB’s grant programs
• Inform rulemaking to add climate-focused criteria to grant applications & evaluations
NEXT UP –

Polls
Discussion: Concerns
+ Benefits