



Klamath Water Quality Improvements Grant Program

Pre-Application Consultation

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

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Purpose

Klamath Water Quality Improvements Grant Program grant applicants are required to consult with OWEB staff before submitting an application, to discuss: (i) project's eligibility, readiness, water quality benefits, water rights (if applicable), and overall technical soundness.

The pre-application consultation is an informal conversation and an opportunity for applicants to get advice on successfully competing for grant funds.

Scheduling

To schedule a consultation, please contact Greg Ciannella, Regional Program Representative, at greg.s.ciannella@oweb.oregon.gov or 971-345-7015. These are 1.5 hour-long consultations.

Pre-application consultations are held via video conference call (Microsoft Teams) and attended by IM11 steering committee members from ODEQ & OWRD. Consultations for the 2026 grant cycle will be held **February 17 – April 6, 2026**.

Preparation

Be prepared to speak on behalf of the following (visual aids such as maps, photos, and designs are allowed).

- Project location, ownership, activities (both those requesting OWEB funds and those used as match), water rights (if applicable), water quality benefits, design completeness, permit completeness, and partner engagement.

Agenda

- I. **Introductions** (5 min.)
- II. **Project overview from applicant** (20 min.)
 - a. Come prepared to discuss the projects “who, what, where, why, how, how much”
 - b. Visual aids (detailed map & ground photos) may be used to help with overview
- I. **OWEB/ODEQ/OWRD feedback and recommendations**
 - a. Review IM11 application evaluation criteria
 - b. Discuss how your proposed project demonstrating a water quality benefit
 - c. Review water rights, if applicable
 - d. Helpful reminders for grant applicants such as:
 - i. Grant applications should tell a story connecting the problem-solution-outcome that is directly linked to the budget. Be sure these items are clearly articulated in your grant application.
 - ii. Aerial imagery maps, photos, and design plans (if applicable) are a must – visuals aid in storytelling.
 - iii. Land management – application should identify how the restoration actions will work together with land management to ensure investments are protected and sustainable.
 - iv. Watershed context. If the project is working in concert with other restoration (planned or completed) projects on the property or in the vicinity – make a connection as to why/how the project does so. Remember, matching funds & activities covered under match are evaluated the same and considered part of the project.