

OWEB Seeks Public Comment on Applications Under the Water Acquisition Grant Solicitation

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) has received two eligible applications for the Water Acquisition grant offering. The Water Acquisition program provides grants for voluntary projects that increase stream flows and improve clean water. For more information about this program, please visit the [Water Acquisition webpage](#).

Applications Received:

1. 224-9902-22741 Acquisition and Ecological Use of Wood River Valley 1864 Priority Water Right. The applicant, California Waterfowl Association, proposes to complete an instream lease that will improve streamflow in Crooked Creek, the Wood River, Agency Lake, Upper Klamath Lake, the Klamath River, and Lower Klamath Lake. The improved streamflow will benefit habitat for native fish and wildlife and water quality. The project is located northwest of Chiloquin, in Klamath County.
2. 224-9903-22749 South Fork Little Butte Creek Water Acquisition. The applicant, The Freshwater Trust, proposes to complete irrigation water efficiency and management upgrades and leave the conserved water instream to benefit native fish. The project is located in Jackson County, east of Medford, on South Fork Little Butte Creek—a tributary of the Rogue River.

To view the applications listed above, go to OWEB's online grant management system ([OGMS](#)) using the following information:

Log-In ID: grantee

Password: oweb

Public comment:

OWEB encourages written and verbal public comments on any application. All written comments and requests to make virtual or in-person verbal comments to the OWEB Board should be sent to Nicole Bettinardi at Nicole.Bettinardi@oweb.oregon.gov no later than 4:00 pm Thursday, **July 20, 2023**.

Written comments will be provided to the OWEB board before its July 25-26, 2023 meeting.

Those who wish to provide an in-person verbal comment at the board meeting will be asked to fill out a form at the meeting with their name and the topic of their comment.

Verbal comments:

- Are limited to three minutes
- Will be heard in the public comment period

Provide the following information for virtual verbal comments:

- Your first and last name
- The topic of your comment
- The phone number you will use when calling the meeting. Also, note if the phone is a landline and you prefer to be scheduled for public comment early to avoid long-distance phone call charges.

Questions?

If you have questions about the Water Acquisition grant offering, please review the [Water Acquisition Program Guidance](#) or contact Brian Wolcott at 971.345.7010, Brian.R.WOLCOTT@oweb.oregon.gov

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