



Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

9:00am – 12:00pm

Location of Meeting

Land Board Room in the State Lands Building, 775 Summer St NE, Salem, OR 97301 ([map](#))

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Public Comment

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The deadline for submitting written comments and requests is **5pm, Monday, March 16, 2026**.

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More Information

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AGENDA

Time	Topic Description
9:00 am	Roll Call and Opening Remarks, Meeting Overview and Objectives (Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair) Introduction of Jenn Bildersee, OERC Public Member. <i>Information item.</i>
9:10 am	Item 1 – Consent Items (Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair) Meeting minutes from January 22, 2026. <i>Action item.</i>
9:15 am	Item 2 – Program Manager Report (Nicole Maness, OERP Manager) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program (OERP) Manager Nicole Maness will provide Program updates to the Council. • Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2026 • Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) findings on eligible uses of OERF moneys • Status of the Agency Program Fund development including draft program architecture and updated timelines for rulemaking Diane Lloyd, Assistant Attorney General, DOJ will be available to answer any questions from Council. <i>Information item.</i>
9:30 am	Item 3 – Public Comment This time is reserved for the Council to hear public comments and review any written public comment submitted for the meeting. <i>Information item.</i>
10:00 am	Item 4 – OERF Strategic Priorities (Nicole Maness, OERP Manager) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Manager Nicole Maness will present a staff-recommended process and timeline for the Council's identification of strategic priorities for the OERF. A statewide engagement process will run for approximately five months and include solicitation of input from natural resources state agencies, the Oregon Environmental Justice Council, Tribes, conservation and community-based organizations, local governments, federal agencies, those with scientific expertise in areas related to the purpose of the OERF, and others. Results from the engagement will be used by the Council to deliberate and decide on the first set of strategic priorities. <i>Information item.</i>
10:20 am	Item 5 – Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund (Nicole Maness, OERP Manager) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Manager Nicole Maness will provide updates to the Council on the status of rulemaking for the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund and anticipated timeline for rule adoption by Council. She will share the process and timelines for work with federally recognized Tribes on the development of i) biennial reporting requirements, and ii) inter-governmental agreements that will be used to transfer funds from the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund to each Tribe. <i>Information item.</i>
10:25 am	Item 6 – Community Impact Fund (Nicole Maness, OERP Manager) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Manager Nicole Maness will provide updates to Council on the strategy to develop the Community Impact Fund prior to rulemaking. The strategy includes i) outreach and engagement with disproportionately impacted communities, ii) design and deployment of a community needs assessment, and iii) definitions of fund architecture and operation that utilizes best practices for community-based grant making. <i>Information item.</i>
10:35 am	Break

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10:45 am	Item 7 – State Agency Presentations (Rachel Thompson, OERP Coordinator) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Coordinator Rachel Thompson will describe outreach to state agencies and deployment of a needs assessment to identify areas of opportunity and need that may be served by the State Agency Program Fund. She will introduce staff from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon Health Authority who will present to the Council on agency missions, strategic objectives, and areas of opportunities within their agencies that the Agency Program Fund may help to address. • Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - Rian vanden Hooff, Acting Policy and External Affairs Manager • Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife - Shaun Clements, Deputy Director and Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator • Oregon Health Authority - Gabriela Goldfarb, Environmental Public Health Section Manager Additional eligible state agencies will present at upcoming Council meetings. <i>Information item.</i>
11:20 am	Item 8 – Framework for Agency Program Fund Interim Distribution (Geoff Huntington, Governor’s Office) Senior Natural Resources Policy Advisor Geoff Huntington from the Governor’s Office will share a framework with the Council about an initial allocation of APF moneys for the 2025 – 2027 biennium. This framework will include a proposed timeline for the Council’s consideration and discussion. <i>Information item.</i>
11:55 am	Next Steps, Reminders & Wrap Up (Michael Dembrow, Co-Chair)
12:00 pm	Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

May 6, 2026

July 15, 2026

September 16, 2026

November 18, 2026

Meeting Rules and Procedures

Voting Rules

The Oregon Environmental Restoration Council has 13 members. Of these, 11 are voting members and 2 are non-voting advisory members. A majority of the voting members of the Council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Once quorum is established, action items require affirmative votes of the simple majority.

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The Council may convene in a confidential executive session where, by law, only press members and OWEB staff may attend. Others will be asked to leave the room during these discussions, which usually deal with current or potential litigation. Before convening such a session, the presiding council member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

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deliberations or decisions that might reasonably come before the governing body. Please see [ORS 192.690\(m\)](#) and [OAR 199-050-0015\(3\)](#).

Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Membership

Voting Members

Jenn Bildersee, *Public, Scientific Expertise*
Debbie Colbert, *Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife*
Michael Dembrow, *Council Co-Chair, Public*
Leah Feldon, *Director, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality*
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