



Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Meeting

Minutes approved at June 22, 2026 OERC meeting

May 6, 2026 Hybrid Council Meeting

Land Board Room in the State Lands Building, 775 Summer St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Zoom Webinar and live streamed on [YouTube](#).

All meeting materials can be found on [oregonerf.org](#) under the specific meeting date.

ATTENDEES

OERC MEMBERS

Jenn Bildersee
Debbie Colbert
Michael Dembrow
Leah Feldon
Geoff Huntington
Rep. Ken Helm
Cheyenne Holliday
Molly Kile
André Ourso
Chuck Sams
Sen. David Brock Smith
Leslie Wu

Absent: Alai Reyes-Santos

OWEB STAFF

Nicole Bettinardi
Gina Flores
Lucas Langstraat
Clare Lanusse
Nicole Maness
Sara O'Brien
Stephanie Page
Miriam Scharer
Rachel Thompson

OTHERS

Christina Appleby
Lisa Batey
Hayley Brazier
Lisa Charpillouz Hanson
Paris Edwards

OTHERS

James Fraser
Kim Fritz-Ogren
Ivan Gall
Brenda Gessner
Kira Glover-Cutter
Gabriela Goldfarb
Seth Greenfest
Andrea Hanson
Rian Hooff
Sristi Kamal
Andrea Kreiner
Kaleb Lay
Jan Lee
Annette Liebe
Diane Lloyd
Kaitlin Lovell

OTHERS

April McEwen
Micah Meskel
Mason Murphy
Hoang-Van Nguyen
Holly Purpura
Tawny Reader
Sarah Reif
Colin Reynolds
Ali Ryan Hansen
Jonathan Sandau
Kris Schraeder
Neil Schulman
Youjun Suh
Erica Toledo
Doug Woodcock

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The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Co-Chair Michael Dembrow: [Recording](#)

Timestamp	Details
00:01:42	Roll Call and Opening Remarks, Meeting Overview and Objectives Co-Chair Michael Dembrow opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda <i>Information item</i> .
00:09:21	Item 1 – Consent Items Motion #1. Geoff Huntington moved that the Council approve minutes from the March 18, 2026 Council meeting. Molly Kile seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Alai Reyes-Santos and Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed.
00:11:28	Item 2 – State Agency Presentations Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund Program Coordinator Rachel Thompson introduced staff from Oregon Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Staff from those agencies presented to the Council on agency missions, strategic objectives, and areas of opportunities within their agencies that the Agency Program Fund may help to address. <i>Information item. Note: Additional eligible state agencies will present at upcoming Council meetings</i>

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00:49:13	Item 3 – Agency Program Fund Proposal Preview Senior Natural Resources Policy Advisor Geoff Huntington from the Governor’s Office introduced the agenda item and introduced Annette Liebe (on special assignment with the Governor’s Office). Annette Liebe and staff from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) previewed the preproposal for an interim allocation of funds from the State Agency Program Fund for the 2025-2027 biennium. Council asked questions and requested additional information from the Governor’s Office and agencies. <i>Information item.</i>
03:21:25	Item 4 – Public Comment This time was reserved for the Council to hear verbal public comment and review any written public comment submitted for the meeting. All written public comment can be viewed on the website. The following individuals provided verbal public comment: • Neil Schulman, Executive Director, North Clackamas Watersheds • Kris Schaedel, Conservation Program Manager, Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District • James Fraser, Oregon Policy Director, Trout Unlimited • Hayley Brazier, Ph.D., Wildlife Conservation Specialist, Oregon Zoo on behalf of Metro (representing the Oregon Zoo and Parks and Nature) • Colin Reynolds, Senior Advisor, Northwest Program, Defenders of Wildlife • Sristi Kamal, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Environmental Law Center • Tawny Reader, Consumer Lending Director, Craft3 • Kaleb Lay, Director of Policy & Research, Oregon Rural Action • Micah Meskel, Director of Urban Conservation, Bird Alliance of Oregon • William Anderson, Councilor, City of Milwaukie
03:51:24	Item 5 – Strategic Priorities Oregon Environmental Restoration Program staff, Nicole Maness and Rachel Thompson, introduced the agenda item with an overview of the statutory requirements described in ORS 541.882 for Council’s identification and adoption of strategic priorities, which include consultation with the Environmental Justice Council (EJC) and Oregon state agencies. Co-Chair Michael Dembrow proposed Council leadership leads consultation with the EJC which was supported by the Council. Program staff facilitated a discussion by Council on key terms in the Monsanto settlement agreement and authorizing legislation, and on developing an articulation of a purpose statement for the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund. Additional discussion will follow at the July 15, 2026 Council meeting. <i>Information item.</i>
04:56:50	Next Steps, Reminders & Wrap Up

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm by Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday