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**OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION
COUNCIL MEETING**

MAY 06, 2026



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Agenda

Time	Topic Description
12:00 pm	Roll Call, Opening Remarks, Meeting Overview, and Objectives (<i>Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair; Cheyenne Holliday, OERC Vice Chair</i>)
12:10 pm	Item 1 – Consent Items (<i>Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair</i>)
12:15 pm	Item 2 – State Agency Presentations (<i>Rachel Thompson, OERP Coordinator</i>)
12:50 pm	Item 3 – Agency Program Fund Proposal Preview (<i>Geoff Huntington, Senior Policy Advisor</i>)
2:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:45 pm	Item 4 – Public Comment (<i>Cheyenne Holliday, OERC Vice Chair</i>)
3:15 pm	Item 5 – Strategic Priorities (<i>Nicole Maness, OERP Manager; Rachel Thompson, OERP Coordinator, Co-Chair Michael Dembrow, and Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday</i>)
4:45 pm	Next Steps, Reminders & Wrap Up (<i>Cheyenne Holliday, OERC Vice Chair</i>)
5:00 pm	Adjourn



OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FUND STATE AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

RACHEL THOMPSON
Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Coordinator

State Agency Program Fund

- Program Update
- State Agency Presentations





OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FUND INTERIM STATE AGENCY PROGRAM FUND DISTRIBUTION

GEOFF HUNTINGTON
Governor's Senior Natural Resource Policy Advisor

AGENCY PROGRAM FUND INTERIM ALLOCATION PROCESS

DATE	MILESTONE
May 6, 2026	OERC meeting to discuss & provide feedback on proposed funding packet from Governor's Office/State Agencies
May 13, 2026	Public comment period closes
May 14, 2026	Governor's Office/agencies begin revisions based on feedback from OERC
June 12, 2026	OERC receives final funding packet from Governor's Office/State Agencies Posted online
June 18, 2026	Public comment period closes
June 22, 2026	OERC meeting to vote on allocation OERC approves Temporary APF Rule
June 23, 2026	Temporary APF Rule becomes effective



OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FUND PUBLIC COMMENT

CHEYENNE HOLLIDAY
OERC Vice-Chair



OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FUND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FUND PRINCIPLES

RACHEL THOMPSON & NICOLE MANESS
Oregon Environmental Restoration Program

Agenda Item

- Consultation with EJC and State Agencies
- Definition of Terms
- OERF Purpose / Outcomes
- APF / CIF Purposes / Outcomes

Outcomes – May & July 2026

- Approach for determining consultation with EJC and state agencies
- Shared definitions of key terms
- Shared description of purposes and outcomes of OERF, APF, and CIF
- Agreed upon process for identifying first set of strategic priorities
- Feedback on draft priorities prior to beginning public process

Consensus

- Looking for 'shared agreement' on definition of terms & purpose statements
- Alignment of Council's interpretations of language in the Settlement and statute
- Needed to guide program design and to communicate with external partners/fund beneficiaries on how these funds can/should be used

Strategic Priorities Consultation

ORS 541.882: OERC shall establish strategic priorities for amounts expended from APF and CIF in consultation with state agencies and the Environmental Justice Council (EJC)

- Consultation with eligible state agencies through engagement process (listening session with OERC)
- Consultation with EJC
 - **Proposal:** Co-Chairs/Vice-Chair develop parameters of consultation and report back to OERC
 - **Goal:** Agreement on consultation process at July 15 OERC meeting



Synthesis of OERC Input

Definition of Terms

- Environmental remediation
- Environmental restitution
- Environmental harm
- Strategic Priority



Monsanto Settlement Agreement (Sec 18)

Such environmental remediation or restitutionary projects or purposes include restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land, water and other natural resources

and will consist of projects having a nexus or connection with brownfields remediation or redevelopment, environmental or natural resource damage assessment or restoration, improvements to air and water quality, cleanup of contaminated sites, remediation of impaired waterbodies, sediments, or soil, or restoration or protection of wildlife or wildlife habitats, including fish, aquatic life, marine mammal, or bird habitats,

but may also include at the State's sole discretion other similar air, water, soil, or natural resource environmental remediation or restitutionary projects or purposes within the scope of the projects and purposes described above.

DEFINITION: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The high-level set of environmental and human health issues/challenges that are caused by pollution or contamination and can be addressed through investments from the OERF to generate measurable outcomes for Oregon and Oregonians."

Majority (70%) agreed with this definition.

Other considerations included:

- Remove "measurable" from definition
 - Use of "measurable tends to require such technical expertise to measure and becomes very quantitative; and therefore becomes either inaccessible for many communities and also limits the kinds of projects.
 - Or need criteria for what constitutes a 'measurable outcome'
- Add "outcomes **repairing ecosystem functions** for Oregon and Oregonians"
- The "caused by pollution" is restrictive



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

DETAILS

- June 22, 2026
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- Virtual only: Zoom Webinar /YouTube

AGENDA ITEM

- Interim Agency Program Fund Allocation

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