



Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Meeting

Minutes approved at the July 15, 2026 OERC meeting

June 22, 2026 Virtual Council Meeting

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

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ATTENDEES

OERC MEMBERS

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

OWEB STAFF

Nicole Bettinardi
Renee Davis
Eric Hartstein
Clare Lanusse
Nicole Maness
Miriam Scharer
Rachel Thompson

OTHERS
Anna Allen
Christina Blevins
Hayley Brazier
Lisa Charpillot Hanson

OTHERS

Paris Edwards
Ned Fairchild
James Fraser
Ivan Gall
Kira Glover-Cutter
Gabriela Goldfarb
Seth Greenfest
Jennifer Hamilton
Jon Hess
Rian Hooff
Jonathan Horowitz
Karsyn Kendrick
Jan Lee

OTHERS

Annette Liebe
Benjamin Liptak
Diane Lloyd
Kevin Parrett
Laurie Porter
Terri Preeg Riggsby
Holly Purpura
Tawny Reader
Sarah Reif
Estelle Robichaux
Neil Schulman
Emma Smith
Kaz Zaidi

Minutes, June 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Co-Chair Michael Dembrow: [Recording](#)

Timestamp	Details
00:00:19	Roll Call and Opening Remarks, Meeting Overview, and Objectives Co-Chair Michael Dembrow opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda
00:05:54	Item 1 – Consent Items Motion #1. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council approve the minutes from the May 6, 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. Alaí Reyes-Santos abstained. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed.
00:13:12	Item 2 – 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 Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund (OERF) website here . The following individuals provided verbal public comment: • Neil Schulman, Executive Director, North Clackamas Watersheds Council • Emilie Blevins, Senior Conservation Biologist and Freshwater Mussel Lead, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation • James Fraser, Oregon Policy Director, Trout Unlimited • Jan Lee, Advocacy Committee Chair, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts • Terri Preeg Riggsby, Executive Director, Network of Oregon Watershed Councils • Benjamin Liptak, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians

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	• Anna Allen, Regional Government Affairs Director, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission • Jon Hess, Staff Member, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
00:34:54	Item 3 – State Agency Program Fund Temporary Administrative Rules Co-Chair Michael Dembrow introduced the agenda item and provided an overview of the context and need for temporary administrative program rules for the State Agency Program Fund. Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund Program Coordinator Rachel Thompson provided an overview of the proposed State Agency Program Fund temporary administrative rules. Motion #2. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council approve the State Agency Program Fund Temporary Administrative Rules. Alai Reyes-Santos seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed.
01:20:23	Item 4 – State Agency Program Fund Proposals Co-Chair Michael Dembrow introduced the agenda item and provided an overview of the planned deliberation and voting process for an interim allocation from the State Agency Program Fund for the 2025-2027 biennium to fund proposed projects by eligible state agencies. Annette Liebe from the Governor’s Office provided an overview of the proposed funding package. Motion #3. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$5,400,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and up to \$600,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Health Authority for the “Oregon Brownfields Initiative” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, with Phase 2 funding detailed in Table 1 contingent upon funding. Jenn Bildersee seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #4. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$2,100,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, up to \$3,106,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and up to \$1,400,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Health Authority for the “Aquatic Environmental Damage Assessment” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, with Phase 2 funding detailed in Table 1 contingent upon funding. André Ourso seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #5. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$1,894,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for the “Lamprey and Mussel Habitat Restoration” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026. Leah Feldon seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #6. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$4,500,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for the “Restoration of Priority Watersheds” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, with Phase 2 funding detailed in Table 1 contingent upon funding. André Ourso seconded. Jenn

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	Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #7. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$1,000,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries for the “Enhanced Mine Reclamation” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, contingent upon funding. Debbie Colbert seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #8. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$1,500,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Agriculture for the “Pesticide Applicator Training” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, contingent upon funding. Leslie Wu seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #9. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$1,900,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Transportation for the “6PPD-Quinone Research” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, contingent upon funding. André Ourso seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #10. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$1,200,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for the “Drinking Water Source Protection” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, contingent upon funding. André Ourso seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #11. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$4,000,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for the “Address Groundwater Contamination from Failing Septic Systems” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, with Phase 2 funding detailed in Table 1 contingent upon funding. Leah Feldon seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #12. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$775,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Water Resources Department for the “Backflow Prevention” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, contingent upon funding. André Ourso seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed. Motion #13. Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday moved that the Council award up to \$500,000 in State Agency Program Funds to Oregon Department of Agriculture for the “Agricultural Water Quality Restoration Partnership” detailed in Attachment 1, with an award date of June 22, 2026, contingent upon funding. André Ourso seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Leah Feldon, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Alai Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Chuck Sams absent. Motion passed.

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02:53:45	Next Steps, Reminders & Wrap Up

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm by Co-Chair Michael Dembrow