



Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Meeting

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July 15, 2026 Virtual Council Meeting

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
Rep. Ken Helm
Cheyenne Holliday
Molly Kile
André Ourso
Chuck Sams
Alaí Reyes-Santos
Leslie Wu
*Absent: Leah Feldon,
Geoff Huntington, Sen.
David Brock Smith*

OWEB STAFF

Nicole Bettinardi
Clare Lanusse
Nicole Maness
Sara O'Brien
Miriam Scharer
Rachel Thompson

OTHERS

Christina Appleby
Brenda Bateman
Alyssa Bonini
Ruarri Day-Stirrat
Kim Fritz-Ogren

OTHERS

Lisa Gaines
Seth Greenfest
Megan Kemple
Andrea Kreiner
Jan Lee
Diane Lloyd
Alex Lopez
Jason McClaughry
David Morrissey
Hoang-Van Nguyen
Lisa Phipps
Terri Preeg Riggsby
Holly Purpura

OTHERS

Kris Schaedel
Neil Schulman
Clara Soh
Karin Stutzman

Minutes, June 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday: [Recording](#)

Timestamp	Details
00:00:17	Roll Call and Opening Remarks, Meeting Overview, and Objectives Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. <i>Information item.</i>
00:03:35	Item 1 – Consent Items Motion #1. Co-Chair Chuck Sams moved that the Council approve the minutes from the June 22, 2026 Oregon Environmental Restoration Council meeting. Molly Kile seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Cheyenne Holliday, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Chuck Sams, Alaí Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Leah Feldon and Geoff Huntington absent. Motion passed.
00:04:46	Item 2 – Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund Rules Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund (OERF) Program Manager Nicole Maness provided an overview of the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund and the process and timeline of the development of the Administrative Rules. OERF Program Coordinator Rachel Thompson provided an overview of the proposed Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund administrative rules (Division 10). Motion #2. Co-Chair Michael Dembrow moved that the Council approve the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund Administrative Rules. André Ourso seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Cheyenne Holliday, Molly Kile, André Ourso, Chuck Sams, Alaí Reyes-Santos, and Leslie Wu voted in favor. Leah Feldon and Geoff Huntington absent. Motion passed.

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00:31:01	Item 3 – 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. The following individuals provided verbal public comment: • Kris Schaedel, Conservation Program Manager, Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District • Megan Kemple, Policy Consultant, Oregon Climate & Agriculture Network • Terri Preeg Riggsby, Executive Director, Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
00:41:59	Item 4 – State Agency Presentations OERF Program Coordinator Rachel Thompson introduced staff from Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, and Oregon Water Resources Department. Staff from those agencies presented to the Council on agency missions, strategic objectives, and areas of opportunities within their agencies that the State Agency Program Fund may help to address. <i>Information item.</i>
01:15:19	Item 5 – Program Update Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday gave a brief update on consultation with the Environmental Justice Council. OERF Program Manager Nicole Maness provided a preview for the September OERC meeting’s action items: 1. Statutorily required determinations on an annual transfer and distribution from the OERF; and 2. Proposed update to the OERF Long-Term Distribution Policy. A financial report on the OERF for the period ending May 31, 2026 was also shared. <i>Information item.</i>
01:31:15	Next Steps, Reminders & Wrap Up

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm by Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday