Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Location of Meeting

Virtual on Zoom Webinar

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Meeting Materials

The meeting materials are available on the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council meeting website.

For each agenda item, the time listed is approximate. Anyone interested in a particular agenda item is encouraged to give ample time and listen in to the meeting at least 30 minutes before the approximate agenda item time. Generally, agenda items will be taken in the order shown. However, in certain circumstances, the council may elect to take an item out of order. Additionally, topics not listed on the agenda may be introduced during the meeting.

Public Comment

The Oregon Environmental Restoration Council welcomes public comments.

All written comments and requests to make verbal comments to the council should be submitted using the Public Comment Form on our website.

The deadline for submitting written comments and requests is **5:00 pm, Monday, November 16, 2026**.

Written comments will be provided to the council before the meeting. Verbal comments are limited to up to three minutes and will be heard in the public comment period (Agenda Item 2).

More Information

If physical, auditory, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please contact Nicole Bettinardi at 503.428.1804 or Nicole.Bettinardi@OWEB.oregon.gov as soon as possible, and at least 48 hours before the meeting.

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If you have any questions about this agenda or the council's procedures, please contact Nicole Maness at 971.283.5679 or Nicole.G.Maness@OWEB.oregon.gov.

AGENDA

Time	Topic Description
1:00 pm	**Welcome and Agenda Overview** (Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair)
1:05 pm	**Item 1 – Consent Items** (Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair) Meeting minutes from September 16, 2026. *Action item*
1:10 pm	**Item 2 – Public Comment** This time is reserved for the Council to hear public comments and review any written public comment submitted for the meeting. *Information item.*
1:40 pm	**Item 3 – Strategic Priorities** (Rachel Thompson & Nicole Maness, Oregon Environmental Restoration Program and Annette Liebe, Governor's Office) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Coordinator Rachel Thompson and Annette Liebe from the Governor's Office will present and seek Council feedback on draft strategic priorities for the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund. Program Manager Nicole Maness will present and seek Council feedback on an engagement plan to gather input and seek consultation on the strategic priorities. *Information item.*
3:00 pm	**Break**
3:10 pm	**Item 4 – Community Impact Grant Program Update** (Nicole Maness, Oregon Environmental Restoration Program) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Manager Nicole Maness will provide an overview of the process and timeline to develop the grant program to disburse funds through the Community Impact Grant Program. *Information item.*
3:35 pm	**Item 5 – Program Update** (Nicole Maness, Oregon Environmental Restoration Program) Oregon Environmental Restoration Program Manager Nicole Maness will provide updates on the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund and the State Agency Program Fund and will present the financial report on the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund. *Information item.*
3:45 pm	**Item 6 – Agency Presentation** (Kira Glover-Cutter & Tova Peltz, ODOT and Sara O'Brien, OWEB) Staff from Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board will present on agency missions, strategic objectives, and areas of opportunities that the State Agency Program Fund may help to address. *Information item.*
3:55 pm	**Adjourn** (Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair)

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.

Executive Session and Meals

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.

Council members may also gather for meals when convening for OERC meetings; however, Oregon's Public Meetings Law does not apply to these meals so long as communications do not convey 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*
Cheyenne Holliday, *Council Vice Chair, Public*
Geoff Huntington, *Governor Designee*
Molly Kile, ScD, *Public, Scientific Expertise*
André Ourso, *Director Designee, Oregon Health Authority*
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Leslie Wu, *Attorney General Designee, Oregon Department of Justice*
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