# Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Meeting

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### September 16, 2026 Virtual Council Meeting

Zoom Webinar and live streamed on YouTube.
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### ATTENDEES

**OERC MEMBERS**
Jenn Bildersee
Debbie Colbert
Michael Dembrow
Cheyenne Holliday
Geoff Huntington
André Ourso
Alaí Reyes-Santos

*Absent: Leah Feldon, Rep. Ken Helm, Molly Kile, Sen. David Brock Smith, Leslie Wu, Vacant Seat*

**OWEB STAFF**
Gina Flores
Clare Lanusse
Nicole Maness
Sara O'Brien
Miriam Scharer
Rachel Thompson

**OTHERS**
Whitney Dorer
Tad Fergusson
Claire Fiegener
Brenda Gessner
Seth Greenfest
Jessica Howell
Leslie King
Andrea Kreiner

**OTHERS**
Jan Lee
Annette Liebe
Jamie McCreary
Danny Norlander
Katie Pichette
Neil Schulman
Emma Smith
John Tokarcyzk

### Minutes, September 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday: Recording

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| 00:00:20 | **Welcome and Agenda Overview**<br>Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda.<br>*Information Item.* |
| 00:04:21 | **Item 1 – Consent Items**<br>Motion #1. Alaí Reyes-Santos moved that the Council approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026 Oregon Environmental Restoration Council meeting. Debbie Colbert seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, André Ourso, and Alaí Reyes-Santos voted in favor. Leah Feldon, Molly Kile, and Leslie Wu absent. Motion passed.<br>*Action Item.* |
| 00:05:44 | **Item 2 – Public Comment**<br>This time was reserved for the Council to hear public comments 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. There were no verbal public comments for this meeting.<br>*Information Item.* |
| 00:06:15 | **Item 3 – Oregon State Treasury Presentation of OERF Performance**<br>Jamie McCreary and Tad Fergusson from Oregon State Treasury presented a report on the financial performance of the OERF including status of investments, asset allocation, and financial metrics relevant to the 2026 OERF distribution.<br>*Information item.* |

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| 00:26:38 | **Item 4 – 2026 OERF Transfer & Distribution Decisions**<br>OERF Program Manager Nicole Maness and OWEB Fiscal Manager Miriam Scharer provided staff recommendations for:<br>• 2026 OERF transfer for program administrative costs; and<br>• 2026 OERF distribution to the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund, State Agency Program Fund, and Disproportionately Impacted Communities Fund.<br>Motion #2. Co-Chair Michael Dembrow moved that the Council approve a transfer of $1,502,392 from the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund to OWEB for program administrative costs. Geoff Huntington seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, André Ourso, and Alaí Reyes-Santos voted in favor. Leah Feldon, Molly Kile, and Leslie Wu absent. Motion passed.<br>Motion #3. Co-Chair Michael Dembrow moved that the Council approve a distribution of $30,047,831 from the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund from the 2026 annual distribution, to be allocated to the statutorily established funds according to ORS 541.865(4)(a-c). André Ourso seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, André Ourso, and Alaí Reyes-Santos voted in favor. Leah Feldon, Molly Kile, and Leslie Wu absent. Motion passed.<br>*Action items.* |
| 00:44:36 | **Item 5 – Updated OERF Long-Term Distribution Policy**<br>OWEB Fiscal Manager Miriam Scharer presented recommended updates to the OERF Long-Term Distribution Policy and requested Council approval of the updates.<br>Motion #4. Co-Chair Michael Dembrow moved that the Council approve proposed revisions to the Long-Term Distribution Policy included in Attachment A. Geoff Huntington seconded. Jenn Bildersee, Debbie Colbert, Michael Dembrow, Cheyenne Holliday, Geoff Huntington, André Ourso, and Alaí Reyes-Santos voted in favor. Leah Feldon, Molly Kile, and Leslie Wu absent. Motion passed.<br>*Action item.* |
| 00:50:44 | **Item 6 – Program Update**<br>OERF Program Manager Nicole Maness provided updates on the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund and Program.<br>*Information item.* |
| 01:18:04 | **Item 7 – Oregon Department of Forestry Presentation**<br>Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday introduced staff from Oregon Department of Forestry who presented the agency's mission, strategic objectives, and areas of opportunities that the State Agency Program Fund may help to address.<br>*Information item.* |
| 01:44:19 | **Adjourn** |

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm by Vice Chair Cheyenne Holliday