OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
STAFF REPORT | NOVEMBER 18, 2026

REPORT PURPOSE: This report provides information to support identification of draft strategic priorities for the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund. These draft priorities will be used to seek Oregon Environmental Restoration Council feedback at the November 18, 2026 meeting, gather public input, and begin consultation with state agencies and the Oregon Environmental Justice Council.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION ON NOVEMBER 18, 2026:

- Draft strategic priorities
- Engagement strategy

BACKGROUND

ORS 541.882 authorizes the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council (OERC or Council) to establish strategic priorities for expenditures from the State Agency Program Fund (SAPF) and Community Impact Fund (CIF).[1] Before adopting strategic priorities, the Council is required to:

- consult with eligible state agencies and the Oregon Environmental Justice Council;
- review relevant data and scientific information; and
- hold a public hearing with an opportunity for public comment.

At the May 6, 2026 meeting, the Council reviewed initial results from a survey provided to Council members in advance of the meeting (see Appendix A), and agreed on a definition of strategic priorities for the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund (OERF):

> **"The high-level set of environmental, ecological, and human health conditions impacted by contamination that can be addressed through investments from the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund."**

After considering public comments received about strategic priorities (see Appendix B), survey responses, and the Council's feedback at the meeting, staff summarized key themes to develop initial draft strategic priorities. This report supports the Council's discussion on November 18, 2026 where staff will request the Council's input on the draft strategic priorities and an engagement strategy. Following public outreach and engagement to gather input on the draft priorities, the Council is expected to adopt strategic priorities in Summer 2027.

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[1] *ORS 541.871 establishes the Disproportionately Impacted Community Fund, which remains the formal and statutorily established name for the fund. However, in written and verbal communications staff will refer to this fund as the "Community Impact Fund" and the grant program that will administer the funds as the "Community Impact Grant Program" to establish distinct and common language naming conventions.*

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Survey responses from the Council indicated agreement that the SAPF and CIF share overarching goals to improve environmental and human health conditions. Based on this feedback, staff propose that the OERF serve as the overarching framework and purpose, implemented through the individual programs. The SAPF and CIF will support the strategic priorities at different geographic and organizational scales and address distinct needs for eligible recipients. Each program will also be guided by separate administrative rules and tailored eligibility and evaluation criteria to ensure program goals and outcomes align with the strategic priorities.

OERF AND PROGRAM PURPOSES AND OUTCOMES

To support coordination across programs and meet statutory requirements for both environmental and human health outcomes, staff propose the following OERF purpose statement:

> **"Restore, maintain, and enhance Oregon's air, water, land, soil, and natural resources while improving wildlife, environmental, and human health outcomes through coordinated statewide, Tribal, and community-level action."**

The Council identified the following long-term outcomes expected from OERF investments:

- Cleaner air, water, and soil
- Restored ecosystems and habitat function
- Safer, revitalized brownfields and contaminated sites
- Reduced risks to human health
- Stronger, better coordinated public agency programs
- Increased community engagement and awareness
- Transparent, beneficial, accountable outcomes

State Agency Program Fund

The State Agency Program Fund (SAPF) supports state-agency led and coordinated projects to restore, maintain, and enhance Oregon's natural resources. Agencies will implement projects aligned with the settlement agreement, statute, and the Council-identified strategic priorities, using statewide frameworks, strategic plans and policy initiatives to deliver improvements to air, water, land, soil, and fish and wildlife habitat. The Council identified improved interagency coordination to address complex contamination and environmental issues as a key program objective.

Community Impact Fund

The Community Impact Fund (CIF) supports community-driven, locally-defined projects that restore, maintain, and enhance environmental and public health at the local scale. Projects will align with the settlement agreement, statute, and Council-identified strategic priorities and emphasize community leadership and knowledge. The Council identified reducing exposure and risks to human health caused by contamination, brownfields cleanup, and initiatives that advance environmental justice principles as key program objectives.

DRAFT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The following draft strategic priorities are proposed to apply to both the SAPF and CIF, though implementation may vary by program and their scales. Projects and initiatives that apply for funding within each program must adhere to the Council-adopted strategic priorities along with program-specific eligibility and evaluation criteria. While numbered in this report for clarity, staff do not propose weighting the priorities, as these initial draft strategic priorities are equally important and reflective of the settlement agreement, statute, and the Council's input.

1. **Environmental Restoration & Contaminant Reduction**
    - Removing or containing pollutants
    - Cleaning up contaminated air, water, soil
    - Reducing exposure pathways
2. **Ecosystem & Species Recovery**
    - Restoring habitat and ecological function
    - Supporting aquatic species, wildlife, endangered and threatened species, and culturally important species
3. **Brownfields & Community Revitalization**
    - Remediating brownfields
4. **Monitoring, Emerging Contaminants & Science-Based Action**
    - Addressing persistent toxics
    - Monitoring emerging pollutants
    - Using data and statewide plans to guide investments
5. **Human Health & Environmental Justice**
    - Reducing health risks from pollution
    - Prioritizing disproportionately impacted communities
    - Supporting access to clean water and safe, healthy, natural spaces
6. **Coordination & Capacity Building**
    - Interagency collaboration
    - Community engagement and education
    - Strengthening long-term institutional capacity

ENGAGEMENT ON DRAFT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Staff are recommending the following process for consultation and public input on draft strategic priorities to inform the Council's consideration and selection of final strategic priorities.

Staff will facilitate consultation with relevant state agencies and the Oregon Environmental Justice Council by coordinating opportunities to provide input and recommendations on the draft strategic priorities. The consultation process will include facilitated meetings and requests for written input, feedback or recommendations on draft strategic priorities. The Governor's Office will facilitate gathering input and feedback from state agencies. Staff will document these processes and present findings to the Council.

Program staff also propose to contract with outside expertise to assist with gathering input from fund beneficiaries, interested partners and other constituencies on the draft strategic priorities. The contractor will convene 4-6 public outreach meetings across Oregon to seek input from Tribes, members of disproportionately impacted communities, conservation organizations, community-based organizations (CBOs), federal and local governments, and scientific experts. Outcomes from this contracted work will be presented to the Council.

Finally, program staff will facilitate an opportunity for the Council to hear public comment on the strategic priorities prior to adoption.

COMPILATION OF DATA & SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

Program staff will provide the Council with a synthesis of scientific information and data summarizing the current state of knowledge about environmental conditions related to impacts to natural resources from contamination described in the Monsanto Settlement Agreement including brownfields, contaminated waterbodies, sediments or soil, impaired air and water quality, and degraded wildlife or wildlife habitats, including fish, aquatic life, marine mammal, or bird habitats. The purpose will be to provide the Council with a high-level summary of environmental conditions in Oregon to inform their consideration of strategic priorities. Findings will be shared as part of the public engagement on strategic priorities as well as with state agencies and the Oregon Environmental Justice Council as part of the respective consultation processes. Staff also propose that the synthesis include recommendations for how the Council can effectively track and assess progress and long-term outcomes for the strategic priorities resulting from program implementation.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

The Council is asked to review and consider the initial draft strategic priorities and engagement strategy and offer input before staff, with contractor support, begin public outreach and consultation.

Appendix A

The following provides themes from the pre-meeting survey the Council completed prior to the May 6, 2026 meeting. The results are shared by section as in the original survey.

Purposes of the OERF

1. **When you think about the purpose of the settlement, what outcomes should Oregonians expect to see as a result of investment from the OERF in 10-20 years?**

Themes

A. **Cleaner, safer air, water and land** including:
   - Removal or containment of contaminants
   - Decreases in toxic chemicals such as PCBs, mercury, PFAS, microplastics, and emerging pollutants
   - Fewer harmful algal blooms and improved water quality
   - Healthier air and reduced exposure to pollutants that harm communities

B. **Restored and Resilient Ecosystems** including:
   - Restored wetlands, floodplains, estuaries, and watersheds to recover natural functions
   - Habitat improvements that support fish, wildlife, and culturally important species
   - Reduced mortality in sensitive species (e.g., salmonids affected by 6PPD-quinone)
   - Creation of natural systems that filter pollutants and increase climate resilience

C. **Safe, Productive Use of Contaminated or Degraded Lands** including:
   - Brownfields and other contaminated sites will be remediated to the point of safe human use
   - These areas will be repurposed for habitat, recreation, housing, or community amenities
   - Cleanup efforts will be tied to the types of pollution addressed in the settlement

D. **Tangible Improvements to Public and Environmental Health** including:
   - Clear, measurable links between OERF-funded actions and improved human health outcomes
   - Reduced exposure to contaminants for communities, including Tribal communities and those relying on subsistence resources
   - Protection of First Foods and culturally significant natural resources

E. **Stronger Public Agencies and Community Partnerships** including:
   - Robust, well-supported state, Tribal, and local programs that can sustain long-term remediation and monitoring needs
   - Partnerships with municipalities, community groups, and other partners
   - Continued progress despite additional budget constraints and shifting federal priorities

F. **Transparent, Measurable, and Accountable Outcomes** including:
   - Quantifiable improvements tied directly to funded actions
   - Clear demonstration of environmental change at specific sites
   - Use of metrics for both contaminant reduction and endpoint improvements (e.g., species recovery, ecological integrity, safe recreation, etc.)

G. **Increased Public Awareness and Engagement** including:
   - Greater public understanding of pollutants, their impacts, and ways to reduce exposure
   - Visible, accessible restoration projects that reconnect people with healthy, natural spaces

2. Should OERF investments address specific contaminants / pollutants OR should any / all contaminants / pollutants be addressed with OERF investments?

- 70% agreed all contaminants should be eligible to be addressed for funding
- 30% provided input that specific contaminants could be prioritized (such as persistent organic and inorganic chemical pollutants) via strategic priorities, but that all could still be eligible for future funding

3. How do you think OERF investments should be used to address PCBs?

- 60% agreed PCBs should not be considered differently than other contaminants or pollutants
- Other responses included:
    - Considering proposals that address PCBs as only slightly more weighted
    - Considering proposals that address PCBs as weighted more heavily than other contaminants due to the damages of PCBs is what led to the settlement; could also consider expanding to other toxic chemical pollutants from Monsanto such as dioxins and herbicides
        - Could consider a "lesson learned" approach and target other persistent pollutants by drawing from existing lists (e.g., Stockholm Convention)

4. How should OERF investments weight environmental <u>and</u> human health benefits?

- Majority agreed that human health benefits should be weighted equally to environmental benefits and therefore projects with both outcomes would be prioritized
    - **Healthy Ecosystems Support Healthy People** – environmental and human benefits are deeply interconnected
    - **Human Health Outcomes Must Be Valued** – human health outcomes in underserved communities might be overlooked

- **Consider a Balanced Funding Portfolio** – allowing for project-specific variation will create a more balanced investment portfolio for the OERF

Other responses included:

- Need to consider outcomes between SAPF and DICF
    - SAPF should center on advancement of statewide priorities/strategic frameworks that are consistent with settlement terms
    - DICF provides opportunity to support needs identified by local communities which could include human health benefits alongside environmental benefits
- Where the environment is restored, human health benefits will follow; human health could be a co-benefit that could be considered as part of the funding/evaluation criteria

Strategic Priorities

5. Which natural resource or conservation issues in the settlement language do you consider to be the most urgent or under-addressed in Oregon today?

Themes

A. **Impaired Waterbodies and Water Quality** including:
- Contaminated rivers, lakes, sediments, and soil
- Declining groundwater quality and contamination
- Need for restoration of watershed functions that support species, drinking water and ecosystem health
- Clean water is central to all ecological and human systems

B. Brownfields and Contaminated Sites including:
- Under-addressed brownfield remediation and redevelopment
- Need to clean up contaminated lands, especially in communities disproportionately impacted by pollution
- Opportunities to convert these sites into safe housing, parks, habitat, or community assets
- Need for coordinated, multi-agency strategy and ability to align data, shared inventories, joint cleanup plans, and unified monitoring
- Responsibilities for contaminated sites, impaired waterways and degraded ecosystems are spread across multiple agencies/jurisdictions

C. Habitat Degradation and Biodiversity Loss including:
- Pollution and degraded habitats are major drivers of Oregon's biodiversity crisis
- There is urgency of restoring resilient lands and waters
- This is also consistent with Governor's Executive Order on resilient ecosystems
- Need for aquatic habitat restoration, salmon recovery, and food web repair

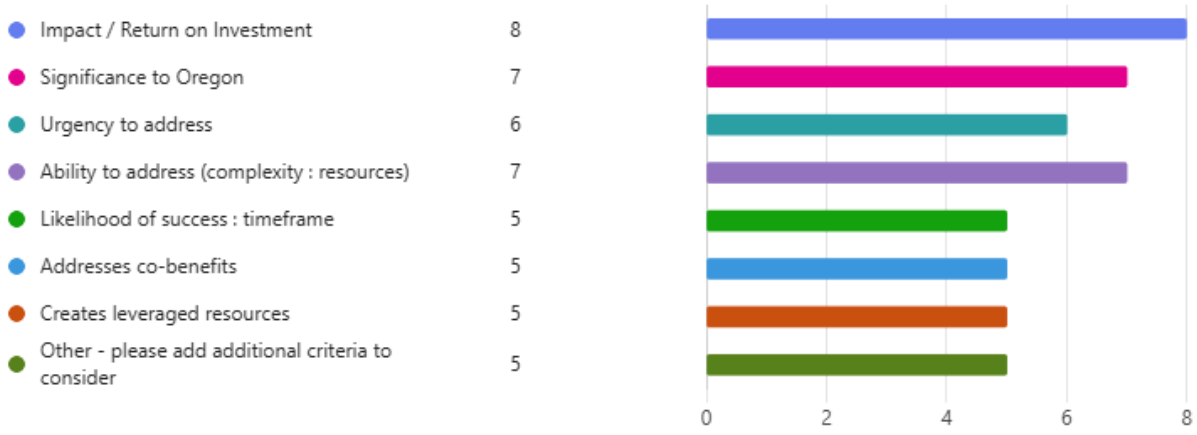
D. **Stormwater and Urban Pollution Pathways** including:
   - Urban stormwater is major route for contaminants entering rivers, streams, and fish habitat
     - Addressing these pathways is essential for reducing pollutant loads and improving ecological function

E. **Salmon Recovery and Aquatic Species Decline** including:
   - Salmon recovery and need to restore aquatic habitat
     - Reduce contaminants that impair fish health and reproduction

F. **Public Engagement and Education** including:
   - Need for stronger public engagement and education around pollution, water quality and ecosystem health
   - Ensuring communities understand and participate in restoration and remediation efforts

G. **Many Issues Are Under-Addressed** including:
   - Broad recognition that many of the issues are under-addressed due to chronic budget constraints
   - Prioritization should be informed by public input, agency leadership, and data-driven strategic frameworks

6. **What criteria are important for evaluating strategic priorities for the OERF? Please select all that apply and / or add additional criteria that will be important to evaluate the first set of strategic priorities for the OERF.**



Other recommended criteria include:
- De-coupling “Impact” from “ROI” – Fund may allow investment into large, important projects that may be hard to justify with “regular” budgets
- Cultural and / or regional significance

- Impact on communities
- Impact on human health
- Supporting communities underserved, underrepresented, under resourced in environmental sector
- The extent to which proposed project meets the terms of the settlement
- Activities funded are linked to specific state science-based plans/frameworks developed through public processes
- Ability for ongoing, sustained, multi-biennia funding
- Criteria related to ESA listed species (both federal and state)
- Making sure that they address needs in every part of Oregon and that they are using an environmental justice lens to help identify priorities

Program Outcomes

7. **Do you think the Agency Program Fund and Community Impact Fund should have distinct outcomes, complementary outcomes, or overlapping outcomes? Please explain.**
    - Strong support for complementary outcomes
        - Both funds ultimately aim to improve environmental and community conditions
        - Agencies and communities often work toward same goals via different roles
    - Flexibility is important and distinct outcomes should be allowed when needed
        - Agencies operate under statutory/federal mandates that may require different standards or approaches than community-led projects
        - CIF may need flexibility to meet community-specific needs that don't align perfectly with agency frameworks
            - If outcomes are identical across both funds, community needs might be overshadowed by agency priorities – especially in historically underserved areas
            - CIF should retain ability to prioritize community-defined outcomes including cultural and equity-focused goals
    - Less support for overlapping outcomes
        - Overlapping outcomes allow for coordinated, mutually reinforcing investments
        - Supporters of overlapping outcomes feel the desired outcomes of both programs are fundamentally the same; it is just in the administration of the funds that it differs
    - Consider a portfolio-style approach
        - Outcomes are coordinated across both funds to maximize impact
        - Complementary investments can "stack" benefits (e.g., agency-led cleanup paired with community-led engagement or stewardship)

- This would allow for balance:
    - some overlapping goals and some distinct community-specific and agency-specific outcomes

8. What should be the top priority issues for the Agency Program Fund?

Themes:

A. **Core environmental restoration and remediation priorities in settlement**

- These were widely viewed as broad enough to guide agencies while allowing flexibility for agency leadership to apply their expertise
- Brownfields remediation or redevelopment
- Environmental or natural resource damage assessment and restoration
- Improvements to air and water quality
- Cleanup of contaminated sites
- Remediation of impaired waterbodies, sediments, and soils
- Restoration or protection of wildlife and wildlife habitats

B. Focus on Water Quality and Watershed Health

- Described as an urgent and foundational resource
    - Restoring impaired waterbodies
    - Addressing groundwater contamination
    - Improving watershed-scale ecological function
    - Ensuring clean water for communities, species recovery, and ecosystem resilience

C. Addressing Persistent and Emerging Contaminants

- Several respondents framed this as essential to stopping ongoing contamination of water, wildlife, and human food pathways
    - Remove, treat, or contain PCBs and other persistent toxic chemicals
    - Address emerging contaminants such as PFAS, pesticides, and metals
    - Clean up contaminated sediments and soils that continue to act as long-term pollutant sources

D. Stormwater and Runoff as Critical Pollution Pathway

- Stormwater is major vector connecting land-based contamination to water and fish habitat
    - Green stormwater infrastructure
    - Reducing pollutant transport from industrial areas, roads, and outfalls
    - Preventing recontamination of cleaned-up sites

E. Species Recovery and Habitat Restoration

- Respondents framed these as essential outcomes tied to both ecological and cultural priorities
    - Salmon recovery
    - Threatened and endangered species protection
    - Aquatic and terrestrial habitat restoration

F. Equity and Disproportionate Impacts

- Prioritizing cleanup in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by pollution
    - Ensure agency work aligns with community needs through engagement and partnership
    - Support projects that restore safe housing, parks, schools, and community facilities

G. Alignment with Statewide Plans and Agency Expertise

- This will ensure investments are strategic, scalable, and grounded in long-term state goals
    - Align with existing statewide frameworks and strategic plans
    - Leverage agency scientific expertise
    - Support underfunded or historically neglected areas within agency authority / mandates

H. Coordinated, Interagency Approaches

- Respondents framed this as essential for addressing complex, cross-jurisdictional contamination issues
    - Interagency collaboration
    - Joint cleanup and monitoring plans
    - Reduce duplicative studies and accelerate progress from assessment to cleanup

I. Mix of Short-term and Long-term Projects

- Respondents noted there should be consideration of balancing immediate remediation needs with long-term ecosystem recovery efforts

13. What should be the top priority issues for the Community Impact Fund?

<u>Themes:</u>

A. **Community-led, Community-defined Priorities**

- Respondents consistently emphasized that DICF should:

    - Prioritize community-driven or co-designed projects
    - Center communities most impacted by pollution and environmental degradation
    - Elevate local knowledge, lived experience, and culturally grounded expertise
    - Ensure meaningful engagement with underserved, underrepresented, and vulnerable communities

B. Locally Focused Remediation and Restoration

- Respondents saw DICF as an opportunity to:
    - Address local environmental harms affecting daily life
    - Improve air, land, water, and soil conditions in specific communities
    - Support projects that directly improve community health and quality of life
    - Provide clean, safe water and land for community use and enjoyment

C. Brownfields and Local Contamination

- Respondents listed this as a top or primary priority for the DICF:
    - Remediation of contaminated sites in disproportionately impacted neighborhoods
    - Projects that restore safe housing, parks, schools, childcare areas, and community facilities
    - Removing contamination that blocks community redevelopment and perpetuates inequity

D. Empowering Communities with Tools, Capacity, and Technical Support

- Respondents recognized that many communities lack the resources to act on their priorities without adequate support:
    - Technical assistance for community-based organizations
    - Support for communities to design, implement, and monitor projects
    - Funding for implementation and planning activities

E. Education, Outreach, and Community Stewardship

- Some respondents emphasized need to help build long-term community capacity and environmental literacy:
    - Environmental education
    - Community outreach
    - Citizen science
    - Public engagement around pollution, restoration, and stewardship

F. Prevention and Upstream Solutions

- Some respondents emphasized need to support preventative measures, not just cleanup:

- Source protection, such as drinking water protection or pollution prevention
- Community health, such as addressing pesticide safety and drift prevention

G. Alignment with Settlement, Tailored to Local Needs

- Complement, but not duplicate SAPF
- Fit within settlement's eligible uses, but be flexible enough to meet unique local environmental, cultural, and public health needs

Appendix B

The following is a summary of the verbal and written public comments received related to strategic priorities from October 2025 – September 2026. Comments related to SAPF Interim Award projects were not included in this summary but will be considered as part of the SAPF rulemaking and program development.

Commenter	Affiliation	Summary	Council Meeting Date
Joe Buttafuoco	Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts	Prioritize land protection, stewardship, restoration, wildfire resilience, working lands protection, and sustained funding for "one-time" programmatic investments.	10/9/2025
Terri Preeg Riggsby	Network of Oregon Watershed Councils	Prioritize on-the-ground restoration work and resiliency led by locally based organizations.	10/9/2025
Jennifer Smith	Oak Grove, Oregon resident	Requests Council funds to support restoration efforts to improve water quality for Willamette Creek and to identify if the food from her garden and fruit trees is safe following a train trestle fire.	10/9/2025
James Fraser	Trout Unlimited	Requests Council prioritize the full scope of the Monsanto settlement, including environmental restoration, natural resource conservation, and work that supports wildlife and habitat protection efforts.	10/9/2025
Michael Lang	Wild Salmon Center	Requests Council to support priorities that restore, maintain, and enhance the quality of Oregon's air, land, water, and other natural resources; restore and protect fish, wildlife, and habitat; and improve water quality to support thriving fish and communities.	10/9/2025

Commenter	Affiliation	Summary	Council Meeting Date
Sristi Kamal	Western Environmental Law Center	Requests Council to prioritize long-term restoration and conservation initiatives that undo harms and build resiliency for fish and wildlife.	10/9/2025
Neil Schulman	North Clackamas Watersheds Council	Urges support for large projects, including for Kellogg Creek Restoration, a high-priority fish passage barrier in Oregon owned by ODOT.	12/18/2025
James Fraser	Trout Unlimited	Asks Council to invest in priorities supporting natural resources restoration, remediation, conservation, and protection of fish, wildlife, habitat, and environmental quality.	12/18/2025
Michael Lang	Wild Salmon Center	Asks Council to prioritize environmental restoration projects that provide healthy aquatic systems supporting thriving wild fish populations, safe drinking water, and build climate resiliency and supporting EO 25-26.	12/18/2025
Cameron La Follette	Oregon Coast Alliance	Asks Council to invest in state agency projects, including longstanding Oregon State Parks construction and restoration needs.	1/22/2026
Joe Buttafuoco	Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts	Asks Council to prioritize land protection, stewardship, restoration, wildfire resilience, and working lands protection, as well as sustained funding for one-time programmatic initiatives.	1/22/2026
Andrea Kreiner	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts	Urges Council to invest in soil health as a strategic priority.	3/18/2026

Commenter	Affiliation	Summary	Council Meeting Date
Kimberley Priestley	WaterWatch of Oregon	Asks Council to focus strategic priorities for the State Agency Fund on the environment. Human health and economic co-benefits should not be a requirement for funding.	3/18/2026
Sophie Els	Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network	Urges Council to invest in soil health as a strategic priority.	3/18/2026
Michael Lang	Wild Salmon Center	Invest in priorities that reflect the terms of the settlement, including restoration or protection of wildlife or wildlife habitat and restoring, maintaining, and enhancing Oregon's air, land, water, and other natural resources.	3/18/2026
James Fraser	Trout Unlimited	Invest in priorities for the State Agency Program fund that support the work that agencies are doing and need to do. Look to existing state frameworks and plans when setting priorities.	3/18/2026
Sristi Kamal	Western Environmental Law Center	Asks Council to prioritize fish, wildlife, and habitats, which rarely have an opportunity to be prioritized.	3/18/2026
Danielle Moser	Oregon Wild	Requests Council to invest in strategic priorities that align with the terms of the settlement agreement to support restoration for fish, wildlife, and healthy, thriving ecosystems.	3/18/2026
Simon Fulford	Parrott Creek	Requests Council invest in ongoing environmental remediation and restoration projects at Parrott Creek Child & Family Services to support community and environmental healing.	5/6/2026

Commenters	Affiliation	Summary	Council Meeting Date
Hayley Brazier	Oregon Zoo	Urges Council to invest in environmental restoration, which has been historically underfunded, to accelerate habitat restoration priorities.	5/6/2026
Sristi Kamal, Danielle Moser, & Colin Reynolds	Western Environmental Law Center, Oregon Wild, & Defenders of Wildlife	Recommends that elements identified in Section 18 of the Settlement be prioritized for investments; did not recommend PCBs be considered differently from other contaminants or prioritized over other contaminants; requests human health be optional for projects and not a requirement for funding.	5/6/2026
Cassie L. Cohen	Portland Harbor Community Coalition	Asks Council to invest in site acquisition adjacent to Portland Harbor to protect habitat. Prioritize funding to communities and tribes.	5/6/2026
Andrea Kreiner	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts	Urges Council to include soil health as a priority and is also supportive of projects that improve water quality in ecosystems and habitats, particularly adjacent to agricultural land.	5/6/2026
Amy Patrick	Oregon Hunters Association	Prioritize restoration, remediation, and conservation of wildlife, fish, land, and water. Focus on settlement terms in priorities. Request that human population benefits not be a requirement for funding.	5/6/2026
James Fraser	Trout Unlimited	Asks Council to set strategic priorities that reflect the settlement agreement: brownfields, damage assessments, improve air and water quality, cleanup contamination, remediate impaired water and soil, restore and protect wildlife or wildlife habitat.	5/6/2026

Commenter	Affiliation	Summary	Council Meeting Date
Kimberley Priestley	WaterWatch of Oregon	Prioritize land and water acquisition; remediation of impaired water bodies; site clean-up; habitat restoration; and environmental protection. Request human population co-benefits not be a requirement for funding.	5/6/2026
Tristan Henry	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Asks Council to set strategic priorities that reflect the settlement agreement: brownfields, site clean-up, air and water quality improvements, remediating water and soil, and restoring and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat, including fish, birds, and more. Invest in instream flow restoration.	5/6/2026
Kaleb Lay	Oregon Rural Action	Urges investments in the Lower Umatilla basin to support additional testing of groundwater for PFAs and nitrate contamination.	5/6/2026
Jamie Pang	Oregon Just Transition Alliance	Prioritize environmental health and toxic chemical reduction needs, including air toxics monitoring, water quality monitoring, wastewater permitting, lab contaminant analysis, and monitoring for toxics in cosmetic products sold in Oregon.	5/6/2026
James Fraser	Trout Unlimited	Asks Council to refer to Section 18 of the settlement agreement when setting strategic priorities: brownfields, site clean-up, air and water quality improvements, remediating water and soil, and restoring and protecting fish, wildlife, and habitat. Requests Council not narrow its focus to harms caused by PCBs.	5/6/2026

Commenter	Affiliation	Summary	Council Meeting Date
Matthew Popkin	Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)'s Brightfield Accelerator	Urges support for "brightfields" projects - renewable energy projects on brownfields, closed landfills, and other contaminated sites.	7/15/2026
Sophie Els and Megan Kemple	Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network	Urges soil health to be a key strategic priority.	7/15/2026
Sarah Clark	Oregon Environmental Council	Recommends that the Council grounds strategic priorities in natural resource remediation, restitution, environmental justice, and human health.	9/16/2026