

Oregon Environmental Restoration Council Policy Document
OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FUND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Policy Title: Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund Distribution Policy

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Approved By: Oregon Environmental Restoration Council

Effective Date: *October 9, 2025*

Reason for Policy: This policy describes and implements ORS 541.865, which directs the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council to approve a long-term distribution policy for the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund (OERF or Fund) and the need to determine a maximum rate to maintain a relatively stable real asset value (i.e. inflation adjusted).

I. AUTHORITY: Senate Bill 1561 Section 4

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council to set the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund distribution rate at 5% of the Fund's average balance of the preceding three years.

III. POLICY:

At their October 9, 2025, meeting, the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council approved the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund distribution policy. Under the policy, the distribution rate is set at 5% of the Fund's average balance of the preceding three years with \$30 million annual spend ceiling and \$15 million floor.

This is due to the passage of SB 1561 (2024), which directs the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council to biennially transfer money from the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund to three subfunds while maintaining a relatively stable real asset value over time (i.e. inflation-adjusted) and to maintain intergenerational equity.