



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
January 16-17, 2008

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
204 West Marine Drive, Astoria
River View Meeting Room

**Map is available at www.astoriahie.com*

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.

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A. Board Member Comments

Board representatives from state and federal agencies will provide an update on issues related to the natural resource agency they represent. This is also an opportunity for public and tribal Board members to report on their recent activities and share information and comments on a variety of watershed enhancement and Oregon Plan-related topics. *Information item.*

B. Board Chair(s) Election

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chairs Dan Heagerty and Jane O'Keeffe were elected by Board vote in September 2005. Board member Dan Thorndike will lead a discussion and vote by Board members to elect Board chair(s) for the coming year. *Action item.*

C. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 18-19, 2007, meeting and the September 24, 2007, teleconference will be presented for Board approval. *Action item.*

D. Executive Director Update

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will update the Board on agency business and late-breaking issues. *Information item.*

E. Grant Program Update

Lauri Aunan, Grant Program Manager, will give an update on the October 22, 2007, grant cycle, discuss recent developments in the Grant Program, and propose grant offerings for the April 21, 2008, grant deadline. *Action item.*

F. Public Comment [approximately 10:15 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on any matter before the Board.

G. Livestock Exclusion Effectiveness Monitoring Report

Courtney Shaff, Effectiveness Monitoring Specialist, Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, Bruce Crawford, Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, and Jennifer O'Neal, Tetra Tech EC, Inc., will present the results of the first year of post project effectiveness monitoring on livestock exclusion projects and discuss the joint monitoring approach that OWEB has undertaken with the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). *Information item.*

H. Westwind Stewardship Group Presentation

Anne Squier, Duncan Berry, and Melany Berry of the Westwind Stewardship Group will give a report on the status and activities of the Camp Westwind acquisition project in Lincoln County. *Information item.*

I. Mid-Coast Report Follow-Up

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will present a proposal for funding mediation and training to watershed councils in the Mid-Coast area. *Action item.*

J. Special Investment Partnerships (SIP)

Roger Wood, Special Projects, will update the Board on development of special investment partnerships and will ask for Board consideration of a funding allocation for the Deschutes SIP. *Action item.*

K. DOGAMI – LIDAR Presentation

Staff from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries will give a presentation on Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) capabilities and the agency's plan for mapping large portions of western Oregon with this technology over the next year. *Information item.*

L. Award Adjustments

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, and Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will present adjusted funding recommendations for a restoration grant and a research project award previously approved by the Board. *Action item.*

Local Partner Presentations - 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Representatives of local watershed and conservation organizations will provide presentations to the Board.

*Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST)
Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership (LCREP)
North Coast Watershed Councils
Clatsop SWCD
North Coast Land Conservancy
Astoria High School*

Informal Reception - 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board invites you to join Board members and staff for a reception for area councils, districts, and local officials who are OWEB's partners supporting watershed restoration activities.

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M. 2009 Legislative Concept Discussion

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will brief the Board on the process leading up to the 2009 legislative session and introduce potential legislative concepts for Board discussion.
Information item.

N. Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Plan Implementation

Miriam Hulst, Oregon Plan Implementation Specialist, will update the Board on the strategy for intensive, community-based outreach and subsequent project development assistance intended to encourage landowner participation in Oregon Coast coho habitat restoration in high-priority areas. *Information item.*

O. Williamson River Delta Presentation

Mark Stern, The Nature Conservancy, will discuss recent efforts to breach two miles of levees along Upper Klamath Lake. Removing the levees is part of a larger OWEB-funded project to restore the vast marsh wetlands that once dominated the Williamson River Delta. *Information item.*

P. Whole Watersheds Restoration Initiative Partnership

Jeff Uebel, U.S. Forest Service, and Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update the Board on results from a previous \$500,000 OWEB investment in the Whole Watersheds Restoration Initiative Partnership, and request an allocation of funding to continue the partnership with additional partners and for specific projects. *Action item.*

Q. Restoration Priorities

Roger Wood, Special Projects, will update Board members on the progress for completion and adoption of basin restoration priorities and request adoption of the restoration priorities for the coastal basins from the Coquille to the Lower Columbia watersheds. *Action item.*

R. Public Comment [approximately 10:45 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on any matter before the Board.

S. Public Records Rulemaking and Public Hearing

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will discuss proposed administrative rules developed to address recent legislation relating to public records requests. The Board will also accept public testimony on the proposed rules. Members of the public wishing to present testimony to the Board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table).
Information item.

T. Administrative Rulemaking

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will present a request for the Board to authorize staff to begin administrative rulemaking to address issues relating to watershed council support, partnership funding, and grant administration. *Action item.*

U. Other Business

Meeting Procedures: Generally, agenda items will be taken in the order shown. However, in certain circumstances, the Board may elect to take an item out of order. To accommodate the scheduling needs of interested parties and the public, the Board may also designate a specific time at which an item will be heard. Any such times are indicated on the agenda.

Please be aware that topics not listed on the agenda may be introduced during the Board Comment period, the Executive Director's Update, the Public Comment period, under Other Business or at other times during the meeting.

Oregon's Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Board members may meet for meals on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

****Public Testimony:** The Board encourages public comment on any agenda item. However, public testimony must be limited on items marked with a double asterisk (**). The double asterisk means that the item has already been the subject of a formal public hearing. Further public testimony may not be taken except upon changes made to the item since the original public comment period, or upon the direct request of the Board members in order to obtain additional information or to address changes made to proposed rules following a public hearing.

A general public comment period will be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 10:15 a.m., and on Thursday, January 17 at 10:45 a.m., for any matter before the Board. Comments relating to a specific agenda item may be heard by the Board as each agenda item is considered. People wishing to speak to the Board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). ***The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.***

Tour: The Board may tour local watershed restoration project sites. The public is invited to attend, however transportation may be limited to Board members and OWEB staff. If you wish to join the tour, be prepared to provide your own transportation.

Executive Session: The Board may also 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 Board member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

Questions? If you have any questions about this agenda or the Board's procedures, please call Bonnie Ashford, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-986-0181.

If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Bonnie Ashford (503-986-0181) as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Membership

Voting Members

Board of Agriculture member: *Dan Carver*
Environmental Quality Commission member: *Ken Williamson*
Fish and Wildlife Commission member: *Skip Klarquist*
Board of Forestry member: *Jennifer Phillippi*
Water Resources Commission member: *Dan Thorndike*
Public member (tribal): *Bobby Brunoe*
Public member: *Daniel Heagerty, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Jim Nakano*
Public member: *Patricia Smith*
Public member: *Diane Snyder*
Public member: *Helen Westbrook*

Non-voting Members

Representative of NMFS: *Michael Tehan*
Representative of Oregon State University Extension Service: *James Johnson*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Vacant*
Representative of U.S. BLM: *Miles Brown*
Representative of U.S. NRCS: *Meta Loftsgaarden*
Representative of U.S. EPA: *Dave Powers*

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2008-2009 Board Meeting Schedule

2008

March 19-20, Medford
May 20-21, Ontario/Burns
September 16-17, The Dalles

2009

January 21-22, Salem
March 18-19, Portland/Salem
May 19-20, Salem
September 15-16, Klamath Falls

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