



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

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September 16-17, 2008

Ross Ragland Cultural Center
218 North 7th Street
Klamath Falls

Directions: Once in Klamath Falls, the Ross Ragland Theater and Cultural Center is located one block west of the corner of 7th Street and Main Street, on the corner of 7th Street and Pine Street.

Tuesday, September 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. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 20-21, 2008, meeting will be presented for Board approval. *Action item.*

C. Executive Director Update

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

D. Spending Plan Update

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will lead a discussion with the Board on an updated spending plan for the use of capital and non-capital funds for the 2007-2009 biennium. *Action item.*

E. OACD and Network Update

Gary Whitney, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, and John Moriarty, Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, will update Board members on their activities and the progress made in the collaborative effort between soil and water conservation districts and watershed councils. *Information item.*

F. Watershed Council Support – Solo Funding and Subcommittee Report

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, and Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will update the Board on discussions with the Council Support Subcommittee and will discuss requests from watershed councils who have previously applied for and received watershed council support funding with other councils, to apply independently for 2009-2011 Watershed Council Support. *Action item.*

G. Public Comment – Pending Grant Applications [approximately 10:45 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on pending grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Only comments pertaining to the specific grant applications will be accepted during the meeting. The Board will not accept any written materials at this time. Any written comments pertaining to pending grant proposals must be received by agency staff by the September 5, 2008, deadline. The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.

H. Board Consideration of Pending Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the April 21, 2008, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

Tour – 2:45 p.m.

OWEB staff are working with The Nature Conservancy to prepare a tour of projects in the Williamson Delta and Chiloquin area. A detailed tour itinerary will be available at the meeting and on our web site (www.oregon.gov/OWEB) prior to the meeting. Transportation will be provided for OWEB Board members and staff. Anyone is welcome to join the tour, but please be prepared to provide your own transportation.

Informal Reception – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff at a reception sponsored by the Klamath Watershed Partnership.

More details about the reception will be available at the meeting and on our web site (www.oregon.gov/OWEB) prior to the meeting.

Wednesday, September 17, 2008**Business Meeting – 8:00 a.m.**

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****I. Administrative Rulemaking – Grant Administration and Salmon Season Emergency Grant Rules**

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will ask the Board to adopt two sets of proposed administrative rules. The first set of rules was developed to update OWEB's grant administration rules related to landowner agreements, grant amendments, rule waivers, consistent language usage, and the Board's authority to make watershed enhancement investments. The second set of rules would make permanent the temporary rule amendments related to the 2008 Salmon Season State of Emergency Grants that were adopted by the Board in May of 2008. *Action item.*

J. Public Comment [approximately 8:25 a.m.]

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

K. Partnership Investments

OWEB staff will update the Board on a number of the Board's partnership investment program areas, including:

1. Oregon Plan Products

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will lead a discussion about Oregon Plan Products that are beneficial to the agency and will request Board action on specific investments in the Oregon Explorer and the Department of Environmental Quality voluntary water quality monitoring program. *Action item.*

2. Wetlands Investments

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will update Board members on the National Wetlands Inventory mapping, and request Board action to delegate authority to the Director to enter into agreements to implement a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for effectiveness monitoring of wetland mitigation and restoration projects in the Willamette Valley. *Action item.*

3. Special Investment Partnerships

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update the Board on development of special investment partnerships and implementation of the Willamette and Deschutes SIPs. *Information item.*

4. 2008 Farm Bill

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update the Board on progress made by the work group charged to review and develop an approach to address technical assistance and program delivery for the Oregon Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. *Information item.*

5. Coastal Wetlands – Alsea Acquisition

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, and Miriam Hulst, Policy Specialist, will request Board action to provide match funding for the Alsea Acquisition project that was part of the 2008 Coastal Wetlands Grant awards. *Action item.*

L. Climate Change Presentation

This agenda item is the third in a series of presentations to the Board about climate change and its potential implications for watershed restoration and other OWEB investments. Guest presenters Dr. Gordon Grant, USFS Pacific Northwest Research Lab, and Dr. Jack Barth, OSU College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, will discuss issues related to water availability, coastal effects and sea level rise, and salmon and fish habitat. *Information item.*

M. Monitoring and Research Update

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will update the Board on the work of the Monitoring and Research Subcommittee and will request Board action on options for the October 2008 monitoring grant solicitation, future research solicitation, and an investment in the Nonpareil Dam coastal coho genetics research study. *Action item.*

N. Small Grant Report

Lauri Aunan, Grant Program Manager, and Bev Goodreau, Grant Program Specialist, will present the 2005-2007 Small Grant Program report and discuss potential future program evaluation. *Information item.*

O. Rural Compact

Diane Snyder, Board Co-Chair, will lead a discussion to consider Board endorsement of the Rural Compact, a set of principles for building stronger rural communities developed by the National Rural Assembly. *Action item.*

P. 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 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

****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.

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A general public comment period will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 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: Vacant
Public member (tribal): *Bobby Brunoe*
Public member: *Daniel Heagerty, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Jim Nakano*
Public member: *Patricia Smith*
Public member: *Diane Snyder, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Helen Westbrook*

Non-voting Members

Representative of NMFS: *Kim Kratz*
Representative of Oregon State University Extension Service: *James Johnson*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Jose Linares*
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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2009 Board Meeting Schedule

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

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