



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
March 18-19, 2009

Jefferson III Conference Room
Red Lion Hotel Salem
3301 Market Street NE

*Directions: From I-5: Take exit #256 to Market Street.
Turn west on Market Street and the hotel is located less than 2 blocks on your right side.*

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

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 January 21-22, 2009, 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. Legislative and 2009-2011 Budget Update

Tom Byler, Executive Director, and Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will update the Board on the 2009 legislative session and the 2009-2011 budget process. Director Byler will also give the Board an update on federal and state stimulus funding initiatives and the economic impact of OWEB investments. *Information item.*

E. 2007-2009 Budget and Spending Plan Update

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will update the Board on the status of the OWEB 2007-2009 budget and spending plan. *Information item.*

F. 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 March 11, 2009, deadline. The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.

G. Board Consideration of Pending Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the October 24, 2008, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

H. Oregon Plan Products

Renee Davis-Born, Monitoring Data Analyst, will update the Board on pending Oregon Plan Product investments and request funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife fish passage inventory database and Oregon Watersheds Research Cooperative equipment. *Action item.*

I. Public Comment [approximately 3:30 p.m.]

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

J. Effectiveness Monitoring

Courtney Shaff, Grant Program Coordinator, and Sarah Miller, Effectiveness Monitoring Specialist, will update the Board and request funding for two projects within the OWEB Effectiveness Monitoring program: the Oregon Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program and Savage Rapids Dam effectiveness monitoring. *Action item.*

K. Research Priorities

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will update the Board on efforts to identify research priorities and focus areas, and request allocation of funding for research priorities. *Action item.*

Thursday, March 19, 2009

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L. CREP Partnership Investment

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, Larry Ojua, Department of Agriculture, and Lois Loop, Farm Services Agency, will brief the Board on the work of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Work Group related to program coordination, technical assistance, and program financing. *Information item.*

M. Mitigation Policy Adoption

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will discuss draft policy guidance related to the eligibility of and preference for restoration grants under OAR 695-010-0040 that may be considered mitigation projects or legally required actions. *Action item.*

N. Coastal Wetlands

Miriam Hulst, Acquisitions Specialist, and Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will describe the proposed process for identifying potential OWEB proposals to submit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for 2010 Coastal Wetlands Grants, and will request Board authorization to enter into the appropriate grant agreements for the 2009 Coastal Wetlands Grant awards for two acquisition projects. *Action item.*

O. Public Comment [approximately 10:00 a.m.]

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P. Communications Strategy Implementation

Carolyn Devine, Communications Coordinator, and Luciana Trevisan Johnson, Gard Communications, will update the Board on implementation of the OWEB Communications Implementation Strategy. *Information item.*

Q. Partnership Investments

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update the Board on discussions of the Partnership Investments Subcommittee for moving forward with current and potential partnerships, including the Special Investment Partnerships (SIP). *Information item.*

R. Oregon Water Roundtables Presentation

Todd Jarvis, Associate Director of the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University, will report to the Board on five meetings held across the state during the Fall of 2008 to receive input and advice from Oregonians to inform efforts to identify and communicate a vision describing where Oregon is, where Oregon is going, and where Oregon wants to be with respect to adaptive, integrated, equitable, and sustainable water management. *Information item.*

S. 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.

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A general public comment period will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 19, at 10:00 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: *John Jackson*
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

June 2-3, Willamette Valley
September 15-16, Wallowa County

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