



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
September 13-14, 2005**

**Lions Den
Hwy 95
Jordan Valley, Oregon**

**Please note 7:30 a.m. start time for meeting both days.
Jordan Valley is on Mountain Daylight Time*

Business Meeting - Tuesday, September 13, *7:30 a.m.

A public comment period is provided at approximately 10:30 a.m. today for comment on any issue before the Board.

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 25-26 and August 8, 2005, meetings will be presented for Board approval. *Action item.*

C. Executive Director Update

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

D. Board Chair Election

Current Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chairs Dan Heagerty and Jane O'Keeffe were elected by Board vote in March 2004. Board member Scott Reed will lead a discussion and vote by Board members to elect Board chair(s) for the coming year. *Action item.*

E. 2005-2007 Non-capital Fund Spending Plan

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will lead a discussion with the Board on a proposed spending plan for the use of non-capital grant funds for the 2005-2007 Biennium. The Board will be asked to consider reserving or authorizing the allocation of non-capital funds for the items below. *Action item.*

1. Watershed Council Support

The Board will be asked to authorize non-capital funds for the purpose of watershed council support. This action will provide the funding necessary to fully fund watershed council support consistent with the Board's May 2005 grant award allocation. *Action item.*

2. Local Capacity Enhancement

The Board will be asked to consider reserving non-capital funds to enhance the capacity of local watershed groups. Proposed funding will support technical assistance needs and local participation in recovery planning efforts. *Action item.*

3. Education and Outreach

The Board will be asked to consider approval of a plan to implement the Education and Outreach Strategy adopted by the Board at the May 2005 meeting. Staff will seek Board approval to reserve and authorize an allocation of non-capital funds to support the implementation plan. *Action item.*

4. Monitoring and Assessment

The Board will be asked to reserve non-capital funds to support watershed monitoring and assessment needs at the state and local level.
Action item.

5. Support for the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds

The Board will be asked to reserve non-capital funds to continue support for the development of basin priorities and other Oregon Plan related efforts. *Action item.*

6. Sustainability/E2

The Board will be updated on the status of E2 and asked to reserve funds for potential local projects designed to benefit environmental, economic, and community interests. *Action item.*

F. 2005-2007 Capital Fund Spending Plan

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will lead a discussion with Board members on a proposed spending plan for the use of Measure 66 Lottery Funds. The Board will be asked to consider authorizing an allocation of capital funds to continue the state's commitment to the Savage Rapids Dam project.
Action item.

G. Public Comment [approximately 10:30 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on any matter before the Board. Anyone wishing to speak to the Board is asked to fill out a comment request sheet as early as possible in the morning's proceedings (available at the information table). This helps the Board know how many individuals would like to speak, and to schedule accordingly.

Local Projects Tour - Tuesday, September 13, 11:00 a.m.

Representatives of the Owyhee Watershed Council will lead OWEB Board members and staff on a tour of OWEB-funded projects in the Owyhee-Malheur Basin. 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.

Business Meeting - Wednesday, September 14, *7:30 a.m.

A public comment period is provided at approximately 8:30 a.m. today for comment on individual grant applications pending Board action.

H. Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund Distribution

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will seek Board authorization to allocate PCSRF funds for state agencies that received specific distribution of those funds in OWEB's legislatively adopted budget.
Action item.

I. Effectiveness Monitoring

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring Program Manager, will update the Board on the current activities and progress of OWEB's Effectiveness Monitoring Program. An evaluation of juniper clearing projects has been conducted in Wheeler and Crook counties and results will be presented. Coordination and projects with the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership, Oregon Plan Monitoring Team, and Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team will be reviewed. *Information item.*

J. Public Comment on Pending Grant Applications [approximately 8:30 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on individual grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Anyone wishing to speak to the Board is asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). This helps the Board know how many individuals would like to speak, and to schedule accordingly. *Only comments pertaining to individual grant applications will be accepted during this time. The Board will not accept any additional written materials pertaining to pending grant proposals that were not received by agency staff by the September 2, 2005, deadline.*

K. Board Consideration of Pending Applications

The Board will consider restoration/acquisition grant applications submitted by the April 25, 2005, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *No public comment will be taken on individual applications outside the time allotted by the Board Chairs for Agenda Item J. The Board will not accept any additional written materials pertaining to pending proposals not submitted as part of the review process. Action item.*

L. 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.

People wishing to speak to the Board are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). Comments relating to a specific agenda item may be heard by the Board as each agenda item is considered. Public comments regarding pending individual grant applications may be made during the public comment period at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14. The Board will not accept any additional written materials pertaining to pending grant proposals at that time.

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

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

Non-voting Members

Representative of Director of Agricultural Extension Service: *Scott Reed*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Alan Christensen*
Representative of U.S. BLM: *Paula Burgess*
Representative of U.S. NRCS: *Dianne Guidry*
Representative of U.S. EPA: *Dave Powers*
Representative of NOAA Fisheries: *Michael Tehan*

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