



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
September 13-14, 2011**

**Holiday Inn Express
375 West Harvard Avenue, Roseburg**

Directions: From I-5, take Exit 124 from either North or South. Turn right and the hotel is the first right.

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

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 Co-Chair Election

Current Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chair Dan Thorndike was elected by Board vote in January 2010 to a two-year term. Co-Chair Thorndike will lead a discussion and vote by Board members to elect one Board Co-Chair position for a new two-year term. *Action item.*

C. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings will be presented for Board approval. *Action item.*

- June 14-15, 2011, Board meeting in Salem; and
- July 14, 2011, Special Board meeting via teleconference.

D. Executive Director Update

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

E. Planning Session Report

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will lead a discussion with the Board on the planning and actions identified at the July 2011 Board Planning Session. *Information and possible action item.*

F. Public Comment – General [approximately 10:45 a.m.]

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

G. 2011-2013 Spending Plan

Tom Byler, Executive Director, will lead a discussion with the Board on a proposed spending plan for the use of grant funds for the 2011-2013 biennium. The Board will also consider specific allocations and reserves for local capacity (watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts), partnerships, and Small Grants. *Action item.*

H. Oregon State Weed Board Grants

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Tim Butler and Shannon Brubaker, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program, will brief the Board on the Oregon State Weed Board Grant Program and request Board approval of 2011-2013 biennium funding for the program. *Action item.*

I. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and Technical Assistance Grants

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will update the Board on Oregon’s investment in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and request approval of a proposal for funding CREP technical assistance in the 2011-2013 biennium. *Action item.*

Tour – 2:30 p.m.

The Board and OWEB staff will tour the Wolf Creek Basin Restoration Project with the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers. 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.

Wednesday, September 14, 2011**Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.**

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J. Acquisition Program/Work Group Report

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update the Board on the outcome of the land acquisition work group, discuss the status of the acquisition program, and propose options for addressing current and future workload issues. *Action item.*

****K. Administrative Rulemaking**

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will ask the Board to adopt proposed administrative rule amendments to address recent legislation relating to Ballot Measure 76 and seek Board authorization for a five year rule review and possible rulemaking. *Action item.*

L. Partnership Investments

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update the Board the status of existing partnership programs, including the Candidate Special Investment Partnerships, and make recommendations for the 2011-2013 biennium. *Action item.*

M. Public Comment [approximately 9:45 a.m.]

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

N. Public Comment - Pending Grant Applications [approximately 10:15 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 2, 2011, deadline. *The Board encourages persons to limit comments to no more than five minutes.*

O. Board Consideration of Pending Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the April 18, 2011, application deadline. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

P. Watershed Council Support Work Group Report

Lauri Aunan, Grant Program Manager, and Courtney Shaff, Grant Program Coordinator, will lead a discussion with the Board on the direction and concepts recommended by the Watershed Council Support Work Group for adjustments to the watershed council support grant review and funding processes. *Information item.*

Q. OWEB-ODA Partnership

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager; Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator; Ray Jaendl, Administrator of the ODA Natural Resources Division; and John Byers, ODA Soil and Water Conservation District Program Manager, will report to the Board on the funding and reporting partnership between OWEB and ODA to implement the Agriculture Water Quality Management Plan Program and soil and water conservation district support. *Information item.*

R. Conservation Effectiveness Partnership

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager; Kyle Abraham, Effectiveness Monitoring Specialist; Tom Makowski, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Water Resources Planning Team Leader; Gene Foster, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Quality Division Manager, and Stephanie Page, ODA's Water Quality Specialist will report on the accomplishments of the partnership between OWEB, NRCS, DEQ, and ODA, to conduct a programmatic evaluation of grant investment effectiveness at achieving improvements in water quality and watershed health. *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 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.

A public comment period for pending grant applications will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 10:15 a.m. The Board will not accept any written materials at that time. Any written comments pertaining to pending grant proposals must be received by the September 2, 2011, deadline. 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.*

A general public comment period will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 10:45 a.m. and Wednesday, September 14 at 9:45 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: *Doug Krahmer*
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): *Eric Quaempts*
Public member: *Lisa Phipps*
Public member: *Will Neuhauser*
Public member: *Patricia Smith*
Public member: *Dan Thorndike, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Karl Wenner*

Non-voting Members

Representative of NMFS: *Kim Kratz*
Representative of Oregon State University Extension Service: *James Johnson*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Debbie Hollen*
Representative of U.S. BLM: *Michael Haske*
Representative of U.S. NRCS: *Meta Loftsgaarden*
Representative of U.S. EPA: *Alan Henning*

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2012-2013 Board Meeting Schedule

January 18-19, 2012 in Newport
March 13-14, 2012 in Troutdale
June 12-13, 2012 in Burns
September 11-12, 2012 in John Day

January 16-17, 2013 in Gold Beach
March 12-13, 2013 in Salem
June 11-12, 2013 in Salem
September 10-11, 2013 in Klamath Falls

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