



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board January 20-21, 2010

**Red Lion Hotel
Umpqua Ballroom
1313 N. Bayshore Drive
Coos Bay**

Directions: The hotel is directly on Hwy 101, across from the bay.

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

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 Elections

Current Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Co-Chair Diane Snyder was elected by Board vote in January 2008 to a two-year term. Co-Chair Heagerty 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.*

September 15-16, 2009, Board meeting in Joseph.

September 22, 2009, special meeting via telephone conference call.

D. Executive Director Update

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

E. Strategic Plan

Tom Byler, Executive Director, and Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will report on the public comments received on the September 2009 draft Strategic Plan and present a final Strategic Plan for Board consideration and adoption. *Action item.*

F. Strategic Plan Implementation

Tom Byler, Executive Director, and OWEB staff will update the Board on immediate action items underway to implement the proposed Strategic Plan. *Information item.*

G. Public Comment [approximately 11:30 a.m.]

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

H. Strategic Plan Implementation – continued

Tom Byler, Executive Director, and OWEB staff will update the Board on immediate action items underway to implement the awareness and involvement elements of the proposed Strategic Plan. *Information item.*

I. Integrated Water Resource Strategy Presentation

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, from the Oregon Water Resources Department will describe the agency’s process for developing an integrated water resource strategy that will be a roadmap for the state to follow as it prepares to meet Oregon’s water needs now and in the future. *Information item.*

J. Research Program Reports

Greg Sieglitz, Monitoring and Reporting Program Manager, will introduce two presentations on research project investments from the University of Oregon Climate Leadership Initiative (CLI) and Ecosystem Workforce Program (EWP). The CLI will present their work related to creating dialogue and learning about climate change predictions at the watershed scale. The EWP will update the Board on the progress made to estimate the economic impact and job creation from OWEB’s restoration investments. *Information item.*

K. Signature Project Presentation – Bandon Marsh

Roy Lowe, Project Leader, Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, will report on the project to restore over 400 acres of tidal marsh at the Ni-les'tun Unit of the Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, which will be accomplished by removing dikes, filling drainage ditches, and reconstructing tidal channels, and the improvements to North Bank Lane that include installing fish-friendly culverts at Fahys Creek and Redd Creek. *Information item.*

L. Coos Life Cycle Monitoring Presentation

Jon Souder, Coos Watershed Association, will give a presentation on the CWA’s Life Cycle Monitoring project that has a goal to estimate adult coho salmon spawner abundance and outmigrant coho smolt population size in order to calculate freshwater and marine survival for coho populations in Larson and Palouse Creeks. *Information item.*

Informal Reception – 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff at a reception honoring local conservation groups and efforts.

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M. Legislative and Budget

Tom Byler, Executive Director, and Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, will brief the Board on the status of OWEB's 2009-2011 budget, outlook for the 2010 special legislative session, and process leading up to the 2011 legislative session. *Information item.*

N. Partnership Investments

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will update the Board on two partnership efforts. The first is an effort to discuss and identify a flood management project that has significant estuarine restoration benefits in Tillamook Bay. The second is a request for Board allocation of capital funds to continue support for the partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Ecotrust to support Whole Watershed Restoration Initiative projects. *Action item.*

O. Ecosystem Services Update

Renee Davis Born, Ecosystem Services Coordinator, will update the Board about two ecosystem services initiatives in which OWEB is involved and additional efforts in the area of ecosystem services markets. *Information item.*

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

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

Q. Gold Ray Dam

Ken Bierly, Deputy Director, will request Board consideration of funding to match a federal American Recovery and Rehabilitation Act grant to remove Gold Ray Dam on the Rogue River. *Action item.*

R. 2009-2011 Grant Program Update

Lauri Aunan, Grant Program Manager, will update the Board on the October 19, 2009, grant cycle and propose the solicitation of non-capital grants for the April 19, 2010, grant cycle. *Action item.*

S. Briefing on Parks and Natural Resource Fund Renewal Effort

Nan Evans, The Nature Conservancy, and Bruce Taylor, Defenders of Wildlife, will update the Board on the efforts to renew the lottery dedication for parks and natural resources. *Information item.*

T. 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 20 at 11:30 a.m., and Thursday, January 21 at 10:15 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): **Eric Quaempts**
Public member: **Daniel Heagerty, Board Co-Chair**
Public member: **Dan Thorndike**
Public member: **Patricia Smith**
Public member: **Diane Snyder, 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: **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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2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule

March 16-17, 2010 in Hood River
June 2-3, 2010 in Baker City
September 14-15, 2010 in Garibaldi

January 19-20, 2011 in Salem/Willamette Valley
March 16-17, 2011 in Salem/Willamette Valley
June 7-8, 2011 in Salem/Willamette Valley
September 13-14, 2011 in Hermiston

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