



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meeting Agenda

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board April 26-27, 2016

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Blue Mountain Conference Center
404 12th St.
La Grande, OR 97850

Directions: See map at <http://www.unioncountychamber.org/blue-mountain-conference-center>

Business Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

During the public comment periods (Agenda Items D, E and F), anyone wishing to speak to the Board on specific agenda items 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. At the discretion of the Board co-chairs, public comment for agenda items on which the Board is taking action may be invited during that agenda item. *The Board encourages persons to limit comments to three to five minutes.*

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 community conservation-related topics. *Information item.*

B. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 26-27 meeting in McMinnville will be presented for approval. *Action item.*

C. Board Co-Chair Election

Co-Chairs Eric Quaempts and Dan Thorndike will lead a discussion and vote by Board members to elect co-chairs for the Board. *Action item.*

D. Public Comment [approximately 8:55 a.m.]

This time is reserved for general public comment, as well as other matters before the Board. Note: specific public comment opportunities are provided within the Land Acquisition and Regular Grant Application agenda items for discussion.

E. Land Acquisition Grant Awards

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Acquisitions Coordinator Miriam Hulst will request Board action on land acquisition grant applications that were received during the October 2015 grant cycle. The Board will hear public comment on land acquisition applications (at approximately 9:25 a.m.). *Action item.*

F. Pending Regular Grant ApplicationsIntroduction

Prior to hearing public comment, Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and OWEB Regional Program Representatives will provide background information on the October 2015 grant cycle.

Public Comment [approximately 11:00 a.m.]

This time is reserved for public comment on pending restoration, technical assistance, monitoring, and outreach grant applications to be considered for funding by the Board. Only comments pertaining to these 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 April 12, 2016 deadline. *The Board encourages speakers to limit comments to three to five minutes.*

Board Consideration of Pending Regular Grant Applications

The Board will consider grant applications submitted by the October 19-20, 2015 application deadline for restoration, technical assistance, monitoring, and outreach grants. Proposals, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the Board. *Action item.*

G. Focused Investment Partnerships (FIP) – Request for Funding for Implementation Monitoring and Capacity Assessments

Deputy Director Renee Davis and Capacity Coordinator Courtney Shaff will describe for the Board proposed approaches for monitoring FIP Implementation and Capacity Building initiatives. Staff will request the Board consider awarding funding for FIP implementation monitoring and capacity assessment, and delegating authority to the Executive Director for distribution of these funds. *Action item.*

Tour - 3:00 p.m.

The Board and OWEB staff will conduct a field tour of restoration projects along Catherine Creek. 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 local partners and stakeholders.

*Location: Cook Memorial Library
2006 4th St.
La Grande, OR 97850*

Wednesday, April 27, 2016**Business Meeting - 8:00 a.m.**

During the public comment period (Agenda Item H), 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. At the discretion of the Board co-chairs, public comment for agenda items on which the Board is taking action may be invited during that agenda item. *The Board encourages persons to limit comments to three to five minutes.*

H. Public Comment [approximately 8:00 a.m.]

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I. OWEB Agency Request Budget (ARB)

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden and Deputy Director Renee Davis will lead the Board in a discussion on the development of the 2017-2019 OWEB ARB. The Board will then consider approval of the ARB. *Action item.*

J. OWEB Key Performance Measures (KPMs)

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden and Deputy Director Renee Davis will brief the Board on both revisions to, and targets associated with, OWEB's KPMs. The Board will be asked to approve the revised KPMs. *Action item.*

K. Focused Investment Partnerships (FIP) – Proposed Schedule Revisions

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Chair of the OWEB Board Subcommittee on Focused Investments Will Neuhauser will describe for the Board proposed revisions to the schedule for the FIP program leading up to the 2017-2019 biennium. *Information item.*

L. Coastal Wetlands Grants – Program Update

Partnerships Coordinator Juniper Davis will update the Board on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program. *Information item.*

M. Rangeland Wildfire Threat Reduction (RWTR) – Grant Program Update and Funding Request

Capacity Coordinator Courtney Shaff will brief the Board on the RWTR grant program, and request the Board consider awarding additional funding and delegating authority to the Executive Director for distribution of these funds. *Action item.*

N. Upper Klamath Special Investment Partnership (SIP) Accomplishments Report

Deputy Director Renee Davis and Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator Ken Fetcho will present to the Board the Upper Klamath SIP Accomplishments Summary Report, which highlights accomplishments made since SIP investments in the partnership began in 2012. *Information item.*

O. Executive Director Update

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden will update the Board on agency business and late-breaking issues. *Information item.*

P. Other Business – Funding Request to Add Recaptured Grant Funds to Focused Investment Partnerships (FIPs) Implementation Initiatives

Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein will request the Board consider awarding recaptured grant funding for FIP projects submitted through the Open Solicitation Grant cycle prior to FIP program approval.

Note: If time allows, this agenda item will be moved to occur after Item F which takes place on Tuesday of the meeting. *Action item.*

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.

Voting Rules: The OWEB Board has 17 members. Of these, 11 are voting members and six are ex-officio. For purposes of conducting business, OWEB's voting requirements are divided into two categories – general business and action on grant awards.

General Business – A general business **quorum is six voting members**. General business requires a majority of **all** voting members to pass a resolution (not just those present), so general business resolutions require affirmative votes of **at least six** voting members. Typical resolutions include adopting, amending, or appealing a rule, providing staff direction, etc. These resolutions cannot include a funding decision.

Action on Grant Awards – Per ORS 541.360(4), special requirements apply when OWEB considers action on grant awards. This includes a special **quorum of at least eight voting** members present to take action on grant awards, and affirmative votes of at least six voting members. In addition, regardless of the number of members present, **if three or more voting members object** to an award of funds, the proposal will be rejected.

Public Testimony: The Board encourages public comment on any agenda item.

A public comment period for pending grant applications will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m. The Board will not accept any written materials at that time. Any written comments pertaining to pending regular grant proposals must be received by the April 12, 2016 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 three to five minutes.*

General public comment periods will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 8:55 a.m. and Wednesday, April 27 at 8:00 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 three to 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 Darika Barnes, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-986-0181. If special physical, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Darika Barnes (503-986-0181) as soon as possible, and at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Membership

Voting Members

Board of Agriculture member: *Laura Masterson*
Environmental Quality Commission member: *Morgan Rider*
Fish and Wildlife Commission member: *Bob Webber*
Board of Forestry member: *Vacant*
Water Resources Commission member: *John Roberts*
Public member (tribal): *Eric Quaempts, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Gary Marshall*
Public member: *Will Neuhauser*
Public member: *Randy Labbe*
Public member: *Dan Thorndike, Board Co-Chair*
Public member: *Karl Wenner*

Non-voting Members

Representative of National Marine Fisheries Service: *Rosemary Furfey*
Representative of Oregon State University Extension Service: *Stephen Brandt*
Representative of U.S. Forest Service: *Debbie Hollen*
Representative of U.S. Bureau of Land Management: *Vacant*
Representative of U.S. National Resource Conservation Service: *Ron Alvarado*
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2016 Board Meeting Schedule

July 26-27 in Otter Rock
October 25-26 in Ashland

2017 Board Meeting Schedule

January 24-25 in Madras
April 25-26 in Salem
July 25-26 in Boardman/Hermiston
October 24-25 in Lebanon

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