



Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Meeting Agenda
April 22-24, 2024

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Baker City, OR 97814

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For each agenda item, the time listed is approximate. Anyone interested in a particular agenda item is encouraged to give ample time and listen in to the meeting at least 30 minutes before the approximate agenda item time.

Public comment

OWEB welcomes written or verbal public comments on any agenda item.

All written comments and requests to make verbal comments to the board should be submitted using our online [Public Comment Form](#). The deadline for submitting written comments and requests to make verbal comments is **4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2024**.

Written comments will be provided to the board before the meeting.

Verbal comments are limited to three minutes and will be heard in the public comment periods (**Agenda Items A, D, H, I, K and M**).

Please provide the following information:

- Your first and last name
- The topic/item letter during which you'd like to comment
- Whether you plan on coming to the meeting in person or virtually
- If you are calling in, provide the phone number you will use when calling into the meeting.

Monday, April 22, 2024

Business Meeting – 2:00 pm

A. General Public Comment (2:05pm)

This time is reserved for the board to hear general public comments and review the written public comment submitted for the meeting. *Information item.*

B. Board Member Comments (2:20pm)

Board representatives from state and federal agencies will provide updates 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.*

C. Strategic Plan Refresh (4:00 pm)

Restoration Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Conservation Outcomes Coordinator Audrey Hatch will join Principal Consultant Steve Patty with Dialogues in Action to seek board input on OWEB's strategic plan refresh. *Information item.*

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Business Meeting – 8:30 am

D. General Public Comment (8:35 am)

This time is reserved for the board to hear general public comments and review the written public comment submitted for the meeting. *Information item.*

E. Review and Approval of Minutes (8:50 am)

The minutes of the January and February 2024 meetings will be presented for board approval. *Action item.*

F. Director's Updates (8:55 am)

Acting Executive Director Stephanie Page and staff will update the board on agency business. *Information item.*

G. Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) and Natural and Working Lands Funding Acceptance and Authorization to Initiate OAHP Rulemaking (9:35 am)

Acquisitions and Special Programs Manager Renee Davis and Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Coordinator Taylor Larson will provide the board with an update about the Natural and Working Lands (NWL) funds directed to OWEB by the Oregon Climate Action Commission and funding for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP). They will request the board approve receipt of NWL and OAHP funding and update the Board's 2023-2025 spending plan. They also will request the board authorize rulemaking for OAHP.

H. [Fall 2023 Open Solicitation Grant Offering Board Awards \(10:05 am\)](#)

NOTE: Verbal public comment specific to this agenda item will be heard at approximately 10:50 am.

Staff Presentation

Restoration Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and Regional Program Representatives will review the Fall 2023 Open Solicitation Grant Offering and funding recommendations. **Public Comment**

This time is reserved for public comment on the Fall 2023 Open Solicitation Grant Offering and funding recommendations. Only comments about this specific item will be accepted during this portion of the meeting. Any written comments about this agenda item must be received by OWEB staff by **April 18, 2024**, to be provided to the board before the meeting. **Verbal comments should be limited to three minutes.**

Fall Open Solicitation Grant Offering Board Deliberation and Awards

The board will consider grant applications submitted through the Fall 2023 Open Solicitation Grant Offering. Applications, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the board. *Action Item.*

I. [Land Acquisition Grant Awards and Time Extension Request \(1:00 pm\)](#)

NOTE: Verbal public comment specific to this agenda item will be heard at approximately 1:15 pm.

Staff Presentation

Acquisitions and Special Programs Manager Renee Davis and Acquisitions Coordinator Miriam Forney will provide an overview of the September 2023 Land Acquisition grant offering and outline staff recommendations for a grant award.

Public Comment

This time is reserved for public comment on the September 2023 Land Acquisition grant offering. Only comments about this specific item will be accepted during this portion of the meeting. Any written comments about this agenda item must be received by OWEB staff by **April 18, 2024**, to be provided to the board before the meeting. **Verbal comments should be limited to three minutes.**

Land Acquisition Grant Offering Board Deliberations and Awards and Grant**#221-9903-19500 Time Extension Request**

The board will consider grant applications submitted through the September 2023 Land Acquisition grant offering. Applications, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the board. In addition, the board will consider an extension request for OWEB Grant # 221-9903-19500. *Action Item.*

J. [Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances \(CCAA\) Landowner Presentation \(2:00pm\)](#)

Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein will introduce Powder Basin Watershed Council Sage-grouse CCAA Coordinator Jennifer Boisvert and local landowners Bruce Hummel and Ben Norton who will provide the board information on their experiences with Sage-Grouse CCAs which are voluntary agreements that provide incentives for landowners to conserve sage-grouse habitat. *Information item.*

Board Tour – 3:00 pm

The board and OWEB staff will conduct a field tour of sage-grouse conservation efforts led by the Baker Sage-grouse Local Implementation Team. Anyone is welcome to join the tour, but please be prepared to provide your own transportation and for inclement weather. *Information only.*

Informal Reception – 6:00-7:30 pm

The public is invited to join the OWEB Board and staff for a reception.

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Business Meeting – 8:30 am

K. General Public Comment (8:35 am)

This time is reserved for the board to hear general public comments and review the written public comments submitted for the meeting. *Information item.*

L. [Committee Updates \(8:50 am\)](#)

Representatives from board committees will provide written updates on committee topics to the full board. *Information item.*

M. [Focus Investment Partnership \(FIP\) 2023-2025 Solicitation Grant Awards \(9:20 am\)](#) NOTE:

Verbal public comment specific to this agenda item will be heard at approximately 9:50 am

Staff Presentation

Restoration Grant Program Manager Eric Williams and FIP program staff will provide an overview of the 2023-2025 FIP solicitation process and outline OWEB Grants Committee recommendations for grant awards.

Public Comment

This time is reserved for public comment on the FIP Solicitation Grant Offering. Only comments about this specific item will be accepted during this portion of the meeting. Any

written comments about this agenda item must be received by OWEB staff by **April 18, 2024**, to be provided to the board before the meeting. **Verbal comments should be limited to three minutes.**

FIP 2023-2025 Solicitation Board Deliberation and Awards

The board will consider FIP applications submitted through the 2023-2025 FIP Solicitation. Applications, supporting materials, and funding recommendations will be discussed and acted on by the board. *Action Item.*

N. [Review of Draft Policy Option Packages for 2025-2027 Agency Request Budget \(12:35 pm\)](#)

Acting Executive Director Stephanie Page, Senior Policy Coordinator Eric Hartstein, and Business Operations Manager/Fiscal Officer Miriam Scharer will request board feedback on a summary of draft Policy Option Packages for the 2025-2027 Agency Request Budget. *Information Item.*

O. Other Business (1:35 pm)

This item is reserved for other matters that may come before the board. *Information item.*

Meeting Rules and Procedures

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 when OWEB meetings convene.

Voting Rules

The OWEB Board has 18 members. Of these, 11 are voting members and 7 are non-voting advisory members. For purposes of conducting business, OWEB's voting requirements are divided into 2 categories – general business and action on grant awards.

General Business

For general business, a quorum is **6 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 6 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 8 voting members** present to act on grant awards, and affirmative votes of at least six voting members. In addition, regardless of the number of members present, **if 3 or more voting members** object to an award of funds, the proposal will be rejected.

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.

More Information

If you have any questions about this agenda or the Board's procedures, please call Nicole Bettinardi, OWEB Board Assistant, at 503-428-1804 or send an e-mail Nicole.BETTINARDI@OWEB.oregon.gov. If special physical, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Nicole Bettinardi as soon as possible, and at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Bruce Buckmaster, *Public*
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Gary Marshall, *Public*
Mark Webb, *Environmental Quality Commission*
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Meg Reeves, *Water Resources Commission*

Non-voting Members

Aaron Curtis, *U.S. Bureau of Land Management*
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