

**Oregon Board of Forestry – Hybrid Public Meeting**

Oregon Department of Forestry -  
2600 State Street, Salem OR, 97310

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

The Board of Forestry will hold its September meeting in a hybrid format, allowing interested persons to view the meeting and participate online while having seating for in-person public attendance. The meeting will be streamed live on the department’s YouTube channel. There will be an opportunity for the public to provide live testimony during the meeting. Written testimony may be submitted for information items, before or up to two weeks after the meeting day to [boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov) with the agenda item number included with the submission.

**Link to view Board of Forestry Meeting available at  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/OregonDepartmentofForestry>**

Prior meetings’ audio and this meeting’s written material are available on the web [www.oregon.gov/odf/board](http://www.oregon.gov/odf/board). The matters under the **Consent Agenda** will be considered in one block. Any board member may request the removal of any item from the consent agenda. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after approval of the consent agenda. Public comment will not be taken on the consent agenda or work session (\*) asterisked items.

**Consent Agenda**

- 9:00 – 9:01     **A. Financial Dashboard Report – July and August 2022**..... Bill Herber
- 9:00 – 9:01     **B. Central Oregon District Boundary Change** ..... Levi Hopkins
- 9:00 – 9:01     **C. Regional Forests Practices Committee Appointments and Reappointments** ..... Mike Kroon
- 9:00 – 9:01     **D. Emergency Fire Cost Committee Appointments and Reappointments** ..... Nancy Hirsch

**Action and Information**

- 9:01 – 9:45     **1. State Forester and Board Member Comments**  
  - A. Public Comments** [for information items on agenda and topics not on agenda-see page 3].... Register online
- 9:45 – 10:15    **2. Fire Season Update** ..... Mike Shaw  
*The Department will provide an update to the Board on the 2022 fire season. This is an information item.*
- 10:15 – 11:00   **3. Emerald Ash Borer Discovery** ..... Wyatt Williams, Christine Buhl, and Scott Altenhoff  
*Emerald ash borer (EAB), one of the most damaging exotic forest pests in the U.S. was found on June 30, 2022, in Forest Grove, Oregon. Department staff will provide an update on the response to the EAB discovery in Oregon. This is an information item.*
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.   Morning break
- 11:15 – 12:00   **4. October Board Retreat Discussion** ..... Ryan Gordon  
*Department staff will lead a discussion with the Board about key topics for the October retreat, including proposed changes to work plans and agenda development, Board governance, and revision of the Forestry Program for Oregon (FPFO). This is an information item.*
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.   Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30     **5. \*Executive Session** ..... Chair Kelly  
*The Board will meet in executive session for the purpose of reviewing the State Forester’s Annual Performance, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i).*
- 1:30 – 1:45     **6. Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee Testimony** ..... David Yamamoto or John Sweet  
*The FTLAC is a statutorily established committee that advises the Board on State Forests policy. This is an informational item.*
- 1:45 – 2:15     **7. State Forests Carbon and Inventory**..... Tyson Wepprich and Mike Wilson  
*State Forests Division will present forest inventory and carbon storage estimates for western Oregon State Forest lands. This is an information item.*
- 2:15 – 2:45     **8. Western Oregon State Forests HCP Update**..... Mike Wilson and Cindy Kolomechuk  
*State Forests Division will present the summary of public comments received through the federal NEPA process on the draft Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan. This is an informational item.*
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.   Afternoon break

- 3:00 – 4:15      **9. Forest Carbon Implementation and Policy Discussion** ..... Ryan Gordon  
*Department to host a conversation about forest carbon policy modernization and implementation. Discussion space will be available for the Board and presenters. This is an informational item.*
- 4:15 – 4:30      **10. Board Closing Comments and Meeting Wrap-Up** ..... Chair Kelly and Board Members  
*Board Chair and members to summarize the meeting’s action items and provide closing comments.*

The times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the chair, the time and order of agenda items—including the addition of an afternoon break—may change to maintain meeting flow. The board will hear public testimony [\*excluding marked items] and engage in discussion before proceeding to the next item. \* A single asterisk preceding the item number marks a work session, and public testimony/comment will not be accepted.

**BOARD WORK PLANS:** Board of Forestry (Board) Work Plans result from the board’s identification of priority issues. Each item represents the commitment of time by the Board of Forestry and Department of Forestry staff that needs to be fully understood and appropriately planned. Board Work Plans form the basis for establishing Board of Forestry meeting agendas. The latest versions of these plans can be found on the Board’s website at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Board/Pages/AboutBOF.aspx>

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** The Board of Forestry places great value on information received from the public. The Board will only hold public testimony at the meeting for decision items. The Board accepts written comments on all agenda items except consent agenda and Work Session items [see explanation below]. Those wishing to testify or present information to the Board are encouraged to:

- Provide written summaries of lengthy, detailed information.
- Remember that the value of your comments is in the substance, not length.
- For coordinated comments to the Board, endorse rather than repeat the testimony of others.
- To ensure the Board will have an opportunity to review and consider your testimony before the meeting, please send comments no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting date. If submitted after this window of time the testimony will be entered into the public record but may not be viewed by the Board until after the meeting.
- For in-person meetings, sign in at the information table in the meeting room when you arrive. For virtual meetings, follow the signup instructions provided in the meeting agenda.

Written comments for public testimony provide a valuable reference and may be submitted before, during, or up to two weeks after the meeting for consideration by the Board. Please submit a copy to [boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov), and written comments received will be distributed to the Board. Oral or written comments may be summarized, audio-recorded, and filed as a record. Audio files and video links of the Board’s meetings are posted within one week after the meeting at <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Board/Pages/BOFMeetings.aspx>

The Board cannot accept comments on consent agenda items or a topic for which a public hearing has been held and the comment period has closed. If you wish to provide oral comments to the Board, you must email the Board Administrator to sign up for live testimony, contact, [Hilary.Olivos-Rood@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:Hilary.Olivos-Rood@odf.oregon.gov), by 5 p.m. Friday, September 2, 2022. Instructions for providing public comment virtually will be confirmed by email and the link provided before the meeting.

Three minutes will be allotted for each individual to provide their comments. Those requesting additional time for testimony should contact the Board Support office at 503-945-7210 at least three days before the meeting. The maximum amount of time for all public testimony for agenda items with a Board decision will be thirty minutes.

**WORK SESSIONS:** Certain agenda topics may be marked with an asterisk indicating a "Work Session" item. Work Sessions provide the Board opportunity to receive information and/or make decisions after considering previous public comments and staff recommendations. No new public comment will be taken. However, the Board may choose to ask questions of the audience to clarify issues raised.

- During consideration of contested civil penalty cases, the Board will entertain oral argument only if Board members have questions relating to the information presented.
- Relating to the adoption of Oregon Administrative Rules: Under Oregon’s Administrative Procedures Act, the Board can only consider those comments received by the established deadline as listed on the Notice of Rulemaking form. Additional input can only be accepted if the comment period is formally extended (ORS 183.335).

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** For regularly scheduled meetings, the Board's agenda is posted on the web at [www.oregonforestry.gov](http://www.oregonforestry.gov) two weeks prior to the meeting date. During that time, circumstances may dictate a revision to the agenda, either in the sequence of items to be addressed or in the time of day the item is to be presented. The Board will make every attempt to follow its published schedule and requests your indulgence when that is not possible.

To provide the broadest range of services, lead time is needed to make the necessary arrangements. If special materials, services, or assistance is required, such as a sign language interpreter, assistive listening device, or large print material, please contact our Public Affairs Office at least three working days before the meeting via telephone at 503-945-7200 or fax at 503-945-7212.

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