

**OWEB Administrative Rules, Climate Evaluation Criteria
Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting #4
April 11, 2023
1:00 pm-4:00 pm**

1:00	Welcome & Introductions
1:15	Public Comment
1:30	Revisit Draft Grant Application Guidance Incorporating Climate Evaluation Criteria
1:40	Fourth Draft Rule Language (evaluation criteria and definitions)-with break at ~2:30 pm
3:30	Fiscal Impact Discussion
3:45	Wrap Up & Next Steps (including future meetings discussion)
4:00	Conclude

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dl-TOWlt4Sp--i1KEa_OA.

OWEB encourages public comment on any agenda item. Public comments may be made in two ways:

Written Comments

Written comments should be sent to Nicole Bettinardi at Nicole.Bettinardi@OWEB.oregon.gov. Written comments received by Monday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m. will be provided to the RAC at the meeting.

Verbal Comments

Verbal comments are limited to three minutes and will be heard during the public comment period. To provide verbal comment, you must contact Nicole Bettinardi at Nicole.Bettinardi@OWEB.oregon.gov, by Monday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m. and provide your name and the topic you wish to comment on. You will then be provided with information on how to access the meeting.

For more information, contact Eric Hartstein at Eric.Hartstein@OWEB.oregon.gov.

Draft Rules: 4th Climate Evaluation Criteria

Division 5-OWEB Grant Program

695-005-xxxx, Climate Evaluation Criteria

In addition to the evaluation criteria for Restoration Grants (OAR 695-010-0060), Stakeholder Engagement Grants (OAR 695-015-0070), Monitoring Grants (OAR 695-025-0140), Technical Assistance Grants (OAR 695-030-0045), Land Acquisition Grants (OAR 695-045-0180), Water Acquisition Grants (OAR 695-046-0196), and Focused Investment Partnership (OAR 695-047-0060), grant applications shall also be evaluated, wherever possible, on:

- 1) How engagement with local communities disproportionately impacted by climate change has informed or will inform the project.
 - a. Previous version: How the applicant meaningfully engages local communities disproportionately impacted by climate change.
- 2) How changing climate conditions are incorporated into the project and how the project will contribute to durable adaptation and resilience for ecosystems, including human communities.
- 3) How consideration of greenhouse gas emissions reductions or long-term carbon sequestration or storage has informed the project.

Definitions

Durable adaptation and resilience for ecosystems: the extent to which a project is expected to help an ecosystem adjust or respond to, or recover from, a new or changing environment into the future

Carbon Sequestration: the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide in plants and soils (ALTERNATE: the process of removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it in another form that cannot immediately be released (e.g., wood))

Carbon Storage: the act of retaining carbon in a solid form which keeps it out of the atmosphere for an extended period of time (ALTERNATE: the total amount of carbon contained in a plant-based ecosystem or in a part of the system (e.g., trees, soil, leaf litter, dead wood))

Local Communities Disproportionally Impacted by Climate Change: this includes communities such as Native American tribes, communities of color, rural communities, coastal communities, lower-income households, and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes, including seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities