

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER

January 23, 2003 Hearing Room B
8:30 A.M. Tapes 5 - 6

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair
Rep. Linda Flores
Rep. Jeff Kruse
Rep. Mike Schaufler
Rep. Carolyn Tomei

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bob Jenson, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Pete Test, Committee Administrator
Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Informational Meeting – Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Geoff Huntington, Director

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 5, A		
003	Vice-Chair Kropf	Calls meeting to order at 8:37 am. Opens informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
024	Geoff Huntington	Executive Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). Submits and summarizes prepared information regarding relationship of OWEB to Oregon Plan for Salmon Recovery (EXHIBIT A).
TAPE 6, A		
001	Huntington	Continues presentation. Explains development of OWEB.
057	Rep. Schaufler	Asks for clarification of economic stimulus regarding OWEB.
058	Huntington	Responds and summarizes prepared information regarding economic stimulus. Continues presentation.
109	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks for clarification of grant review process.
120	Huntington	Explains grant program.
150	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks who is eligible for grants.
153	Huntington	Explains grant eligibility. Continues presentation.
305	Rep. Schaufler	Asks if there is information regarding the outcome and implementation of individual plans under OWEB.
314	Huntington	Explains that OWEB monitors plans to determine effectiveness.
382	Vice-Chair Kropf	Asks how to justify OWEB without quantifiable evidence that it is working.
410	Huntington	Responds that there is evidence for various projects.
TAPE 5, B		

021	Rep. Kruse	Asks how to define success regarding water quality and salmon recovery.
037	Huntington	Answers that there is a tie between water quality and fish which OWEB addresses.
058	Rep. Kruse	Asks if Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) water quality monitoring is included in OWEB equation.
072	Huntington	Responds that it is all part of a collective effort to achieve their goals.
080	Rep. Kruse	Asks if OWEB works with other groups and agencies to avoid duplicative work and conserve resources.
092	Huntington	Responds that OWEB works with other groups for monitoring.
113	Rep. Kruse	Requests monitoring information regarding OWEB.
122	Vice-Chair Kropf	Makes additional request for monitoring information.
129	Huntington	Continues presentation.
160	Rep. Kruse	Asks about payment requests timing.
161	Huntington	Explains timing for payment requests and grant process. Continues presentation.
234	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks about Oregon State Parks sub-account regarding acquisitions and Measure 66.
251	Huntington	Responds that he is unsure.
262	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks if there are funds in OWEB sub-account for acquisition.
267	Huntington	Responds yes. Explains role of OWEB in land acquisition.
421	Vice-Chair Kropf	Asks about OWEB's organization.
440	Huntington	Explains that OWEB is still small enough and there is contact with all staff.

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007	Vice-Chair Kropf	Asks about attribution of matching federal funding and OWEB.
029	Huntington	Clarifies that 2:1 matching fund ratio is for grants only. Explains funding requirements.
098	Vice-Chair Kropf	Asks if grants are made to cities to upgrade infrastructure to comply with mandates.
107	Huntington	Responds that it is out of OWEB's niche. Explains partnerships regarding watershed management.
132	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks about Oregon Garden and tertiary water treatment.
148	Huntington	Answers that OWEB occasionally gets involved in similar issues.
152	Vice-Chair Kropf	Cites similar example in Lebanon. Asks about conservation easements.
166	Huntington	Explains issues regarding conservation easements. Summarizes what OWEB will discuss in later meetings.
235	Vice-Chair Kropf	Closes informational hearing. Discusses Committee Rules. Adjourns meeting at 10:16 am.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Informational, Geoff Huntington, OVERSIZED EXHIBIT (see archives)