

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

January 29, 2003
8:30 A.M.

Hearing Room HR B
Tapes 7 - 8

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Frank Shields, Chair**
 Sen. Roger Beyer, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Tony Corcoran
 Sen. Bill Fisher

STAFF PRESENT: **Judith Callens, Committee Administrator**
 Patricia Nielsen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Informational meeting**
 Parks and Recreation Department overview
 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) overview
 Association of Conservation Districts comments

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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
Tape 7, A		
005	Chair Shields	Calls meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Opens informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
<u>Parks and Recreation Department overview</u>		
010	Michael Carrier	Parks and Recreation Department Director. Presents overview of department mission. Submits written material (EXHIBITS A, B, C) . Describes funding sources. Discusses 2001-03 biennial report, agency goals. Explains legislative concepts for consideration by the committee.
080	Carrier	Continues and discusses issue over use of Lower Deschutes river.
120	Sen. Corcoran	Asks about Tribes' position.
125	Carrier	Explains.
130	Sen. Corcoran	Urges the agency to give serious and respectful consideration to Tribal proposals.
135	Carrier	Responds.
150	Carrier	Continues and discusses permitting issue relating to recreational placer mining.
185	Carrier	Discusses agency plan to develop comprehensive management plan for Oregon ocean shores.
205	Chair Shields	Refers to biennial reports on placer mining. Asks for more detailed report on the current review.
210	Carrier	Responds.
225	Sen. Fisher	Asks about cost to change the name of the Oregon Pioneer Cemetery Commission.
230	Carrier	Explains.
275	Vice-chair Beyer	Refers to proposed fee waiver and asks about statutory authority.
280	Carrier	Responds.

300	Sen. Fisher	Comments on project at Garrison Lake.
<u>Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) overview</u>		
340	Geoff Huntington	OWEB Director. Presents overview of agency activities. Refers to submitted written report (EXHIBITS D, E).
TAPE 8, A		
005	Huntington	Continues and discusses use of Measure 66 funds used for watershed enhancement. Describes grant program (EXHIBITS F, G, H).
100	Huntington	Continues and describes individual grant projects in Oregon counties (EXHIBIT I, J).
200	Huntington	Continues and discusses Secretary of State audit report (EXHIBIT K). Describes charges to OWEB by legislature under the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds (Oregon Plan). Refers to biennial report (EXHIBIT L).
300	Chair Shields	Asks about Oregon Plan biennial report.
305	Huntington	Responds.
310	Chair Shields	Asks about investments in specific counties.
315	Huntington	Provides estimates and examples.
370	Chair Shields	Inquires about volunteer efforts and in-kind investments.
375	Huntington	Discusses.
TAPE 7, B		
005	Jay Mower	Columbia Slough Watershed Council. Provides follow-up comments responding to OWEB presentation. Describes watershed area and council activities. Submits written material (EXHIBIT M).
075	Jackie Hastings	Rickreall Watershed Council Coordinator. Presents overview of watershed council program. Refers to submitted brochure (EXHIBIT N).
<u>Association of Conservation Districts comments</u>		
200	John McDonald	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, Washington County Conservation District, Tualatin River Watershed Council. Discusses activities of conservation districts and provides written material (EXHIBIT O).
300	McDonald	Continues and discusses powers and authorities of conservation districts.
400	McDonald	Continues and discusses conservation district customary functions.
TAPE 8, B		
035	Shields	Asks about concerns over grant applications.
040	McDonald	Responds. Continues and discusses funding sources.
100	McDonald	Continues and discusses information sharing issues.
140	McDonald	Summarizes and concludes.
165	Chair Shields	Asks about development of conservation districts from watershed councils.
180	McDonald	Explains.
190	Chair Shields	Closes informational meeting. Adjourns meeting at 10:12 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Parks and Recreation, biennial report, M. Carrier, 16 pp**
- B – Parks and Recreation, goals and strategies, M. Carrier, 6 pp**
- C – Parks and Recreation, legislative proposals, M. Carrier, 1 p**

D – OWEB, graphic overview booklet, G. Huntington, 36 pp
E – OWEB, article, G. Huntington, 2 pp
F – OWEB, grant application summary, G. Huntington, 1 p
G – OWEB, land acquisition grants, G. Huntington, 2 pp
H – OWEB, Investments in Oregon's Future booklet, G. Huntington, 48 pp
I – OWEB, county project listing, G. Huntington, 74 pp
J – OWEB, article on project assessment, G. Huntington, 1 p
K – OWEB, audit report, G. Huntington, 6 pp
L – OWEB, Oregon Plan biennial report 2001-03, G. Huntington, 60 pp
M – Watershed councils, written report, J. Mower, 2 pp (1 oversize)
N – Watershed councils, booklet on Rickreall Creek, J. Hastings, 12 pp
O – Conservation districts, written report, J. McDonald, 8 pp