



OREGON

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FUND

OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 9 2025



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AGENDA

Time	Topic Description
1:00 – 1:05pm	Roll Call, Opening Remarks, Meeting Overview, and Objectives (<i>Co-Chairs</i>)
1:05 – 2:15pm	Agenda Item 1 – Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of Council Members (<i>Co-Chairs</i>)• Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund (OERF) Overview (<i>Nicole Maness, OERF Manager</i>)
2:15 – 2:30pm	Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment
2:30 – 2:45pm	Break
2:45 – 4:15pm	Agenda Item 3 – Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of Distribution Policy (<i>Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair</i>)• Initiate Rulemaking on Tribal Nation Natural Resource Fund (<i>Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair</i>)
4:15 – 4:30pm	Next Steps, Reminders & Wrap Up (<i>Michael Dembrow, OERC Co-Chair</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Meeting Preview• Summary of Action Items
4:30pm	Adjourn



OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION COUNCIL

Council Membership (SB 1561)

11 voting members

Governor/Governor's Designee

DEQ Director/Designee

ODFW Director/Designee

OHA Director/Designee

Attorney General/Designee

Six Governor-appointed members

2 non-voting members

Member House of Representatives

Member of Senate



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Council Responsibilities

Recommend long-term distribution policy for OERF

Develop Strategic Priorities

Initiate rulemaking and adopt rules for subfunds

Make funding decisions

Evaluate & report on impact



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Term lengths

Governor/Governor's Designee

DEQ Director/Designee

ODFW Director/Designee

OHA Director/Designee

Attorney General/Designee

Member House of Representatives

Member of Senate

Chuck Sams

2 year/4 year

Vacant

2 year/4 year

Michael Dembrow

3 year/4 year

Alai Reyes-Santos

3 year/4 year

Cheyenne Holliday

4 year/4 year

Molly Kile

4 year/4 year



OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM

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Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund Manager



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CONTEXT

Monsanto Settlement Agreement

Senate Bill 1561

Oregon Environmental Restoration Council & Fund

Program of Work

CONTEXT

Monsanto Settlement Agreement

- 2018 lawsuit
- 2022 settlement with Oregon for \$698 million for environmental damages from PCBs
- Settlement Funds will be directed at environmental remediation or restitution projects as determined by the State related to restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land, water and other natural resources

SETTLEMENT TERMS

Monsanto Settlement Agreement Sec 18

Settlement funds will be used for environmental remediation or restitutionary projects or purposes or environmental remediation or restitutionary purposes having a nexus or connection with the types of environmental harm alleged by the State (i.e., harm to air, water, soil, or natural resources) as determined by the State in its sole discretion.

SETTLEMENT TERMS

Such environmental remediation or restitutionary projects or purposes include restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land, water and other natural resources and will consist of projects having a nexus or connection with brownfields remediation or redevelopment, environmental or natural resource damage assessment or restoration, improvements to air and water quality, cleanup of contaminated sites, remediation of impaired waterbodies, sediments, or soil, or restoration or protection of wildlife or wildlife habitats, including fish, aquatic life, marine mammal, or bird habitats, but may also include at the State's sole discretion other similar air, water, soil, or natural resource environmental remediation or restitutionary projects or purposes within the scope of the projects and purposes described above.

CONTEXT

Senate Bill 1561

- 2024 Legislative Session
- Oregon Environmental Restoration Council
- Process for fund distribution through *Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund*
- Funds: "supplement" efforts by federally-recognized Tribes, disproportionately impacted communities, and state agencies

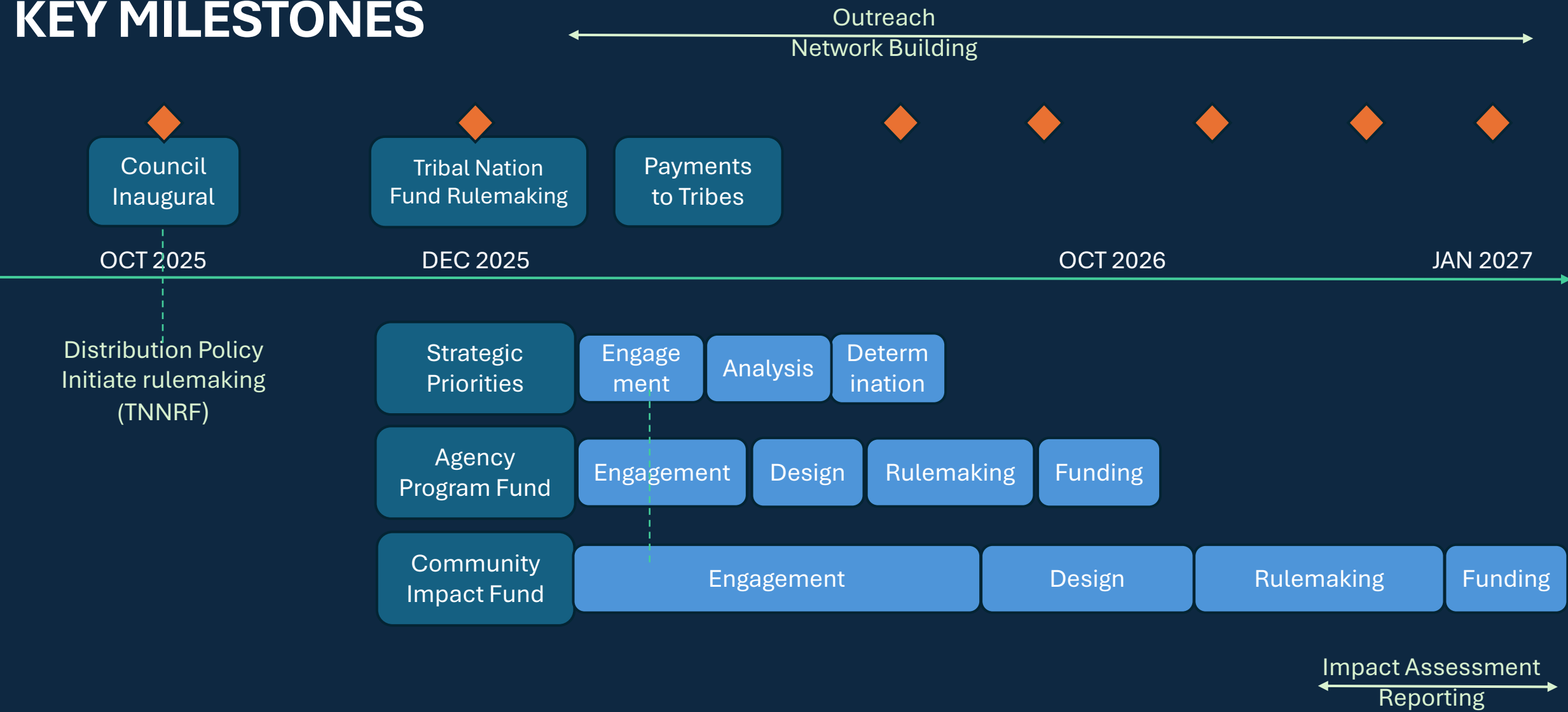


**State Agency
Program Fund**
50% (transfers)

**Tribal Nation Natural
Resource Program Fund**
25% (transfers)

**Community
Impact Fund**
25% (grants)

KEY MILESTONES





PUBLIC COMMENT

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Oregon Environmental Restoration Program



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OERF LONG-TERM DISTRIBUTION POLICY

AGENDA ITEM OVERVIEW

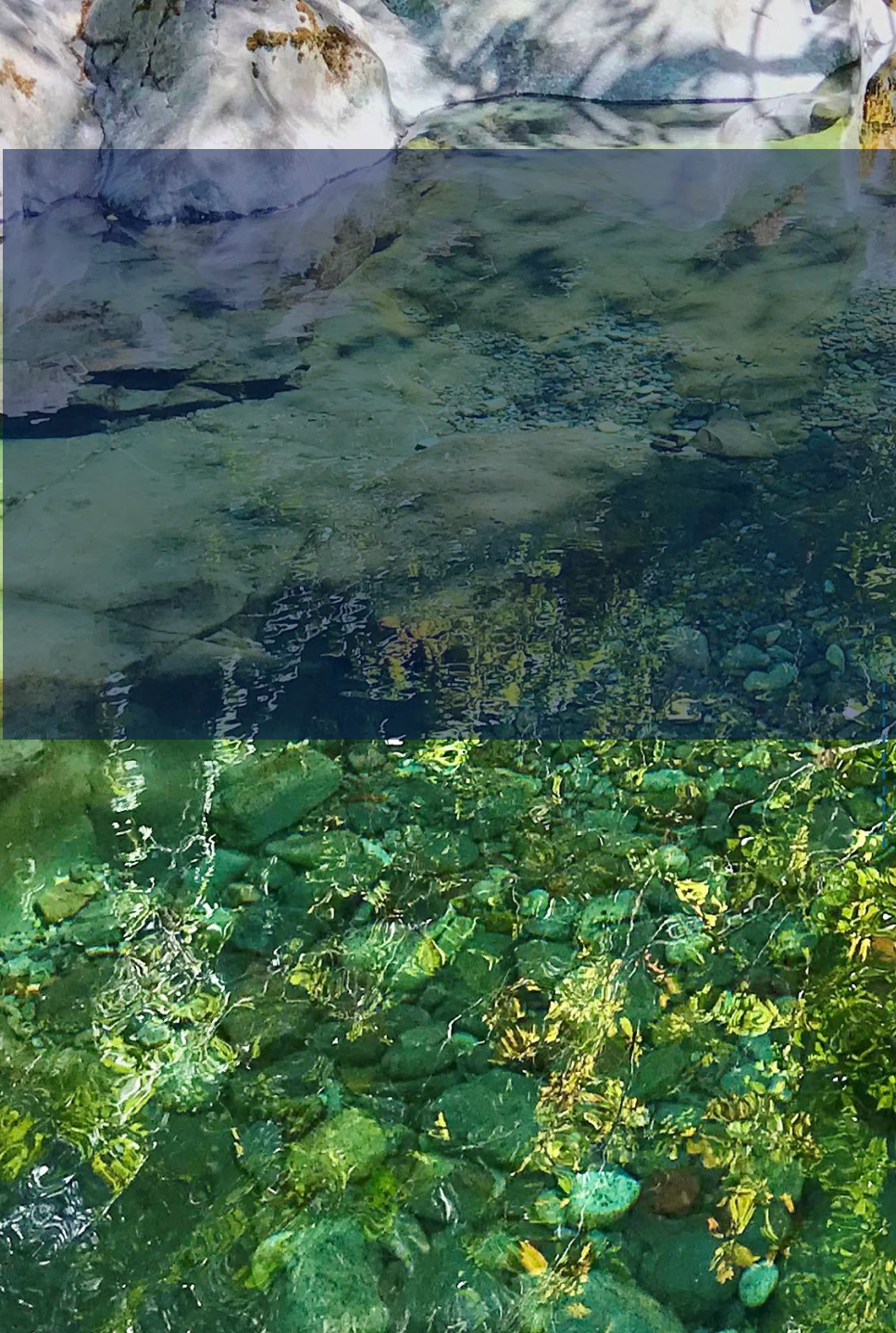
Distribution Policy

Presentation: Oregon State Treasury & Aon

Discussion/Q&A

Decision





DISTRIBUTION POLICY

- OERC to recommend a long-term distribution policy which defines spending targets for the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund.
- The initial distribution policy will consist of a target biennial spend rate or amount and may also include a ceiling and/or a floor on the biennial disbursement amounts.
- December 1, 2025 is the legislative deadline for determining the amounts to be transferred from the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund to the three subfunds (SB1561 Section 13).

PRESENTATION

Jamie McCreary, Oregon State Treasury

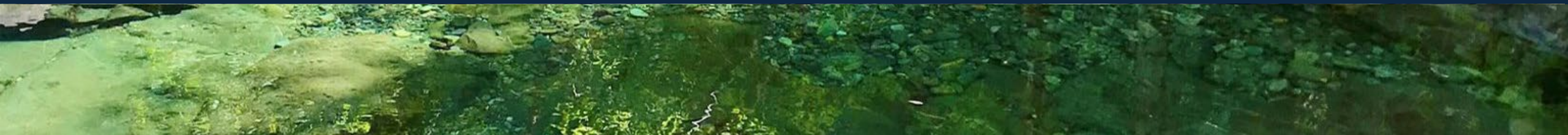
Karl Cheng, Oregon State Treasury

Raneen Jalajel, Aon

Ashley Woeste, Aon

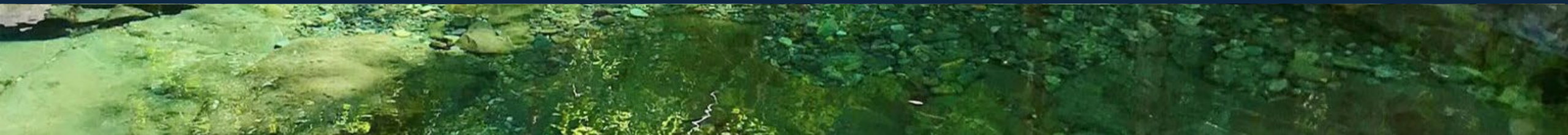


DISCUSSION/Q&A



MOTION

I move that the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council recommend a long-term distribution policy of _____% to the Oregon Investment Council for inclusion in the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund's Investment Policy Statement





RULEMAKING FOR THE TRIBAL NATION NATURAL RESOURCE FUND

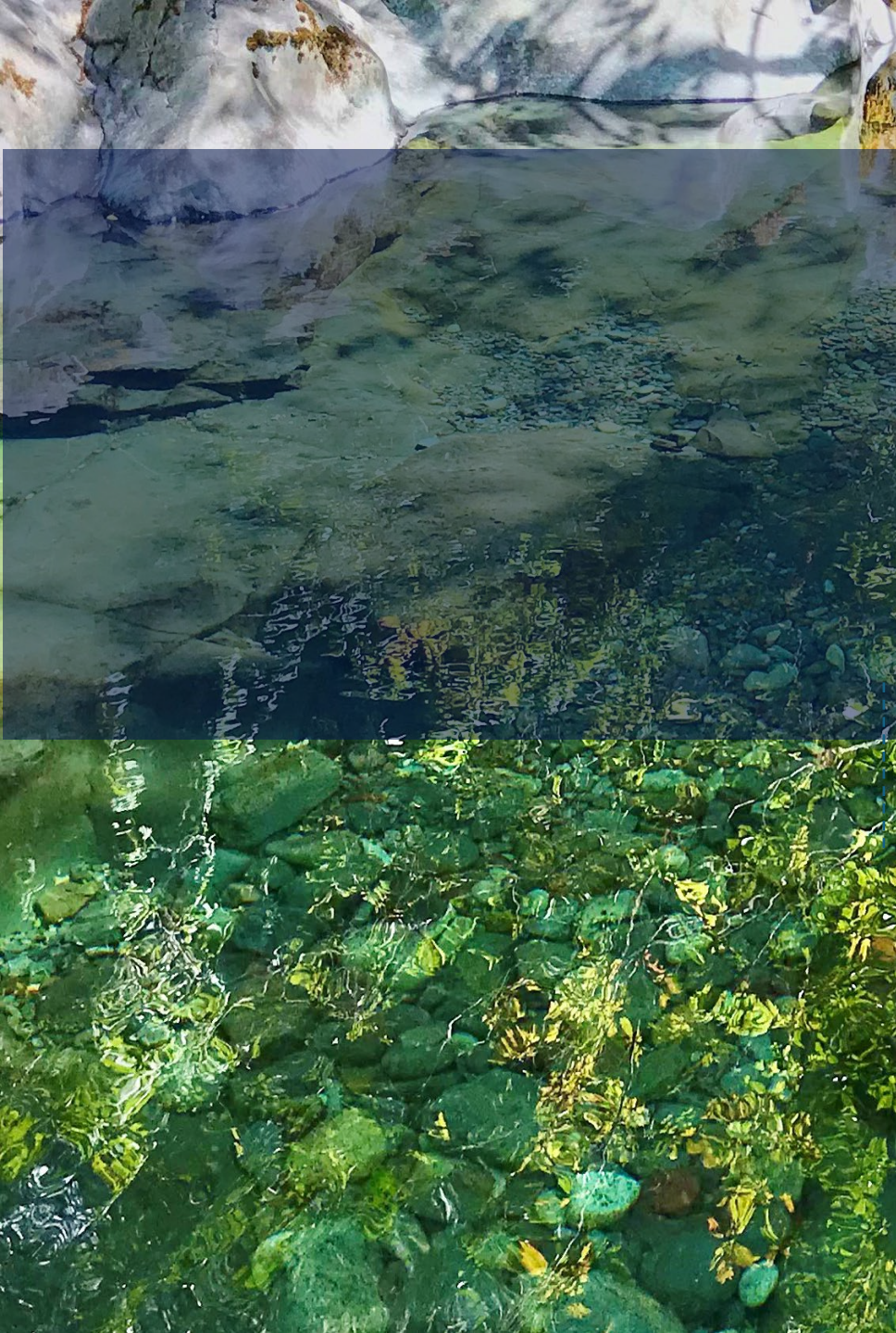
AGENDA ITEM OVERVIEW

Tribal Nation Natural Resource Fund – Overview of rulemaking process & timeline

Discussion/Q&A

Decision





TRIBAL NATION NATURAL RESOURCE FUND

- Biennial payments from OWEB for expenses consistent with settlement terms
- Proposed process/timeline:
 - Feb-Sep 2025: Engagement by OERP staff seeking input from Tribes
 - Oct-Nov 2025: Development of draft rules and guidance with feedback from Tribes
 - Nov 2025 onwards: Rulemaking process
 - OERC review of draft rules & guidance
 - Tribes manage internal process for sign-off
 - Public hearing
 - OERC adopts rules

Administrative Rules

Rulemaking Calendar

Environmental Restoration Council

The Oregon Environmental Restoration Council will hold its [inaugural meeting](#) on October 9, 2025 and will authorize rulemaking for the Tribal Nations Natural Resource Fund established in [SB 1561](#) (2024). State Agency Program Fund and Community Impact Fund rulemaking will occur at a later date. OWEB will update this calendar when additional details are available. For additional information, please visit the [Oregon Environmental Restoration Program website](#).

Tribal Nation Natural Resource Funding Rulemaking

Approximate Dates	Rulemaking Action
October 9, 2025	Council authorization for rulemaking
October 2025	Draft rules developed
November-December 2025	Tribal engagement to vet and provide feedback on draft rules
December 2025	Rulemaking progress update to Council*
December 2025 / January 2026	Draft rules revised based on Tribal feedback
January 16, 2026	Notice filed with Secretary of State
January 16, 2026	Public comment materials posted
January 16, 2026	Notice to agency mailing list and legislators
January 16, 2026	Secretary of State's Bulletin
January 16 - February 16, 2026	Public comment period*
February 2026	Public Hearing*
February 2026	Revisions to draft rules based on public comment
March 2026	Council adoption of rules

* Opportunity for public comment

Completed Rulemaking 2024

Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP)

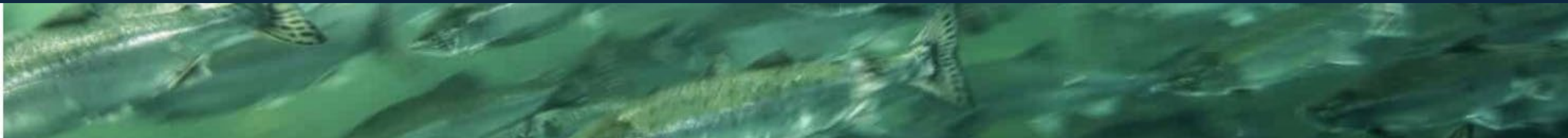
Focused Investment Partnership Grants (Division 47)

Small Grant Program (Division 35)

Drinking Water Source Protection Grant Program (Division 48)

Engagement Grants (Division 15) & Monitoring Grants (Division 25)

DISCUSSION/Q&A



MOTION

I move that the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council initiate rulemaking for the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund.



PREVIEW OF DECEMBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA OVERVIEW

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Tribal Nation Fund	Update to OERC (perhaps review of draft rule and guidance language)
Strategic Priorities	Staff report on options for process & discussion
Agency Program Fund	Staff report on options for process & discussion
Community Impact Fund	Staff report on options for process & discussion

ACTION ITEMS

Meeting summary & recording posted on website



NEXT OERC MEETING

December 2025

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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