

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
and Executive Appointments

DATE: September 12, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Raija Bushnell of Hood River (Replacing Buckmaster in November)

Re-appointee

Kelly Coates of Talent

Lindsay McClary of Salem

Terms

Bushnell: November 17, 2025 – November 16, 2029

Coates: November 19, 2025 – November 18, 2029

McClary: February 25, 2026 – February 24, 2030

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 541.900 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 18 members, including:

- six public members, appointed by the Governor ((BUCKMASTER) **BUSHNELL**, **COATES**, HOEFLICH, MCALISTER, **MCCLARY**, MCLEOD-SKINNER);
- a representative of the Environmental Quality Commission (WEBB);
- a representative of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission (LABHART);
- a representative of the State Board of Forestry (AGPAOA);
- a representative of the State Board of Agriculture (BOYER);
- a representative of the Water Resources Commission (WOLFE);

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- the Oregon State University Extension Service director, or designee, nonvoting (KERSHNER);
- a representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, nonvoting (ZWARTJES);
- a representative of the U.S. Forest Service, nonvoting (STAAB);
- a representative of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, nonvoting (CURTIS);
- a representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, nonvoting (TACHELLA);
- a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, nonvoting (BROWN); and
- a representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service of the U.S. of Commerce, nonvoting (VACANT).

The voting members must be knowledgeable about natural resource issues, represent all geographic regions of this state, and include at least one representative of a tribe. The voting members select a chair from among the voting members. At least eight voting members must be present to take action to award grant funds.

Duties⁴

The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds is a comprehensive program for the protection and recovery of species and for the restoration of watersheds. The board administers the Oregon Plan through grants funded by the Oregon Lottery, federal programs, and the salmon license plate. The board must:

- adopt rules and standards to carry out the watershed enhancement program;
- coordinate its activities with the Natural Resources Division of the State Department of Agriculture;
- facilitate the implementation and administration of the grant programs;
- maintain and administer specified accounts;
- report biennially to the Legislative Assembly on program implementation; and
- report biennially to the Governor and Legislative Assembly about the implementation and effectiveness of the Oregon Plan.

⁴ [ORS 541.898 to 541.972 \(2023\)](#).



Watershed Enhancement Board, public members of the Oregon

Agency: **Water Resources Department, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 541.900**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **18**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Board Admin: **Nicole Bettinardi**

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Current Appointments

McClary, Lindsay

Public Member

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **2/25/2026 - 2/24/2030**

3/1/2022 - 2/24/2026

Ms Coates, Kelly C

Public Member (Tribal Representative)

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **11/19/2025 - 11/18/2029**

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025

Mr Hoeflich, Russell "Russ" S

Public Member

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028**

Ms McAlister, Liza Jane

Public Member

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **11/17/2021 - 11/16/2025**

11/17/2017 - 11/16/2021

Mr Buckmaster, Bruce B

Public Member

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **11/17/2021 - 11/16/2025**

9/1/2019 - 11/16/2021

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Bushnell, Raija

Public Member

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **11/17/2025 - 11/16/2029**

Ms McLeod-Skinner, Jamie E

Public Member

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **5/15/2023 - 5/14/2027**

5/15/2019 - 5/14/2023

Mr Webb, Mark R

EQC Member

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **- 6/30/2025**

Mr Labhart, Mark W	Term(s):	- 6/30/2027
Fish and Wildlife Commission Member		
Position Number: 8		
Ms Agpaoa, Elizabeth "Liz"	Term(s):	- 11/18/2025
Board of Forestry Member		
Position Number: 9		
Ms Boyer, Barbara	Term(s):	-
Board of Ag Member (Barbara isn't term bound on Board of Ag)		
Position Number: 10		
Mr Wolfe, Woody S	Term(s):	- 6/30/2025
WRC Member		
Position Number: 11		
Kershner, Jessi	Term(s):	-
OSU Extension Rep (non-voting)		
Position Number: 12		
Staab, Brian	Term(s):	-
USDA USFS Rep (non-voting)		
Position Number: 13		
Curtis, Aaron	Term(s):	-
BLM Rep (non-voting)		
Position Number: 14		
Tachella, Claire	Term(s):	-
USDA NRCS Rep (non-voting)		
Position Number: 15		
Brown, Dan	Term(s):	-
EPA Rep (non-voting)		
Position Number: 16		
Zwartjes, Michele	Term(s):	7/1/2025 -
US Fish & Wildlife Rep		
Position Number: 18		

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
17	Murray, Eric	Statute/Bill		