

Executive Appointments Legislative Review  
Compiled by Oregon Legislative Committee Services

**OFFICE:** Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon

**APPOINTEE:** Eric Quaempts of Pendleton; Reappointment  
Dan Thorndike of Medford; Reappointment

**APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION AUTHORITY:** ORS 541.360

**TERM:** Four-year terms; July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2017

**ECONOMIC INTEREST FILING (ORS 244.050):** Not required.

**STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS:** ORS 541.360

Affirmative action policy: See ORS 182.100. Diversity criteria: See ORS 236.115.

- Seventeen members:
  - **Eleven voting members** who are knowledgeable about natural resource issues and represent all geographic regions of the state:
    - One member from each of the following serving by position (not subject to Senate confirmation): Environmental Quality Commission (WILLIAMSON), State Fish and Wildlife Commission (KLARQUIST), State Board of Forestry (PHILLIPI), State Board of Agriculture (CARVER), Water Resources Commission (JACKSON)
    - Six public members serving four year terms (NEUHAUSER, PHIPPS, SMITH, **THORNDIKE**, WENNER), including at least one representative of a tribe (**QUAEMPTS**)
  - Public members are eligible for reappointment, but can serve no more than two consecutive terms
- **Six non-voting members** (not subject to Senate confirmation)
  - Director of the agricultural extension service of Oregon State University (or designee)
  - United States Forest Service representative
  - United States Bureau of Land Management representative
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture representative
  - United States Environmental Protection agency representative
  - National Marine Fisheries Service of the United States Department of Commerce representative

**DUTIES AND AUTHORITY:** ORS 541.370 - ORS 541.399

- Voting members to select chair from among voting members
- Conduct a watershed enhancement program to benefit all users of the waters of Oregon in a manner that:
  - provides the greatest possible opportunity for volunteer participation to achieve the goals of the program;
  - coordinates the information, data and data retrieval needs of the natural resource agencies of the state with the State Service Center for Geographic Information Systems.
- Establish protocols, policies and procedures necessary to integrate and organize geographic information and make it available to persons and entities involved in implementation of the

Oregon Plan, including use of an integrated geographic information system that meets the needs of all local, state, regional, tribal and federal entities involved in implementation of the Oregon Plan; and making data available to local, state and federal agencies and to any person implementing activities under the Oregon Plan.

- Facilitate the implementation of the grant programs established under ORS 541.351 to 541.415
- Coordinate board's funding of enhancement projects with the activities of the Natural Resources Division staff and other agencies
- Use the expertise of appropriate state agency according to type of enhancement project
- Provide educational and informational materials to promote public awareness and involvement in the watershed and enhancement program
- Coordinate and assist activities of persons, agencies or political subdivisions
- Grant funds for support of watershed councils
- At least eight voting members of the board must be present to take action to award grants
- Board shall reject grant fund proposal if three or more voting members object
- Develop and maintain centralized repository of information
- Give priority to proposed watershed enhancement projects receiving funding from other sources
- Identify gaps in research
- Cooperate with federal entities to identify needs and interests
- Encourage use of nonstructural methods to enhance riparian areas and watersheds
- Determine criteria for utilizing the private sector, both not-for-profit and for-profit organizations, to provide landowners with technical assistance to help develop and implement conservation easements and resource improvement projects.
- Establish framework for locally based integrated watershed planning and management process to assist watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts
- Report to the Legislative Assembly on implementation of management program and grants awarded
- Adopt rules

*Revised April 11, 2013 Erin Seiler*

## Executive Appointments Board Roster

### Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon

Agency: None  
Authorization: ORS 541.360  
Members: Min: 11 Max: 11  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Unknown

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### Current Appointments:

**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

Sybil R Ackerman Board of Forestry; By Position Term(s):	Position Number: 10
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John E Jackson Water Resources Commission; By position Term(s):	Position Number: 11
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Skip Klarquist Fish and Wildlife Commission; By Position Term(s):	Position Number: 9
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Doug A Kraemer State Board of Agriculture; By Position Term(s):	Position Number: 7
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William Neuhauser Public Member Term(s): 12-20-2010 - 12-19-2014	Position Number: 6
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Lisa M Phipps Public Member Term(s): 08-01-2011 - 07-31-2015	Position Number: 3
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Eric J Quaempts Tribal Representative Term(s): 07-01-2013 - 06-30-2017 07-01-2009 - 06-30-2013	Position Number: 2
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Morgan N Rider Environmental Quality Commission; By position Term(s):	Position Number: 8
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## Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon

**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

**Policy Area:** Unknown

Patricia Smith Public Member Term(s): 07-01-2009 - 06-30-2013 07-01-2005 - 06-30-2009	Position Number: 1
Dan C Thorndike Public Member Term(s): 07-01-2013 - 06-30-2017 07-01-2009 - 06-30-2013	Position Number: 5
Dan C Thorndike Public Member Term(s): 07-01-2013 - 06-30-2017 07-01-2009 - 06-30-2013	Position Number: 5
Karl C Wenner, MD Public Member Term(s): 10-01-2009 - 09-30-2013	Position Number: 4