



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: October 27, 2021
By: Leslie Porter, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD

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

Appointee

Kelly Coates of Talent; New Appointment

Term

November 19, 2021 – January 11, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 541.900 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of 18 members, six of whom are appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ The 11 voting members of the board must be knowledgeable about natural resource issues, represent all geographic regions of this state, and include at least one representative of a tribe. Each of the following boards or commissions must designate one member of their board or commission to serve on the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board:

- the Environmental Quality Commission (KILE);
- the State Fish and Wildlife Commission (LABHART);
- the State Board of Forestry (MCCOMB);
- the State Board of Agriculture (BOYER); and
- the Water Resources Commission (REEVES).

The Governor appoints six public members who serve four-year terms and who may serve no more than two consecutive terms (BUCKMASTER, **COATES**, LABBE, MARSHALL,

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2019\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2019\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2019\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 541.900 \(2019\)](#).

MCALLISTER, MCLEOD-SKINNER). The director of the Oregon State University Extension Service, or the director's designee, serves as a nonvoting member of the board and participates as needed in the activities of the board. Representatives of the following federal agencies are invited to serve as additional nonvoting members of the board:

- the United States Forest Service;
- the United States Bureau of Land Management;
- the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture;
- the United States Environmental Protection Agency;
- the National Marine Fisheries Service of the United States Department of Commerce; and
- the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

The voting members of the board must select a chairperson from among the voting members of the board. At least eight voting members of the board must be present to take action to award grant funds.

Duties and Authority

The Oregon Plan is a comprehensive program for the protection and recovery of species and for the restoration of watersheds throughout this state.⁵ The board administers the Oregon Plan through grants funded by the Oregon Lottery, federal programs, and the salmon license plate to help Oregonians take care of local streams, rivers, wetlands, and natural areas.⁶ The board must:⁷

- 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 established by the Legislative Assembly, including program goals and priorities that inform funding decisions by the board;
- maintain and administer specified accounts;
- report biennially to the Legislative Assembly on the implementation of programs and grants; and
- by January 15 of each even-numbered year, submit a report to the Governor and to the appropriate committee or committees of the Legislative Assembly that assesses the implementation and effectiveness of the Oregon Plan in the state.

The board may:⁸

- work cooperatively with any local watershed council that may be formed;

⁵ [ORS 541.898 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, *About Us*, <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/about-us/Pages/about-us.aspx> (last visited August 5, 2020).

⁷ [ORS 541.906 to 541.972 \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 541.910 to 541.949 \(2019\)](#).

- establish such advisory and technical committees as the board considers necessary;
and
- accept moneys from any public or private source made available for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, and securing watershed enhancement or to facilitate and assist in carrying out the functions of the board, including administrative expenses.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon

Agency: Water Resources
Authorization: ORS 541.900
Members: Min: 11 Max: 11
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Natural Resources

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Barbara Boyer Board of Agriculture, by position Term(s):	Position Number: 7
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Bruce B Buckmaster Public Member Term(s): 09-01-2019 - 11-16-2021	Position Number: 5
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Kelly C Coates Tribal Representative Term(s): 11-19-2021 - 11-18-2025	Position Number: 2
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Molly L Kile EQC, by position Term(s):	Position Number: 8
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Edmond R Labbe Public Member Term(s): 03-01-2018 - 02-28-2022 03-01-2014 - 02-28-2018	Position Number: 1
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Mark W Labhart Fish and Wildlife Commission, by position Term(s):	Position Number: 9
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Gary S Marshall Public Member Term(s): 11-20-2019 - 11-19-2023 11-20-2015 - 11-19-2019	Position Number: 3
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Liza Jane McAlister Public Member Term(s): 11-17-2017 - 11-16-2021	Position Number: 4
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Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Natural Resources

Brenda C McComb Board of Forestry, by position Term(s):	Position Number: 10
Jamie E McLeod-Skinner Public Member Term(s): 05-15-2019 - 05-14-2023	Position Number: 6
Meg Reeves WRC Member Term(s):	Position Number: 11
Jason A Robison Tribal Representative Term(s): 03-15-2017 - 03-14-2021	Position Number: 2