



Meeting: Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting – Virtual Attendance

[Time: April 02, 2024,](#)

1:00 PM Pacific Time
(US and Canada)

1 *Committee minutes are considered draft until approved by the Advisory Committee*

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3 Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

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5 Advisory Committee Members

6 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice-Chair, at-large)

7 Kelly Timchak (Nearshore and Coast Range)

8 Mark Stern (at-large)

9 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)

10 Dr. Sristi Kamal (at-large)

11 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)

12 Liza Jane McAlister (Columbia Plateau & Blue

13 Mountains Ecoregion)

14 Jim Hammett (Northern Basin and Range)

15 Mark Labhart, Fish and Wildlife Commission

16 Jenna Marmon, Oregon Parks and Recreation

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18 ODFW Staff

19 Reva Gillman, OCRF Coordinator, ODFW

20 Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, ODFW

21 Tiffany Caldwell, Administrative Specialist, ODFW

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23 Guest Presentation:

24 Rachel Wheat, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator, ODFW

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26 **MEETING**

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28 **Welcome**

29 On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., Vice-Chair Mauricio Valadrian, called the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only via the Microsoft Teams platform.

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33 Warm up - Committee members introduced themselves and shared something recent from their lives.

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36 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes.**

37 Review and approve minutes from March 5, 2023.

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39 *The motion passed with (8) in favor and (1) absent member.*

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41 **Palensky Wildlife Underpass Project Presentation**

42 **Rachel Wheat**

43 Rachel presented on the urgent project request for the Palensky Wildlife Underpass Project, requesting preapproval of funds from Wildlife Connectivity Funds scheduled for March 2025.

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46 Discussion/Q&A followed.

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1 Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian motioned whether the committee is prepared to make a motion to
2 approve the preapproval of funds. All in favor.

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4 Jane Hartline moved that the Committee recommends a preapproval expenditure of \$495,000 on the
5 urgent project request "Palensky-Hwy 30 Wildlife Underpass" for consideration by the Commission.

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7 *Kelly Timchak seconded the motion. The motion passed with (8) in favor and (1) absent member.*

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9 **OCRF Program Updates**

10 **Reva Gillman**

11 ODFW staff Reva Gillman gave an update on the adoption of the strategic plan and informed the
12 Committee that item will be moved to next months agenda.

13 Reva discussed the plan to develop a Communications Scope of Work.

14 Reva announced that the June 4th "project selection" meeting will be an in-person meeting held at the
15 ODFW Headquarters.

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18 **Review and Approve OCRF Insurance Contingency**

19 **Reva Gillman**

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21 Reva discussed the need for an Insurance Contingency to help supplement the cost of insurance for
22 selected projects.

23 Reva recommended a \$20,000 contingency that could be used throughout the biennium for the next
24 three RFP's.

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26 *Discussion followed.*

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28 Kelly Timchak moved that the Committee recommends expenditure of up to \$20,000 to support
29 insurance requirements for selected projects for consideration by the Commission.

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31 *Maret Pajutee seconded the motion. The motion passed with (8) in favor and (1) absent member.*

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35 **Public Comment**

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37 No public comment.

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39 **Meeting Wrap Up & Next Steps**

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42 **Vice-Chair Mauricio Valadrian adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.**