

PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Meeting Type: Virtual

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

The purpose of this report is to inform the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Advisory Committee (Committee) and the public about recent developments in the PFA Grants Program and ongoing staff efforts.

The PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee has finalized the following important documents:

- ✓ [Advisory Committee Operating Procedures](#)
- ✓ [Oregon Administrative Rules](#)
- ✓ [Expenditure Framework](#)
- ✓ [Fall 2023 Grant Guidelines](#)

Agenda item: 4. Staff Report

Below is the staff report update.

- 2023 Funding Awards
 - All Committee recommended applicants for funding have been notified
 - Contracts are being worked on ahead of the Commission meeting
 - Public notice is planned after Commission meeting
- Public Outreach
 - Working on public outreach for next solicitation – *please let Andy know of any ideas for engagement, events, conferences, point of contacts, etc.*
- Acquisition Reminder
 - *Andy will provide a brief reminder of where the Committee left off regarding acquisition and discuss a draft timeline.*

Agenda item: 5. OWEB Acquisition Discussion

- The Advisory Committee will have the opportunity to learn about acquisition procedures from Miriam Forney, OWEB Acquisitions Coordinator.
- In lieu of a formal presentation, Ms. Forney will engage in a discussion with the Committee to answer questions and provide insights on acquisition processes relevant to grant considerations.
- To facilitate an interactive discussion, Committee members are encouraged to come prepared with questions for Ms. Forney.

Agenda item: 6. Committee Acquisition Discussion

- Attached in your packet is Senate Bill 1501 for additional reference during the discussion (*03_SenateBill1501*).
 - *Section 32(2)h discusses acquisition.*
- The Chair will lead in the Committee in discussion regarding the inclusion of acquisition in the PFA Grants Program and create a working group.

- Committee members should be prepared to discuss topics involving the following:
 - Goals of the program
 - Eligibility
 - Size and scope
 - Process and timeline
 - How do we evaluate return on investment
 - Proposal evaluation process (1-step, 2 step? Resources and expertise needed, etc)