



March 6, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

1:00pm – 3:00pm PST

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 3 minutes per person)

Public comment submitted 2/26 by Peter Bracchi Re: Vancouver stormwater pollution

PARTNER REPORTS

PRESENTATIONS

Cowlitz County's Participation in the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Grant Program - *Susan Eugenis, PE, County Engineer, Cowlitz County Department of Public Works*
Ostrander Creek Barrier Removal Project – *Pete Barber, Habitat Restoration Program Manager, Cowlitz Indian Tribe*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BOARD BUSINESS

Action Items	
1.	Consent Agenda
2.	New TAC Member
Informational Items	
3.	Clark County Clean Water Restoration Fund Final Report

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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March 6, 2026
Board Meeting
Webinar and In-Person Meeting

Final Minutes
Approved: May 1, 2026

Cowlitz County Museum

Present: Dan Cothren, Rob Farris, Dalton Fry, Marylynne Kostick, Matt Little, Todd Olson, Nathan Phillips, Steve Rader, Sandra Staples-Bortner, Robert Sudar, and Don Swanson.

Absent: Scott Brummer, Ed Orcutt, and Jade Unger. Chairman excused absent members.

Staff: Steve Manlow, Denise Smee, Amelia Johnson, Steve West, and Lorie Clark

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Peter Bracchi joined the meeting virtually and provided written comments regarding stormwater pollution issues in Vancouver. His letter is available upon request.

PARTNER REPORTS:

- Shauna Hanish Kirkbride, Ecology: Ms. Hanish Kirkbride provided information on an Outstanding Resource Waters proposal in the Lewis River watersheds. Visit this link for more information: [Focus On: Outstanding Resource Waters](#).

PRESENTATIONS:

- Susan Eugenis, Cowlitz County Public Works - Cowlitz County's fish passage barrier replacement and participation in the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board Grant Program
- Pete Barber, Cowlitz Indian Tribe - Ostrander Creek Barrier Removal Project

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Manlow sent out the Director's Report in advance of the meeting. Board members did not have any questions.

BUSINESS MEETING

Item #1 Consent Agenda

Member Fry moved and Member Phillips seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

No discussion. Motion carried.

Item #2 New Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Member

Director Manlow presented the item and reviewed the Action Summary, which included a recommendation to appoint Brooke Bennett to the TAC.

Member Staples Bortner moved and Member Swanson seconded to recommend the Board appoint Brooke Bennett, P.E., to the LCFRB's Technical Advisory Committee (AC).

No discussion. Motion Carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Ms. Smee presented the Clark County Clean Water Restoration Fund (CCCWRF) final report. The report is available upon request.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Member Sudar noted it has been a challenge to reach the targets for Tule fall Chinook, given they are managed on different scales between federal and state management programs.
- Several Board members expressed concern regarding pinniped predation and asked what could be done about it.
 - Mr. Manlow noted the state budget cycle is beginning and we should advocate for more pinniped management funding.
 - Member Phillips noted that about 15 years predation was focused at Bonneville dam but is now occurring in tributaries.
 - Member Rader suggested a program involving issuance of tags for harvest.
 - Member Sudar referenced the presentation to the Board from a few years ago and noted it would be nice to have an update on current impacts and management.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Approved in open session on 05/01/2026

Signed: _____
Todd Olson, Chairman