

January 4, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item L: 2005-2007 Oregon Plan Biennial Report
January 24-25, 2007 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This report provides an update on production of the 2005-2007 Oregon Plan Biennial Report.

II. Background

ORS 541.405, states that by January 15 of each odd-numbered year the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board must submit a report to the Governor and to the appropriate committee or committees of the Legislative Assembly that assesses the statewide and regional implementation and effectiveness of the Oregon Plan. The report must address each drainage basin in the state and include watershed and key habitat conditions, an assessment of data and information needs, an overview of state agency programs and voluntary restoration activities, a summary of Board investments, and recommendations of the Board for enhancing Oregon Plan effectiveness in each basin.

III. 2005-2007 Biennial Report

The 2005-2007 Biennial Report follows the same general format of the 2001-2003 and 2003-2005 reports. The core of the report is a section of two-page layouts for each of the 15 Oregon Plan basins that reports basin statistics, completed and reported restoration projects, restoration issues, and investments. A new section in this report includes one page per basin showcasing the agencies, people, and projects at work in that basin. Each page includes three project stories and examples of Oregon Plan agency accomplishments over the reporting period. The report also includes an overview of the voluntary restoration, agency action, monitoring, and science oversight elements of the Oregon Plan. The 2005-2007 report concludes with Board observations and recommendations, developed by staff with the Board co-chairs, for improving implementation of the Oregon Plan.

Copies of the report will be available at the January Board meeting. Additional content, including more detailed project stories and photos, will be available on OWEB's website (www.oregon.gov/OWEB) by mid-January.

IV. Recommendation

This is an informational item. No Board action is requested at this time.