



Support & Participation Guidance July 2013

The Council's vision and mission statements will guide its decisions relating to its level of support or participate in proposed activities.

Vision Statement: A balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed, provides for an economic base, and viable communities.

Mission Statement: To foster better stewardship and understanding of the Tualatin River watershed resources; address natural resource issues; and ensure sustainable watershed health, functions, and uses.

Potential activities for the Council's involvement include

- Celebrations
- Cleanups
- Educational or informational brochures
- Grant funding
- Public meetings or forums
- Recreational activities
- Streamside enhancement
- Watershed improvement projects
- Tours
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Land or easement acquisition
- Government programs
- Ballot Measures - outreach assistance only

Participation by the Council might include

- Endorsed by
- Hosted by
- In cooperation with
- Organized by
- Sponsored by

The Council Approval Process

1. The Steering Committee will evaluate letter of support or a signature on an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant proposal (or similar) requests. An electronic one-page summary with the following types of information is helpful for the evaluation:
 - What will happen
 - Where will the activity happen
 - Why is the activity needed
2. The full Council will evaluate requests for Council participation as a partner, sponsor, or host of an activity or project. The following information is helpful for the evaluation:
 - Brief overview of the project
 - What commonalities does the Council have with this project
 - Identify the type, duration, and amount of involvement requested from the Council
 - Identify the lead group, other partners, and their roles.
 - Briefly describe the project timeline
 - Cost of project, sources of income and match funding

Note: The full Council must review requests for support of a project that involves acquiring land, easements or water rights.

Timeline for Requesting Council Support

Providing the request and support information at least one week before a Steering Committee meeting or Council meeting will assure the timely consideration of the request. The schedule of meetings can be found on the Council website, www.trwc.org (Calendar section or About Us, Committee Meetings).

If the request is particularly complicated or potentially controversial, it may be advisable to request time on the agenda to make a presentation in person in addition to sending written materials.

Factors considered in determining Council involvement or support

- Consistency with the Council's Vision and Mission
- Consistency with the Council's Action Plan
- Project is located in or pertains to the Tualatin watershed
- Council's ability to meet requested involvement (if appropriate)
- Clear and descriptive application
- Clear and descriptive statement of need
- Degree of coordination with partners (if appropriate)
- Amount of in-kind match (if appropriate)
- Appropriate budget for the proposed project
- Not part of required mitigation
- Benefit to watershed
- Demonstrates efficient use of grant funds
- Applicant abilities

Disclaimer

Council support of a particular activity or project will not be binding on the discrete stakeholder groups that make up the Watershed Council.