Executive Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2026
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Virtual Meeting
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AGENDA

1.	**11:00**	**Call to Order & Agenda Review**	**Chair Paul Schuytema**
2.	**11:02**	**Roll Call**	**Travis Overvig, Staff**
3.	**11:05**	**Public Comment**	**Chair Paul Schuytema**
4.	**11:08**	**August 27, 2026 Executive Committee Minutes Approval (Attachment A pg. 03)** ***ACTION:*** *Approval of Minutes*	**Chair Paul Schuytema**
5.	**11:10**	**December 10, 2026 CWEDD Board Draft Meeting Agenda (Attachment B pg. 07)** Draft agenda for review. ***Action:*** *Approval of Agenda*	**Chair Paul Schuytema**
6.	**11:15**	**2026 CWEDD *Ignite Economic Vitality* Summit November 3, 2026 Debrief** **Action:** Discussion	**Chair Paul Schuytema**
7.	**11:55**	**Other Business** Executive Committee Member Updates	**Chair Paul Schuytema and All**
8.	**12:00**	**Adjournment** *The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 25, 2027.*	**Chair Paul Schuytema**

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CWEDD Executive Committee Roster 2026	
Greg Ervin	City of Collage Grove, City Councilor
Christopher Jacobs	City of Corvallis, Economic Development Manager
Christopher McMorran	City of Philomath, Mayor
Paul Schuytema	EDALC, Lincoln County, Executive Director
Ron Whitlatch	City of Lebanon, City Manager

QUORUM REQUIREMENT: *"A quorum shall be three of five members present. Alternates may serve on the Executive Committee if the representative is not able to attend a meeting and if the representative decides. The Executive Committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Oregon Public Meetings Laws as described in ORS 192.610 through ORS 192.690." (CWEDD Bylaws Section VI B.4).*

CWEDD EXECUTIVE MEETING
Thursday, August 27, 2026
11:00am - 12:00pm
Microsoft Team's Meeting Remote Connection

Members: Paul Schuytema (Executive Director – CWEDD), Brandon Neish (City of Lebanon), Christopher Jacobs (City of Corvallis), Christopher McMorran (City of Philomath)
Staff: CED Director Matt Lehman, Administrative Assistant Travis Overvig
Guests: Jason Harris

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
1. Call to Order & Agenda Review	The Chair, Paul Schuytema, called the August CWEDD Executive Committee meeting to order 11:01am. There were no additions or other changes to the agenda.	**The meeting was called to order at 11:01am by The Chair Paul Schuytema**
2. Roll Call	Roll Call conducted by Chair, Paul Schuytema	**Roll call was conducted.**
3. Public Comments	No public comment.	**No public comment.**
4. Approval of Minutes from May 28, 2026 (Attachment A) ***Action:*** *Approval of Minutes*	Neish moved to approve the CWEDD Executive Committee minutes of May 28, 2026. McMorran seconded. No discussion. Motion carried - No votes against. Minutes approved unanimously. Paul Schuytema voted in favor. Brandon Neish voted in favor. Christopher McMorran voted in favor. Christopher Jacobs voted in favor. No votes against.	**The meeting minutes of May 28, 2026 were approved unanimously by CWEDD Executive Committee**
5. September 10, 2026, CWEDD Board Draft (Attachment B) ***Action:*** *Approval of Agenda*	Paul Schuytema presented the September 10, 2026 CWEDD Board Meeting draft agenda and the items included to the Executive Committee for approval. Paul touched on current preparations and plans for the CWEDD Annual Summit. Jacobs shared that they are making progress with the Cascade West Regional Wetland Consortium and will be meeting with some of the executive leadership this afternoon to have a discussion about the	**Chair Schuytema presented to the Executive Committee the current draft agenda for the September 10, 2026 CWEDD Board meeting.** **Jacobs (City of Corvallis) asked to add an additional topic of discussion to**

	Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO) recommendations around wetlands, which have a strong overlap with industrial and employment land development. They will be proposing recommendations and actions at the September Cascade West Regional Consortium meeting, and may be worth touching on how some of the recommendations and actions taken by the consortium in September. Added comment to September 10 CWEDD board draft agenda to add HAPO recommendations around wetlands during agenda item #11: CEDS Working Groups for Christopher Jacobs to speak on.	**agenda item #11: CEDS Working Groups - Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO) wetland recommendations and updates**
6. 2026 CWEDD Ignite Economic Vitality Summit **Action:** *Discussion*	Paul Schuytema shared a current overview on the plans for the 2026 CWEDD Ignite Economic Vitality Summit. Highlights include Senator Tim Knope, who is the chair of the Governor's Rural Prosperity Council, serving as the keynote speaker. Further, there will be a report on the Southern Willamette Innovation Corridor, which are the coordinated efforts to mimic what has been happening for the last 30 years at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina. There will also be some time available for short 2–3-minute pitches for service providers and projects that will be curated before that will provide updates in the region and expert facilitators will be walking table to table to provide a quick overview of the CEDs and what that priority area is. Will have attendees vote on the proposed projects during the summit for what should be the regional priorities. Have sponsors locked-in and the registration will be $25 tickets, plus a roughly $3.50 fee for using the EventBrite service.	**Chair Schuytema shared updates on the current preparations and plans for the 2026 CWEDD Ignite Economic Vitality Summit**
7. Other Business: • CWEDD Annual Report	**CWEDD Letters of Support Protocol Change**: Previously, before there was a CWEDD Executive Committee, the process was that Letters of Support needed to be presented to the	**Chair Schuytema shared the new process for CWEDD Letters of**

• Executive Committee Member Updates **Action:** *Information Only*	CWEDD Board. Once the Executive Committee was formed, they could review letters of support and vote electronically on them. Research was done and, in the Bylaws, it stated this was not an appropriate option. For the new process, the Chair of the Executive Committee will approve a letter of support what will be shared so other members are up-to-date. ***Executive Committee Member Update*s**: Matt Lehman shared that the COG is actively doing second rounds of interviews for the Economic Development Supervisor position. This new staff member will be 100% dedicate to economic development. This coincides well with the Economic Vitality Summit and the work that will be done on determining projects, which will assist the new supervisor to know which direction the Economic Development District is looking to go. Jacobs (Corvallis) had 533 acres of industrial land in South Corvallis that was recently accepted into the Regionally Significant Industrial Site program, becoming the 13th such site. Schuytema highlighted highly-valuable property in Newport that is shovel ready and is looking for ways to market it louder. Jacobs shared that the income tax piece differentiates from the previous shovel ready program, that there is a reimbursement mechanism for income taxes for communities that pay for public infrastructure where qualified development project actually lands. McMorran (Mayor of Philomath) provided introductions as a new member of the Executive Committee. Shared that he joined commissioners from Lincoln County and Linn County at the ODOT Region 2 Connect Oregon Act meeting to push for the proposal to rehabilitate the rail line into what is now the Timberlab Mill in Philomath, and then build a new rail spur to their facility in Millersburg. This would add 30 jobs when the mill reopens. Guest Jason Harris shared some regional successes. Including that the National Science Foundation Economic Engine award was	**Support.** **Executive Committee members and COG Staff provided member updates.**

	awarded to OSU for its semiconductor program. This will provide up to $160M in funding for the program. There was also another $5M OSU award for manufacturing support and assistance. Harris also shared that the US Forest Service released Wood Innovation grants and that a number of companies in the region were awarded. Wood Innovations Program Grants | US Forest Service FAST Forward Meeting | FAST - Frontiers of Advanced Semiconductor Technology Oregon State University lands $5M in SBA grants - Portland Business Journal Schuytema shared updates on the current leasing arrangements and potential relocation of the NOAA fleet, which currently uses the port of Newport.	
8. Adjournment	The next CWEDD Executive Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2026.	**The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am by The Chair Paul Schuytema.**

CWEDD | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CASCADES WEST

Board Meeting

December 10, 2026
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
Upstairs Conference Room
1400 Queen Ave., SE, Albany

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AGENDA

9:00-9:05 am	**Call to Order & Agenda Review** Welcome to Linn County!	Chair Paul Schuytema
9:05-9:10 am	**Roll Call**	Travis Overvig, Staff
9:10-9:15 am	**Public Comment**	Chair Paul Schuytema
9:15-9:18 am	**Minutes of September 10, 2026, Meeting** (Attachment A pg. XX) **ACTION:** Approval of Minutes	Chair Paul Schuytema
9:18–9:30 am	**2027 Executive Committee and Board Meetings and Summit Dates** **ACTION:** Decision	Chair Paul Schuytema
9:30-9:40 am	**Board Membership and Composition** **ACTION:** Discussion	Board Member Christopher McMorran and Staff Susan Patterson

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9:40-10:00 am	**2026 CWEDD *Ignite Economic Vitality* Summit Debrief** November 3, 2026, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm **ACTION:** Discussion	**Chair Paul Schuytema, Greg Price, and Councilor Greg Ervin**
10:00-10:30 am	**Housing Accountability and Production Office, SB 1537** *Impacts of State Policies and Programs on Housing Production: Findings and Next Steps* **ACTION:** Information	**HAPO Staff**
10:30-10:45 am	**2022 Brownfields Assessment Grant and Next Steps** **ACTION:** Information	**Justin Peterson, OCWCOG Staff**
10:45-10:50 am	**Discussion: CEDS Working Groups (Open time for any questions) (Attachment C pg. XX)** • Blue Economy Update from EDALC • Broadband Action Team (BAT) • Cascades West Innovation Hub • Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC) No report • Early Childhood Education (on pause) • Lane Economic Committee (LEC) • Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) • Other workgroup updates	**Chair Paul Schuytema/OCWCOG Staff**
10:55-11:00 am	**Other Business (time permitting)** • Regionally Significant Updates – by County (e.g., a large manufacturing company announced a new site, other board meetings you attend) • *Next Meeting: March 3, 2027*	**Chair Paul Schuytema**
11:00 am	**Adjournment**	**Chair Paul Schuytema**
11:30 am	**Offsite Optional and No Host Lunch, Location TBA**	**Chair Paul Schuytema**

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CWEDD Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2026

OCWCOG Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Christopher McMorran	Mayor	City of Philomath	
Jan Kaplan	Mayor	City of Newport	
Alex Johnson II	Mayor	City of Albany	
Heather DeSart	Executive Director	NW Oregon Works	
Greg Price	Director	Oregon Coast Community College, SBDC	
Christie Dudenhoefer	Executive Director of Semiconductor ED	Oregon State University	
Paul Schuytema	Executive Director	EDALC	
Chris Workman	City Manager	City of Philomath	
Ron Whitlatch	City Manager	City of Lebanon	
John Pascone	President	LEDG	
Pam Barlow-Lind	Planning Director	CTSI	
Christopher Jacobs	Economic Dev Director	Benton County	
Lane Members	**Title**	**Jurisdiction**	**Attendance**
Chris Wig	Board Member	Willamalane Parks and Rec District	
Patti Chappel	Board Member	Eugene People's Utility District	
Randy Groves	City Councilor	City of Eugene	
Robbie McCoy	Mayor	City of Veneta	
Steve Racca	Board Member	Fern Ridge Library District	
Pete Knox	Board Member	Lane Transit District	
Greg Ervin	Council Member	City of Cottage Grove	
Matt Michel	City Manager	City of Veneta	

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Quorum Requirement: CWEDD business may be conducted, provided a quorum of members attends. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership of the District Board. The CWEDD members may participate by telephone or other means of electronic communication, provided the meeting is called to order at a meeting place where the public can attend, hear, understand and/or read the comments of the members participating by telephone or electronic means and the members so participating can fully hear, understand, and/or read the comments of the other members participating in the meeting.