

## Draft Rules: Climate-Related Evaluation Criteria

### Division 5-OWEB Grant Program

695-005-0045, Climate Evaluation Criteria

In addition to the evaluation criteria for Restoration Grants (OAR 695-010-0060), Stakeholder Engagement Grants (OAR 695-015-0070), Monitoring Grants (OAR 695-025-0140), Technical Assistance Grants (OAR 695-030-0045), Outcome-Based Watershed Council Operating Capacity Grants (OAR 695-040-0110), Land Acquisition Grants (OAR 695-045-0180), Water Acquisition Grants (OAR 695-046-0196), and Focused Investment Partnership (OAR 695-047-0060), grant applications shall also be evaluated, whenever possible, on:

- 1) How engagement with local communities disproportionately impacted by climate change has informed or will inform the project.
- 2) How changing climate conditions are incorporated into the project and how the project will contribute to durable adaptation and resilience for ecosystems, including human communities.
- 3) How consideration of greenhouse gas emissions or long-term carbon sequestration or storage has informed the project.

### Definitions

Carbon Sequestration: the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide

Carbon Storage: the storage of carbon in plants, soils, geological formations, and the ocean

Durable adaptation and resilience for ecosystems: the extent to which a project is expected to help an ecosystem, including human communities, adjust to, respond to, or recover from the effects of a changing climate

Local Communities Disproportionately Impacted by Climate Change: this includes communities such as Native American tribes, communities of color, rural communities, coastal communities, lower-income households, and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes, including seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities