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**Governing Board to meet in Portland January 15, 2010**

**Portland, Oregon:** The Governing Board of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will meet January 15, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. at the Portland State Office Building, Suite 965, Portland, Oregon. The public is invited to attend.

Agenda items include a presentation on the Middle Columbia Steelhead Conservation and Recovery Plan by Suzanne Knapp, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Governor’s Natural Resource Office, an Environmental Justice Task Force briefing, a review of Key Performance Measures, a request to initiate a review of the agency business plan, and regulatory issues affecting the Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation Program.

The complete agenda can be found online at: [http://www.oregongeology.org](http://www.oregongeology.org)

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:**
Larry Givens, Milton-Freewater, Chairperson
Steve Macnab, Bend, Vice Chairperson
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The five-member governing board, citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate, oversees the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. The board sets policy and oversees general operations of the department. The board meets quarterly at sites around the state to encourage participation from the public, local government, industry and other geologists.

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