

**Executive Seminar Program in Natural Resources Leadership (ESP)**  
2026-2027 Advisory Board

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## ***Advisory Board Role & Planning Cycle***

### **Advisory Board Member Role**

The Advisory Board is crucial to the ongoing guidance, direction and success of the Executive Seminar Program. Advisory Board members play five key roles:

1. Provide general program oversight and feedback;
2. Forecast specific emphases or needs for leadership development in your agency;
3. Suggest possible program year themes or areas of focus;
4. Suggest specific case study ideas and contacts for further exploration of cases; and,
5. Assist with outreach to your agency and facilitate recruitment.

### **Meetings and Time Commitment**

Typically, Advisory Board members are asked to participate in two meetings per year: in winter/spring for a two-hour lunch meeting to plan for the coming program year and receive an update on current year and in June for a morning and early afternoon to meet with program participants, listen to capstone presentations, and finalize preparations for the coming year. During the year, members assist with outreach and recruitment to their agencies about ESP. Periodic informal consultation by phone, e-mail, or in-person at other times of the year with program staff is welcomed and appreciated.

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