

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

WORK SESSION

SALEM

MAY 30, 1991

MINUTES

Commission members present:

Lorna Stickel  
Hadley Akins  
Cliff Bentz  
Jim Howland  
Mike Jewett  
Roger Bachman  
Jack Delay

Water Resources Staff

Bill Young  
Jan Shaw  
John Borden  
Becky Kreag  
Bud Bartels  
Fred Lissner  
Tom Paul  
Bob Main  
Roberta Jortner  
Tom Kline

Others

Hugh Moore  
Dick Cassidy  
Curt Loop  
J. L. Merkle  
Joe Bowersox, III  
Wayne Shuyler  
Karen Russell  
Kevin Orme  
Dan Wilson  
Dave Riley  
Jan Boettcher  
Richard L. Barrett  
Kevin Coulton  
Rick Kruger  
Tom and Audrey Simmons  
Kay Burton  
Max Van Den Berg  
Jim Doty

The staff reports presented at this meeting, which contain the Director's recommendations mentioned in these minutes, are on file in the Office of the Director of the Water Resources Department, 3850 Portland Road, NE, Salem, Oregon. Written information submitted at this meeting is hereby made a part of this record and is on file at the above address. Audiocassette recording tapes of the meeting are also on file in the Water Resources Department office.

In February, the Commission expressed an interest in meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ochoco Irrigation District managers had expressed concern about the operation of Prineville Reservoir, and the Commission said there was a need for closer coordination between the state and both the Bureau and Corps. They asked the Department to arrange a joint meeting for a future work session. Staff developed a potential list of both planning and operational issues to discuss. Contacts with the Bureau and Corps showed support for such a meeting but concern over the time needed for such discussions.

At its last meeting, the Commission directed the staff to invite both the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation to a half-day work session. With the time and federal staff available, the Department prepared a tentative agenda focusing on reservoir operations.

The report from the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation on projects and programs provided background information for the discussion.

Director's Recommendation

This was a work session item. No action was proposed.

Max Van Den Berg and Jim Doty, Bureau of Reclamation, discussed their agency's mission, its relationships with states and federal agencies, and constraints on activities. They also provided their overview of Oregon's projects and purposes.

Dick Cassidy and Curt Loop, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, also reviewed the Corps' mission, its relationships with states and federal agencies, and constraints on activities, as well as providing an overview of Oregon's projects and purposes.

WRD staff then discussed issues related to Corps and Bureau activities, including:

1. Operational coordination:
  - Assessment of current process strengths and weaknesses.
  - Seasonal plans for conservation and release of stored water (low yield, average and better yield).

-Influence of individuals vs public agencies.

-Coordination on deviations from seasonal plans.

-Opportunities to formalize protection of flows released for public instream use.

2. Distinguishing between congressional and federal agency decision points.

How does Water Resources decide when to go to Congress on operational changes?

3. Specific issue:

Recreation inlake vs. downstream use, flood control room for tradeoff, win-win actions, conflict resolution.

After spending the balance of the day in productive discussion, the work session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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