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## WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

November 17-18, 2022

Conference Room 124

Water Resources Department

725 Summer Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

and Via Zoom Videoconference

### AGENDA

Revised #1

The public is invited to participate in the Commission Meeting in a number of ways:

**In-Person:** The Commission meeting will be held at the Oregon Water Resources Department in Conference Room 124. *Please see page 5 for directions to the meeting.*

**YouTube Livestream:** To view the Commission meeting via YouTube livestream on November 17, 2022 click on this link: [https://youtu.be/-x-MtUGJ6\\_4](https://youtu.be/-x-MtUGJ6_4). To view the Commission meeting via YouTube livestream on November 18, 2022 click on this link: <https://youtu.be/wCbrB0hgoOk>. Public comment will not be accepted through this platform. Please note there may be a slight delay when streaming the meeting content. *In order to preserve bandwidth for presenters and individuals providing comment, the Department highly encourages those who are not presenting or providing comment to utilize this method to view or listen to the meeting.*

**Join by Zoom via Video:** You may join the Commission meeting on one or both days by clicking on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87098620548?pwd=eDdzYy8zM3FhNWkp5bXpGYkNLVkhxQT09>. To prevent background noise all attendees will be muted upon joining the meeting. To improve bandwidth during the meeting only members of the Commission, Department staff, and those presenting or addressing the Commission will appear on video display. *Please see page 4 for instructions on how to submit public comment.*

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**Timing of Agenda Items:** If a specific time is indicated for an agenda item, every effort will be made to consider the agenda item as close to the scheduled time as possible. However, because of the uncertain length of time needed for each agenda item, scheduled times may be modified. Those wishing to hear discussion on a specific agenda item should join at the beginning of the meeting to avoid missing the discussion.

**Meeting Materials:** Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, can be found on the Commission's website. To access staff reports, click on the on the following link: [https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd\\_notice\\_view/Default.aspx?notice\\_id=41](https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=41)

**COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, November 17, 2022 (8:00 AM – 11:45 AM)**

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**A. Project Implementation Update (8:00 AM – 9:30 AM)**

Doug Woodcock, Acting Director, will provide an overview of Department progress on budget and project implementation. Kris Byrd, Well Construction Section Manager; Tony Janicek, State Engineer and Dam Safety Program Manager; and Rachel LovellFord, Surface Water Hydrology Section Manager, will provide a more detailed look at section priorities and work. *This is an informational report.*

**B. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee (9:30 AM – 9:45 AM)**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, will present recommendations for appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the proposed appointments.*

**BREAK (9:45 AM – 10:00 AM)**

**C. IWRS Update and Progress Report (10:00 AM – 10:45 AM)**

Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resource Strategy Specialist, and Danielle Gonzalez, Policy Section Manager, will present on the IWRS Update process and provide a status update on the IWRS Progress Report. *This is an informational report.*

**D. Water Project Grant and Loan Award Funding Recommendations (10:45 AM – 11:45 AM)**

Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager, will present the Technical Review Team's scoring results, evaluation summaries and funding recommendations, public comments received, and the Department's funding recommendations, as well as a proposal to consider a funding increase for inflation. *The Commission will be asked to award funding for the 2022 Water Projects Grants and Loans projects and to consider a funding increase for a previously authorized project.*

**Lunch (11:45 AM – 12:45 PM)**

**Site Visits and No-Host Social Hour: Thursday, November 17, 2022 (1:00 PM – 5:30 PM)**

The Commission will, in this order, conduct site visits to the State Data Center, Oregon Fruit Products, and Gilgamesh Brewing. Following these site visits, the public is invited to join the Commission for a no-host social hour at the Gilgamesh Brewing Campus location, 2065 Madrona Avenue SE in Salem. The site visits are anticipated to occur between 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM. The no-host social hour will follow the site visits, and is estimated to begin at 4:30 PM and end at 5:30 PM.

***Please note the deadline to RSVP for the site visits has passed. Those who wish to attend the no-host social hour at Gilgamesh Brewing Campus must notify Nirvana Cook by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 15. Please see page 5 for contact information.***

Members of the public may attend the State Data Center, Gilgamesh Brewing site visits, and the no-host social hour. A government issued ID, such as a driver's license, must be presented to enter the State Data Center. Employee ID badges will not be accepted.

Because site visits are not public meetings, and due to food safety regulations, and public safety and security concerns, the site visit to Oregon Fruit Products is closed to the public. ORS 192.610(5).

Those attending the site visits must wear closed-toed shoes. Attendees must provide their own transportation to the site visits and/or no-host social hour.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Friday, November 18, 2022 (8:00 AM – 9:00 AM)**

The Commission will meet in Executive Session to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and to consider confidential written legal advice from counsel. The Executive Session is being conducted pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) and ORS 192.660(2)(f) and is open only to Department staff and members of the press. *(please see page 4 for special instructions on how to join the Executive Session).*

**COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, November 18, 2022 (9:00 AM – 11:30 AM)**

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**E. Commissioner Comments (9:00 AM – 9:30 AM)**

Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.

**F. Director's Report (9:30 AM – 10:00 AM)**

Doug Woodcock, Acting Director, will provide an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report*

**BREAK (10:00 AM – 10:15 AM)**

**G. Approval of Minutes (10:15 AM – 10:20 AM)**

The minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

**H. Groundwater Allocation Project Update (10:20 AM – 11:30 AM)**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, will provide an update on the groundwater allocation project. *This is an informational report.*

**I. Public Comment and Other Issues (Approximately 11:30 AM)**

## **MEETING PROCEDURES**

Agenda items are generally taken in the order listed above. However, under certain circumstances, the Commission may elect to take an item out of order.

Oregon's Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Commission members may meet for meals on Thursday, November 17 and Friday, November 18.

- \* **Public Testimony and Written Comments:** The Commission encourages public comment on any agenda item; however, public testimony is limited on items marked with an asterisk (\*). Items marked with an asterisk are subject to a formal public hearing or contested case hearing. Please note the Commission cannot accept comments on items with an asterisk, as the public comment period for those items is closed.

**Written Comments:** Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged. To ensure full consideration by the Commission, written comments should be sent to Nirvana Cook via email by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 15. **Please note Commissioners may not have sufficient time to review materials received after the recommended deadline.** A confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email or have questions about submission of written public comment, please contact Nirvana Cook. *Please see page 5 for contact information.*

**Oral Comments:** Oral comments may be limited to three minutes. Comments relating to a specific agenda item will be heard by the Commission as each agenda item is considered. Comments on other topics may be made during the public comment period. To make an oral comment, you must electronically submit an Oral Public Comment Request Form or notify Nirvana Cook by phone or email prior to the start of the meeting. **The Commission will do its best to accommodate requests received after the start of the meeting, however, please note it may not be feasible.** Oral Public Comment Request Forms can be found on the [Commission's webpage](#).

**Executive Session:** The Commission will convene in a confidential Executive Session where, by law, only members of the press and Department staff may attend. ***Due to the challenge of managing hybrid meetings, members of the press who wish to attend the Executive Session either virtually or in-person must register in advance by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 15.*** To register by phone, contact Nirvana Cook, or register via email and include your full name, the organization you represent, and indicate whether you will be joining in-person or virtually. If you choose to join by video, you will be asked to appear by video display during the Executive Session. If you choose to join by telephone, you will be asked to identify yourself prior to the start of Executive Session. After you register, a confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact Nirvana Cook. *Please see page 5 for contact information.*

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**Special Accommodations:** If special accommodations are needed, please advise Nirvana Cook (contact information below) as soon as possible, *but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

**Staff Contact:** If you have any questions about this agenda or the Commission's procedures, please contact Nirvana Cook at [nirvana.z.cook@water.oregon.gov](mailto:nirvana.z.cook@water.oregon.gov) or (503)798-3196.

### WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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Jan Lee	Sandy	Northwest Region	2025
Kathy Kihara	Bend	East Side at Large	2025
Woody Wolfe	Wallowa	Eastern Region	2025
Joe Moll	Eugene	West Central Region	2025
Julie Smitherman	Talent	Southwest Region	2025

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### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING**

#### From I-5

Take Exit 256 (Market Street). Heading west on Market, go approximately two miles to Summer Street. Turn left onto Summer Street. Go less than half a mile to the North Mall Office Building (NMOB). The NMOB building is located on the right between the Department of State Lands and the Employment Buildings.

### **PARKING**

Parking is located along Summer Street (metered) and Winter Street (metered and 90-minute parking).

There are six 2-hour parking stalls located between the NMOB building and the Employment Building to the south.

Parking is also available in the Yellow Lot which is located two blocks south of the NMOB. Please note there is a fee to park in the Yellow Lot.