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## WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

### Virtual Meeting September 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

#### COMMISSIONERS

Meg Reeves, Chair  
Eric Quaempts, Vice Chair  
Jan Lee  
Joe Moll  
Julie Smitherman  
Kathy Kihara  
Woody Wolfe

#### WRD STAFF

Tom Byler  
Doug Woodcock  
Racquel Rancier  
Nirvana Cook  
Kerri Cope  
Ryan Andrews  
Adair Muth  
Katie Ratcliffe  
Justin Iverson  
Dwight French  
Lisa Jaramillo  
Danielle Gonzalez

#### OTHERS

Alisa Ocean  
April Snell  
Ken Yates  
Christopher Hall  
Bob Baumgartner  
Cole Hendrickson  
Mary Anne Cooper  
Kimberley Priestley  
Gene Souza  
Tony Newbill

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and is on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem, Oregon 97301-1271. Agendas, minutes, PowerPoint presentations, staff reports, and audio/video files are available on the Department's [website](#).

Chair Reeves called the meeting to order and explained the process and purpose of the meeting.

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=5>

#### A. Commissioner Comments

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=28>

Commissioners reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on a variety of water resource topics.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=1151>

The minutes of the June 16-17, 2022 meeting were presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Commissioners Smitherman, Kihara, Lee, Wolfe, and Reeves. Absent from the June 16-17 Commission meeting and not voting: Commissioners Quaempts and Moll. Motion passed.

**C. Director's Report**

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=1214>

Tom Byler, Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues.

Public Comment

April Snell

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=4948>

**Project Implementation Update**

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=5444>

Tom Byler, Director, discussed the implementation of projects following the 2021 Legislative Session, including the status of recruitments, projects, and rulemaking. In addition, several agency managers briefed the Commission on their workload responsibilities, priorities, and progress to date.

**D. 2021 Field Services Division Activity Update**

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=13877>

Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, updated the Commission on 2021 Field Services Division activities and regulatory actions.

**E. Public Comment and Other Issues**

Kimberley Priestley

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=15661>

Mary Anne Cooper

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=15735>

Tony Newbill

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=15960>

Gene Souza

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=16108>

Christopher Hall

<https://youtu.be/t58gcjhKaaU?t=16355>

There were no further requests for public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nirvana Cook*

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