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WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Hybrid Meeting
November 17-18, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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Meg Reeves
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I. Thursday, November 17, 2022

Chair Reeves called the meeting to order, explained the process and purpose of the meeting, and asked Commissioners to introduce themselves.

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A. Project Implementation Update

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Doug Woodcock, Acting Director, provided 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, provided a more detailed look at section priorities and work.

B. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

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Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, presented recommendations for appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee. Commissioner Moll moved to Appoint Susan Baker, Ken Bentz, and Brandon Brown to GWAC terms beginning December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Quaempts, Moll, Reeves, Smitherman, Kihara, Wolfe, and Lee. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

C. IWRS Update and Progress Report

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Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resource Strategy Specialist, and Danielle Gonzalez, Policy Section Manager, presented on the IWRS Update process and provided a status update on the IWRS Progress Report.

D. Water Project Grant and Loan Award Funding Recommendations

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Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager, presented 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 project funding increase for inflation.

On action item number one, 2022 funding recommendations, Commissioner Lee moved to adopt the funding recommendation contained in Table 2 of the staff report to fund three applications for a total award of \$6,642,745, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Quaempts, Reeves, Moll, Kihara, Lee, Wolfe, and Smitherman. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

On action item number two, increase funding for Fitzpatrick conservation project, Commissioner Wolfe moved to adopt the funding recommendation contained in Table 3 of the staff report to increase the Fitzpatrick Conservation Project grant award by \$68,064, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Voting in favor of the motion: Quaempts, Reeves, Moll, Kihara, Lee, Wolfe, and Smitherman. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

April Snell, Executive Director, Oregon Water Resources Congress

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II. Friday, November 18, 2022

Chair Reeves reconvened the meeting and explained the process and purpose of the meeting.

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E. Commissioner Comments

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

F. Director's Report

<https://youtu.be/WAyizBZ4XIM?t=1916>

Doug Woodcock, Acting Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues.

G. Approval of Minutes

<https://youtu.be/WAyizBZ4XIM?t=3342>

The minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting were presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Smitherman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Smitherman, Moll, Kihara, Lee, Wolfe, Reeves, Quaempts. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

H. Groundwater Allocation Project Update

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Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, provided an update on the groundwater allocation project.

Public Comment:

Adam Sussman, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and Mike Buettner, Utility Director, City of Bend

<https://youtu.be/WAyizBZ4XIM?t=6181>

I. Public Comment and Other Issues

There were no further requests for public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nirvana Cook

Nirvana Cook, Commission Assistant