

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION WORK SESSION

BEND

NOVEMBER 14, 1991

MINUTES

Commission Members Present:

Lorna Stickel, Chair
Cliff Bentz, Vice-Chair
Jim Howland
Hadley Akins
Mike Jewett
Anita Johnson

Absent:

Roger Bachman

Others:

Audrey Simmons
Anne Perrault
Karen Russell
Jan Boettcher
David Moon
John V. Johnson
Bill Gauvin
Todd Heidgarten
Larry Trosi

Water Resources Staff:

Bill Young
Jan Shaw
Steve Sanders
Bev Hayes
Becky Kreag
John Borden
Rick Bastasch
Rick Craiger
Steve Applegate
Mike Mattick
Pam Homer
Bud Bartels
Weisha Mize
Bob Main
Fred Lissner

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 N.E., 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.

1. LEGISLATIVE CONCEPTS.

The Department is beginning the process of developing legislative proposals for the 1993 Legislature. In the past, the Commission did not participate in early discussions about which legislative concepts to pursue. Department management staff gathered a "wish list" of ideas from the staff and spent some time developing the concepts to submit to the Commission in the spring preceding the next legislative session. Because of the Executive Department's deadlines, this approach makes it more difficult for the Commission to change Department direction or to develop other proposals not suggested by the staff. This is particularly true if legislative proposals require some preliminary work with interest groups.

The staff suggested that the Commission become involved at the beginning of the process. The staff submitted a list of legislative proposals that had not been discussed to any significant degree by the management staff. The concepts were ranked loosely into high-, medium-, and low-priority items, with the most important subject areas appearing first. Department staff asked the Commission for general direction on which of these to pursue and on which ones need involvement with interest groups. The Department is already working with interest groups on marketing/transfer concepts. The Department also expects to participate in the Governor's Office effort to develop legislative proposals on streamflow restoration and user fees.

Director's Recommendation

The staff recommended that the Commission review the list of legislative proposals and provide general direction on which are most important to pursue.

Each Commissioner identified the top 12 concepts, giving direction to staff. The staff was requested to return to the next meeting with a refined list based on this guidance and be prepared to describe the process for following each.

No formal action was taken on this item.

2. MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

The Commission reviewed its mission statement document at the retreat in August 1991. Cliff Bentz volunteered to take a detailed look at the document to recommend changes to the Commission. Other Commissioners were also invited to submit suggestions to the Department. Hadley Akins, Jim Howland, Anita Johnson and Roger Bachman responded with some general written comments. At that time, the Commission suggested a continuing discussion of retreat items in November 1991.

Director's Recommendation

The staff recommended that the Commission review the proposed changes and either approve revisions at this meeting or provide direction for future action.

The Commission reviewed proposed changes and reached a tentative conclusion on all suggestions. The proposed removal of reference to the public trust was strongly debated, but a majority agreed to remove it. The Commission asked staff to prepare a clean version with the agreed-upon changes and set the matter for final decision by the full commission at the December meeting.

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jan Shaw
Commission Assistant