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## OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

### Meeting Agenda

November 16 - 17, 2023

Department of State Lands, 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100

And via Zoom videoconference

### Commission Meeting – Thursday, November 16, 2023 (9:30 AM – 4:30 PM)

#### **L. Klamath Dam Removal Update (9:30 AM – 10:15 AM)**

Richard Whitman, Special Assistant to the Director, will provide an update on activities in the Klamath Basin, with a specific focus on dam removal. *This is an informational report.*

#### **BREAK (10:15 AM to 10:30 AM)**

#### **A. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee (10:30 AM - 10:45 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.*

#### **B. Director's Report (10:45 AM - 11:15 AM)**

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

#### **C. Project Implementation (11:15 AM – 11:45 AM)**

Racquel Rancier, Deputy Director of Strategy and Administration, and Ivan Gall, Acting Deputy Director of Water Management, will provide an overview of agency work and projects. *This is an informational report.*

#### **D. 2025 Session - Legislative and Budget Preparation (11:45 AM – 12:00 PM)**

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, will provide an overview of the Department's intended approach for developing the 2025-2027 Agency Request Budget and 2025 legislative agenda. *This is an informational report.*

#### **LUNCH (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)**

#### **E. Water Project Grants and Loans Award Funding Recommendations (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)**

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. *The Commission will be asked to award funding for the 2023 Water Projects Grants and Loans projects.*

**F. Approval of minutes (2:00 PM – 2:05 PM)**

The minutes of the September 2023 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

**BREAK 2:05 PM - 2:20 PM**

**G. Integrated Water Resources Strategy Work Session (2:20 PM – 4:30 PM)**

Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resources Strategy Specialist, will provide an overview of the 2023 IWRS draft framework and associated documents. *The Commission will be asked to engage in a discussion and provide feedback on the direction of the IWRS.*

**COMMISSION MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**

**H. Groundwater Level Declines – Impacts and Managing for Sustainability (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)** Ivan Gall, Acting Deputy Director, Water Management, will present a general discussion about declining groundwater levels and management approaches. *This is an informational report.*

**BREAK (9:00 AM - 9:15 AM)**

**I. Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking Update (9:15 AM - 11:15 AM)**

Annette Liebe, Technical Services Division Administrator, Laura Hartt, Rules Coordinator, Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, and Emelie McKain, Senior Water Advisor, will present an update of the Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking process.

**J. Commissioner Comments (11:15 AM - 11:45 AM)**

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

**K. Public Comments and Other Issues**

## **MEETING LOCATION AND PROCEDURES**

**Meeting Format:** Members of the public may participate or observe the meeting virtually or in-person.

**In-Person Meeting Location:** The Commission meeting will be held at the Department of State Land 775 Summer St NE # 100, Salem, OR 97301.

### **Virtual Meeting Information – November 16, 2023:**

Observe By YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@OregonGovWRD/featured>

Attend By Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81285853693?pwd=SWNMMEE2T0Z0UnV6TlJOMkVnZk1Jdz09>

Attend By Phone: +1 253 215 8782                      Meeting ID: 812 8585 3693                      Passcode: 229739

### **Virtual Meeting Information – November 17, 2023:**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83357415114?pwd=WktMd3craFdeU5jOHRzckNjOEw5UT09>

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**Timing of Agenda Items:** 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. 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.

**Meeting Materials:** Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, can be found on the Commission's website by clicking 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)

**\* 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 the staff contact below via email by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. *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 follow up with the staff contact below.

**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 the staff contact below 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 and Meals:** The Commission may also convene in a confidential Executive Session where, by law, only members of the press and Department staff may attend. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commissioner will make a public announcement and explain the necessary procedures. Oregon's Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Commission members may meet for meals during the days prior to and days of the meeting.

**Special Accommodations:** If special accommodations are needed, please advise staff contact 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 Mindy Lane at [mindy.j.lane@water.oregon.gov](mailto:mindy.j.lane@water.oregon.gov) or (503) 930-4303.

### Oregon Water Resources Commission

Commissioner	City of Residence	Region	Term Expires
Eric Quaempts, Chair	Adams	North Central Region	2025
Meg Reeves	Corvallis	West Side at Large	2024
Jan Lee-Weinberg	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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