

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Conference call

February 18, 1991

MINUTES

Commission members present:

Lorna Stickel
Cliff Bentz
Jim Howland
Mike Jewett
Roger Bachman

Staff members present:

John Borden
Bev Hayes
Jan Shaw

Commission members absent:

Hadley Akins

Others:

Audrey Simmons

Any 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, NE, Salem, Oregon. Written information submitted at this meeting is hereby made a part of this record and is on file at the above address.

Legislation: Bev Hayes reviewed the activity in the Legislature during the past week.

She reported that on Tuesday, the Senate Water Policy Committee conducted a work session on SB 201 and 202. The committee decided to hold over the water use reporting bill because they were uncomfortable with parts of it and wanted to see a final draft. Hayes said that the springs bill was on its way to the House.

On Thursday, the plumbing fixtures bill discussion went very well with everyone who testified supporting it, including Sen. John Kitzhaber's representative.

(Roger Bachman entered the call at this point.)

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Hayes reported that Ways & Means had conducted hearings on the agency budget last week which seemed to be progressing faster than anticipated.

For the current week, Hayes said that the Senate subcommittee had a busy schedule with a number of their bills up for hearing, including one on comprehensive plans and one concerning builders' water availability forms. On Thursday, the Department's GWEB bill was up for consideration. The effluent management bill was scheduled for consideration but the cities wanted that session delayed for further study of the bill. Also to be heard on Thursday was the water metering bill.

Cliff Bentz asked about the \$200,000 cut to be made in the agency's budget, and John Borden explained where those cuts would be made. Bentz also asked about the fee bills in connection with a conversation with Speaker of the House Larry Campbell about a "stampede to fees" in place of taxes. Hayes said that there was a sense that some fee bills would go through, although probably not all.

Chair Stickel asked the staff to analyze SB 555, particularly whether the Department would want to add in water quantity as an issue.

Correspondence with legislators: Those Commission members who had had an opportunity to read the preliminary draft response to Senator Springers letter were asked for their comments. Those who had not done so were asked to phone or fax their comments to the Chair. Jim Howland thought that the letter was very well written. Cliff Bentz pointed out some sections which were not entirely accurate and recommended some modifications.

The chair encouraged members to send individual letters of reply, as well, and most said that they would.

Respectfully submitted,



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