

April 1, 1991

CONFERENCE CALL

MINUTES

Commission members present:

Lorna Stickel
Cliff Bentz
Hadley Akins
Jim Howland
Mike Jewett

Absent:

Roger Bachman

Others:

Tom and Audrey Simmons

Staff present:

Bill Young
Jan Shaw
Bev Hayes
John Borden
Becky Kreag
Mike Ladd
Steve Applegate
Doug Parrow
Bud Bartels
Tom Paul

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, 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. Audiocassette recording tapes of the meeting are also on file in the Water Resources Department office.

1. Conservation advisory committee: At the Commission's February 1 meeting, it approved the concept and charter for a continuing Conservation Advisory Committee. The charter provides for the appointment of the committee by the Director, in consultation with the Commission chair and the concurrence of the Commission.

A list of the proposed membership of the Conservation Advisory Committee was distributed to the Commission before this conference call. The staff asked for the Commission's concurrence in the proposed membership of the committee.

The Commission had no objections to the membership and agreed that it could go forward.

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2. Legislation: Bev Hayes reviewed the recent activity at the Legislature.

She reported that the Senate Water Policy Committee on Tuesday conducted a hearing and work session on HB 2188 and HB 2190. Both bills were passed out of committee and are scheduled on the Senate floor this morning.

On Thursday, Hayes said that the Senate committee did not meet and will not meet tomorrow.

On the House side, the committee on Tuesday heard HB 2957, which creates a management fee for installing fish screens.

On Thursday, the House committee heard two bills which affect the Department, HB 3326 and HB 2909. There was a good deal of testimony but not much support. The Department opposed both bills.

The agency's budget had a hearing on Friday, and all the issues were resolved except one which would eliminate gauging contracts for gauging stations.

John Borden reviewed the hearing on the budget and the issues covered. The Department now must come back on Friday after a discussion with WaterWatch of Oregon, Oregon Trout and the Fish & Wildlife Department. The Department will meet today and propose its views and other suggestions. The budget is expected to be moved out of the subcommittee by this Friday.

This week will be a slow one, Hayes said. The committees will be involved with issues surrounding the Salmon Summit and no meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. On Thursday, the Senate Water Policy Committee will hear SB 742 (ponds and reservoirs) and HB 240 (hydro fees). The Department believes that the bills will be out of committee and on their way to Ways & Means.

The House Water Policy Committee has not published its schedule for meetings next week.

Hayes said that she has been meeting with others on HB 2192. The well drillers want certain elements in the bill, and they also want a sunset clause which would do away with the program after seven years. The agency will oppose those amendments.

Chair Stickel asked to hear specific discussion at the conference meeting next Monday on three bills, SB 1163, 1129, and 1147.