

May 20, 1991

CONFERENCE CALL

MINUTES

Commission members present:

Cliff Bentz  
Hadley Akins  
Jim Howland  
Mike Jewett  
Roger Bachman  
Lorna Stickel

Staff present:

John Borden  
Bev Hayes  
Jan Shaw  
Becky Kreag  
Tom Paul  
Kent Searles  
Randy Moore  
Mike Ladd  
Steve Applegate

Others:

Jan Boettcher  
Doug Myers

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.

Bev Hayes reviewed the activity of the Legislature for the last week.

The Senate Water Policy Committee last week heard a number of bills but acted on none of them. On Tuesday, the committee heard the Strategic Water Management Group bill and the drinking water bill. On Thursday, they received our testimony on SB 1183 and held a hearing on SB 204.

The Department felt that the committee was receptive to its testimony on HB 1163. Department staff tried to outline concerns defined by the Commission in their conference call.

(Lorna Stickel joined the call at this point.)

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The committee will hear HB 1163 again tomorrow and Thursday. The agency will suggest amendments to the bill and hoped to get the Commission's views on them during this call. The committee is expected to act on the bill, which will then go to Ways & Means.

The House committee had a busy week, Hayes reported. On Tuesday, the scenic waterway bill was scheduled for hearing but was set over until Thursday. On Thursday, the committee held a marathon session with 9-10 bills before them and passed them all out, including the pond bill which would forgive all pond owners from permits. The Department intends to object to some aspects of those bills.

Another bill, HB 3328, passed out on its way to the Senate side. HB 2191 also passed out of committee, as did HB 3465, which would require the agency to put ads in newspapers of instream water rights requested. The committee approved the amendments and passed out the bill. Also passed out was HB 2677, a scenic waterway bill, including amendments by EQC chair Bill Hutchison. HB 3389 also was passed out, as was HB 3390, which would permit water right holders to use water on other land without a transfer.

On the schedule this week, Hayes said, the Senate committee will be taking up those bills heard last week for a final resolution, including the drinking water bill (SB 1147), SB 1129, SB 1163 and SB 204. It is expected that all bills will pass out of committee this week.

On the House side, Hayes reported that the committee has finally scheduled HB 1163 for hearing on Thursday. The director will testify on that bill on behalf of the Department, and Lorna Stickel will testify on behalf of the Commission.

Things are winding down this week in the House committee, and they are meeting only on Tuesdays. They are due to consider a couple of bills the Department is marginally interested in. The other bills up before the committee have to do with fish and DEQ issues and are not bills which the agency is tracking.

The Commission took up consideration of SB 1163.

(Hadley Akins left the call at this point.)

Bev Hayes will put together the amendments to SB 1163 made by the Commission and Chair Stickel will present them to the committee. The Commission agreed to support the overall direction of the bill with the amendments made today by the Commission.

The next Commission conference call will be held on Tuesday because of the Monday holiday.