

May 28, 1991

CONFERENCE CALL

MINUTES

Commission members present:

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

Staff present:

Bill Young
Becky Kreag
Jan Shaw
Bev Hayes
Steve Applegate
Tom Paul
Bob Main
Kent Searles
Mike Ladd

Others:

Jan Boettcher
Tom and Audrey Simmons

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 recent activity at the Legislature.

On Tuesday on the Senate side, said Hayes, they considered SB 204, which passed out of committee and will be on the Senate floor this week. SB 1163, with a number of amendments, passed out of committee. Because of objections from a number of interest groups, though, the bill will be pulled back to the committee for further amendments.

On Thursday, the committee considered the drinking water bill and passed it out. Last week, the Senate concurred in SB 202 and it is on its way to the governor in amended form.

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On the House side, nothing of real interest to the Department occurred. SJM 15 was considered on Tuesday but other than that bill, they have been dealing mostly with DEQ and Fish and Wildlife issues.

Ways & Means has been conducting budget discussions on what add-backs might be considered for agencies. The director had attended those meetings so he reviewed them for the Commission.

The agency budget passed the House floor yesterday and is on its way to the governor.

Today on the Senate side, the committee will be considering two bills. The first one, SB 208, is up for hearing. The committee apparently intends to add language, authorized by Sen. Kitzhaber, which will allow Gold Ray to acquire a hydroelectric license on the Rogue River. The director described for the Commission the history of the facility.

The second bill to be considered is HB 2192. Hayes said she expected to see the bill acted on quickly and out of the committee.

On Thursday, the Senate subcommittee will consider two bills. The first is one of Fish and Wildlife's which the agency is not following and the other is HB 3373, which requires development of storage facilities in times of water shortage.

The House Housing Committee considered SB 203 last week and will consider it again today in a work session. Chair Stickel will testify, as well as the director.

On the House side, the subcommittee this week will be considering phosphate bills on Tuesday. On Thursday, the committee will be considering SB 233, SB 1080, SB 201 and SB 839.