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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Virtual via Zoom or phone

A. Vice-Chair Appointment – 10:00 am - 10:05 am

The Commission will appoint a Vice-Chair.

B. Feasibility Study Grants Funding Recommendations – 10:05 am - 10:35 am

Kim Fritz-Oregon, Planning, Collaboration and Investments Section Manager and Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, will present the funding recommendations for the 2023-24 funding cycle of Feasibility Study Grants. *The Commission will be asked to make funding decisions.*

C. Budget And Legislative Update – 10:35 am - 11:30 am

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will present a summary on the 2024 legislative session and an update on the 2025-2027 budget and legislative development process. *The Commission will be invited to provide feedback on 2025 session proposals.*

D. Director's Report – 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

E. *Division 205 and 240 Well Construction Welding Requirements – Proposed Rule Adoption 1:00pm - 1:30 pm

Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, and Kris Byrd, Well Construction Manager, will provide proposed rule changes for Division 205 and 240 rules. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

F. Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) – Draft for Public Review 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Crystal Grinnell, IWRS Specialist, will present key elements of the first draft 2024 IWRS released for public review and comment in early March and detail how this draft has incorporated prior input from the Commission. *The Commission will provide feedback on the IWRS documents.*

Break 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

G. Update on Integrated Water Resource Planning in the Walla Walla Basin – 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Chris Kowitz, North Central Region Manager, will provide an update on water planning efforts currently underway in the Walla Walla Basin. Tom Tebb, Director, Office of Columbia River, Washington Department of Ecology and Anton Chiono, Habitat Conservation Project Leader, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, will share their perspectives on integrated water resource planning in the Walla Walla Basin. *This is an informational report.*

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 3:30 pm - 3:35 pm

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

I. Commissioner Comments – 3:35 pm - 4:05 pm

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

J. Public Comment and Other Issues 4:05 pm

Adjournment

MEETING LOCATION AND PROCEDURES

Meeting Format: Members of the public may participate or observe the meeting virtually or by telephone.

Virtual Meeting Information

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

Attend By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88003853013?pwd=Tk9tNUxDRTBjdTRINGRRb05iSUNtUT09>

Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782 Meeting ID: 880 0385 3013 Passcode: 478055

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

*** 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, March 19, 2024. *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 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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