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## Oregon Water Resources Commission

### Meeting Agenda (Revision #1)

June 13 - 14, 2024

Oregon Department of Transportation, 63055 North Highway 97, Building M, Bend, OR 97703  
and via Zoom Videoconference

### DAY 1 OF COMMISSION MEETING – THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

#### A. Irrigation Modernization Funding Recommendations – 8:00 - 9:00 am

Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager will present the Technical Review Team's scoring results, evaluation summaries and funding recommendations, public comments received, and the Department's funding recommendations. *The Commission will be asked to award funding for the first 2024 cycle of Irrigation Modernization Funding and to consider a funding increase for a previously authorized project.*

#### B. Budget & Legislative Update – 9:00 - 9:30 am

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an update on the 2025-2027 budget and legislative development process, including a summary of relevant policy option packages and legislative concepts. *This is an informational report.*

#### C. Deschutes Basin Workplan Update – 9:30 - 10:00 am

Emelie McKain, Senior Water Advisor and Jeremy Giffin, District 11 Watermaster, will present an update on the implementation of the OWRD Deschutes Basin Workplan. *This is an informational report.*

#### Break 10:00 - 10:15 am

#### D. Director's Report – 10:15 - 10:45 am

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

#### E. Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative: Comprehensive Water Plan Development – 10:45 - 11:30 am

Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative representatives will discuss the ongoing efforts to develop a comprehensive water management plan for the Deschutes Basin utilizing the Place-Based Planning Guidelines. *This is an informational report.*

**F. Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Presentation – 11:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Bobby Brunoe, CEO/Treasurer, and potentially other representatives, will present on issues of interest to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs.

**Lunch 12:00 – 12:45 pm**

**G. COMMISSION TOUR 12:45 - 5:15 pm**

During this agenda item, the Commission will tour the Bend Outback Water Treatment Facility, the North Canal Dam, and Sawyer Park. The Commission is anticipated to receive presentations on the following topics at each tour stop: Bend’s water operations and a comparison of Bend and Redmond’s water operations; North Unit and Central Oregon Irrigation Districts operations, challenges, and modernization; monitoring and adaptive management of supplies in the basin; the Habitat Conservation Plan; instream flow restoration tools and efforts; the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative efforts; and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs perspectives on changing conditions, water management priorities, and principles for navigating adaptation and collaboration.

The public is invited to attend the tour in-person. No virtual option is available for the tour. Individuals attending the tour should be prepared for sun or rain, bringing comfortable closed-toed shoes or boots, water, a hat, sunscreen, jacket, and umbrella or rain jacket. If you wish to join the tour, please make your own transportation arrangements. Please contact Mindy Lane at [mindy.j.lane@water.oregon.gov](mailto:mindy.j.lane@water.oregon.gov) or (503) 930-4303 by close of business, Monday, June 10, if you plan to attend. A more detailed itinerary will be provided to participants once logistics are finalized.

**Adjourn**

**DAY 2 OF COMMISSION MEETING – FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024**

**H. Governor’s Office Natural Resource Policy Advisor Presentation – 8:00 - 8:45 am**

One or more staff of the Governor’s Natural Resources Policy team will present to the Commission. Staff of the office include Geoff Huntington, Senior Natural Resources Policy Advisor, and Chandra Ferrari, Natural Resources Policy Advisor.

**I. Harney Basin Update – 8:45 - 9:45 am**

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, Alexandria Scott, Eastern Region Engagement Coordinator, and Kelly Mainz, Water Policy Analyst, will provide an update on Department activities occurring in the Harney Basin. *This is an informational report with extended time for public comment.*

**Break 9:45 – 10:00 am**

**J. Critical Groundwater Area 3-Year Review – 10:00 - 10:30 am**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, will review conditions in the state’s seven existing Critical Groundwater Areas as per the review requirements of ORS 537.780(3). *This is an informational report.*

**K. Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking Update – 10:30 - 11:30 am**

Annette Liebe, Technical Services Division Administrator, Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, and Laura Hartt, Water Policy Analyst, will present an update on the Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking. Public comments received during this agenda item will be included in the rulemaking record. *This is an informational report.*

**L. Approval of meeting minutes – 11:30 - 11:35 am**

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

**M. Commissioner Comments – 11:35 am - 12:05 pm**

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

**N. Public Comment and Other Issues – 12:05 pm**

**Adjourn**

## **MEETING LOCATION AND PROCEDURES**

**Meeting Format:** Members of the public may join in person or virtually.

**In-Person:** ODOT Region 4 Headquarters, 63055 N. Highway 97, Bldg. M, Bend, OR 97703

### **Virtual Meeting Information – Day 1**

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

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Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782      Meeting ID: 844 2064 7264      Passcode: 193629

### **Virtual Meeting Information – Day 2**

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

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**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](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, June 11, 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](mailto:mindy.j.lane@water.oregon.gov) or (503) 930-4303.

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