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**Oregon Water Resources Commission**

**Meeting Agenda**

**September 12 - 13, 2024**

Jackson County Parks, 7520 Table Rock Rd, Central Point, OR 97502  
and via Zoom videoconference

**Thursday, September 12, 2024 – Day 1 of Commission Meeting**

**A. TOUR – 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

The Commission is tentatively scheduled to tour The Medford Water Commissions (MWC) Duff Water Treatment Facility and Big Butte Springs and engage in discussion of the MWC service area and raw water sources. Big Butte Springs (BBS) is the primary source of drinking water for the City of Medford and surrounding communities (approximately 150,000 residents of the Rogue Valley). Local geology, estimated spring discharge, and water quality will be discussed. The Commission will also visit the Butte Creek Mill (established in 1872) and tour its hydro powered millstone, discuss instream water rights and flow transactions, and the relationship between instream flow and migratory fish.

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. To RSVP, 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, September 9. A more detailed itinerary will be provided to participants that RSVP once details are finalized.

**Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**B. \*Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking (Divisions 8, 9, 300, and 410) – 1:00 - 3:30 pm**

Annette Liebe, Technical Services Division Administrator, Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, and Laura Hartt, Policy Analyst and Rulemaking Coordinator, will present recommended rule revisions to Divisions 300, 8, 9, and 410. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

**Break 3:30 - 3:45 pm**

**C. Director's Report – 3:45 - 5:00 pm**

Ivan Gall, Director, will provide an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. Director Gall will also discuss future Commission meetings and structure. *This agenda item will include informational report outs as well as discussion with the Commission.*

**Friday, September 13, 2024 – Day 2 of Commission Meeting**

**D. Harney Basin Rulemaking Update – 8:00 - 9:00 am**

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, and Kelly Mainz, Water Policy Analyst, will present to the Commission on the Harney Basin proposed Critical Groundwater Area and the target water level trend of zero decline. *Sufficient time has been included during this agenda item for the public to comment to the Commission as previously requested. This is an informational report.*

**E. Overview of Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding Evaluation Process– 9:00 - 10:00 am**

Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager, will present information on the Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding scoring criteria and the Technical Review Team’s evaluation of grant applications. *The Commission will be asked for feedback on what information it needs as it makes funding decisions.*

**Break 10:00 - 10:15 am**

**F. City of Silverton Feasibility Study Grant Inflation Increase – 10:15 - 10:45 am**

Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager, will present a request from the City of Silverton to increase grant funding for their Silverton Aquifer Storage and Recovery Feasibility Study due to inflation. *The Commission will be asked to consider a funding increase for the project.*

**G. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 10:45 - 10:50 am**

The minutes of the June 2024 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

**H. Commissioner Comments and Farewell to Commissioner Reeves – 10:50 - 11:45 am**

Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics. The Department and Commission will also thank Commissioner Reeves for her service.

**I. Public Comment and Other Issues – 11:45 am**

**Adjourn**

## **MEETING LOCATION AND PROCEDURES**

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

**In-Person:** Jackson County Parks, 7520 Table Rock Rd, Central Point, OR 97502

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

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

Attend By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86220985660?pwd=82sZFGpFisfJaObbMzLdN2HtsTC3atj.1>

Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782      Meeting ID: 862 2098 5660      Passcode: 840034

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

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

Attend By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85050783347?pwd=brdCuEwepaPI500bbIxrZhPLarHyyb.1>

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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 Comments:** Items marked with an asterisk have been subject to a formal public hearing or contested case hearing. Please note the Commission cannot accept testimony or comments on items with an asterisk, as the public comment period for those items has 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 Monday, September 9, 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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Jan Lee	Sandy	Northwest Region	2025
Kathy Kihara	Bend	East Side at Large	2025
Woody Wolfe	Wallowa	Eastern Region	2025
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