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Oregon Water Resources Commission

Meeting Agenda

December 12 - 13, 2024

Department of State Lands, 775 Summer St NE # 100, Salem, OR 97301
and virtual via Zoom

Thursday, December 12, 2024 – Day 1 of Commission Meeting

A. Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding Recommendations – 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Adair Muth, Grants Manager, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager will present the Technical Review Team's scoring results, evaluation summaries, funding recommendations, and public comments received for the second 2024 funding cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding. *The Commission will make a funding award decision.*

LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00 pm

B. Water Supply Development Account Grant Increase Delegation of Authority – 1:00 - 1:45 pm

Adair Muth, Grants Manager, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager will present a proposal for the Commission to grant the Director the authority to increase grant budgets for previously awarded projects in the Water Supply Development Account. *The Commission will consider delegation of this authority.*

C. Integrated Water Resources Strategy – Update & Workshop – 1:45 - 5:00 pm (with a break around 3:00 pm)

Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resources Strategy Specialist, will provide an update on the IWRS engagement with the Governor's Natural Resource Office and six agency directors, a November public meeting, and summarize proposed changes for the 2024 IWRS Draft 2 Framework and narrative, prior to release for public comment in January. *The Commission will be asked to provide input on the proposed changes for the IWRS Draft 2 Framework.*

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Friday, December 13, 2024 – Day 2 of Commission Meeting

D. Harney Basin Groundwater Update – 8:00 - 9:15 am

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager; Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, will provide an update on the results of the management scenarios model runs and discuss the timeline around stabilizing groundwater levels. *This is an informational report with additional time to allow for public and community comment.*

E. Budget and Legislative Update – 9:15 - 10:00 am

Racquel Rancier, Deputy Director of Strategy and Administration, Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator will provide an update on preparation for the 2025 Legislative Session and the 2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget. *This is an informational report.*

Break 10:00 - 10:15 am

F. Director's Report – 10:15 - 11:00 am

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.*

G. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee – 11:00 - 11:15 am

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, will present recommendations for appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee. *The Commission will make a decision on the proposed appointments.*

H. Approval of Meeting minutes – 11:15 - 11:20 am

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

I. Commissioner Comments – 11:20 am - 12:05 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 – 12:05 pm

Adjourn

MEETING LOCATION AND PROCEDURES

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

In-Person: Department of State Lands, 775 Summer St NE # 100, Salem, OR 97301

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 1

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

Attend By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84435632316?pwd=Mxw2HOEebPVYwhGytsJsRz3getV2Rz.1>

Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782 Meeting ID: 844 3563 2316 Passcode: 878039

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 2

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

Attend By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89681543225?pwd=OJIq6UNg2qbzQmwmTYgkaERAHvrb7n.1>

Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782 Meeting ID: 896 8154 3225 Passcode: 091350

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 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, December 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:

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