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### Water Resources Commission Minutes

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**Hybrid meeting in Bend, Oregon**

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Attendees				
Commissioners	OWRD Staff		Other Attendees	
Eric Quaempts	Doug Woodcock	Matt Day (V)	Kimberley Priestley	Greg Kupillas (V)
Julie Smitherman	Racquel Rancier	Justin Iverson (V)	Glenn Barrett	Hayley Siltanen (V)
Kathy Kihara	Ivan Gall	Annette Liebe (V)	Josh Bilbao	Kate Fitzpatrick (V)
Jan Lee	Ken Turner	Linda Ray (V)	April Snell	Mike Weinberg (V)
Joe Moll	Laura Hartt	Tom Skiles	Joelle Ally (V)	Patrick Rectenwald (V)
Meg Reeves	Sue Parrish	Shavon Haynes	Ally Hand (V)	Peggy Lynch (V)
Woody Wolfe	Shavon Haynes	Christi Haines	Becky Powell (V)	Rob Kunz (V)
	Alyssa Rash	Austin Patch (V)	Jerry Grondin (V)	Stan Dean (V)
	Kim Fritz-Ogren	Dwight French (V)	Genoa Ingram v	Yancy Lind (V)
			Stephanie Tidwell	

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and is on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem, Oregon 97301-1271.

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### Commission Meeting

[Chair Quaempts convened the meeting.](#)

#### A. Tour

The Commission toured The Medford Water Commissions' (MWC) Duff Water Treatment Facility and Big Butte Springs. Big Butte Springs (BBS) is the primary source of drinking water for the City of Medford and surrounding communities. The Commission also visited the Butte Creek Mill and toured its hydro powered millstone. *No business was conducted during this tour and there are no video or audio recordings of this event.*

#### B. [\\*Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking \(Divisions 8, 9, 300, and 410\)](#)

Annette Liebe, Technical Services Division Administrator, Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, and Laura Hartt, Policy Analyst and Rulemaking Coordinator, presented recommended rule revisions to Divisions 300, 8, 9, and 410.

Commissioner Reeves moved that the Commission adopt the final proposed rules as modified by the Department following public comment (Attachment 9, with minor typo in OAR-690-009-0050 corrected). Commissioner Kihara seconded the motion. Votes in favor: Commissioners

Moll, Kihara, Wolfe, Vice-Chair Smitherman, Commissioner Reeves, Commission Lee, and Chair Quaempts. Motion passed unanimously.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/j0H-DTN0Ruo?si=12a2qvJzmRIi9u0m&t=7631>

[Public Comment, Malia Kupillas](#)

**C. [Director's Report](#)**

Ivan Gall, Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues.

**G. [Approval of Meeting Minutes](#)**

The minutes of the June 2024 meeting were presented for Commission approval.

Commissioner Reeves moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smitherman, to adopt the March 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Votes in favor: Commissioners Moll, Kihara, and Wolfe, Vice-Chair Smitherman, Commissioners Reeves and Lee, and Chair Quaempts. Motion passed unanimously.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/j0H-DTN0Ruo?si=jeXkxNkW2Eh9Oou3&t=10626>

[Meeting was adjourned.](#)

**Water Resources Commission Minutes**

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

**Hybrid & Bend, Oregon**

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Attendees				
Commissioners	OWRD Staff		Others	
Eric Quaempts	Ivan Gall	Kim Fritz-Ogren	Kimberley Priestley	Rob Kuntz (V)
Julie Smitherman	Racquel Rancier	Kelly Mainz (V)	Konrad Fisher	Mark Owens (V)
Kathy Kihara	Doug Woodcock	Dwight French (V)	Chris Hall	Janna Guzman (V)
Jan Lee	Ken Turner	Scott Ceciliani (V)	Stephanie Tidwell	Steve Parrett (V)
Joe Moll	Mindy Lane	Linda Ray (V)	April Snell	
Meg Reeves	Alyssa Rash	Matt Day (V)	Glenn Barrett	
Woody Wolfe	Laura Hartt	Adair Muth (V)		
	Tom Skiles	Tim Seymour (V)		

[Chair Quaempts convened the meeting.](#)

**D. [Harney Basin Rulemaking Update](#)**

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, and Kelly Mainz, Water Policy Analyst, presented to the Commission on the Harney Basin proposed Critical Groundwater Area and the target water level trend of zero decline.

[Public Comment, Representative Mark Owens](#)

[Public Comment, Chris Hall](#)

[Public Comment, Konrad Fisher](#)

**E. [Overview of Water Projects Grants and Loan](#)**

Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments Section Manager, presented 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 was asked for feedback on what information it needs as it makes funding decisions.

[Public Comment, Stephanie Tidwell](#)

[Public Comment, Konrad Fisher](#)

[Public Comment, April Snell](#)

[Public Comment, Kimberley Priestley](#)

**F. [City of Silverton Feasibility Study Grant Inflation Increase](#)**

Adair Muth, Grant Coordinator, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration, and Investments

Section Manager, presented 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 was asked to consider a funding increase for the project.*

Commissioner Lee moved to approve alternative one of the staff funding recommendation for the \$25,000 for the Silverton Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project. Commissioner Kihara seconded the motion. Votes in favor: Commissioners Moll, Kihara, Wolfe, Vice Chair Smitherman, Commissioners Reeves, Lee and Chair Quaempts. Motion passed unanimously.

<https://youtu.be/gqF1A2erQ-U?si=Q6sBRtaZlgSJBu53&t=11072>

#### **H. Commissioner Comments and Farewell to Commissioner Reeves**

Commissioners reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on a variety of water resource topics. The Department and Commission thanked Commissioner Reeves for her service.

[Public Comment, Kimberley Priestley](#)

[Public Comment, Chris Hall](#)

#### **I. Public Comment and Other Issues**

There were no additional public comments or other issues.

[Meeting was adjourned.](#)

Submitted by Mindy Lane, Executive Support, Director's Office.

Commented [RW1]: @LANE Mindy J \* WRL if there were no other issues or public comment we should say that here. If there were, we need to list them.

Commented [ML2R1]: @RANCIER Racquel R \* WRL does this language look good? There were no comments or discussion on this item