

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

WORK SESSION

ROSEBURG

APRIL 7, 1994

MINUTES

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OTHERS (Continued)

George Kobylecky
A. H. Mirati
Jim Siys
Keith Cubic
Chuck Cates
Frank Nielsen
Joyce Morgan

In addition to those individuals listed above, report authors and other staff were present for particular agenda items.

The reports presented at this meeting, which contain the Director's recommendations mentioned in these minutes, are on file in the office of the Director of the Water Resources Department, 158 12th Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97310. Written information submitted at this meeting is hereby made a part of this record and is on file at the above address. Audiocassette recording tapes of the meeting are also on file in the Water Resources Department office.

Chair Stickel called the meeting to order.

1. DOUGLAS COUNTY'S DISCUSSION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ROLE IN MANAGEMENT AND ALLOCATION OF WATER

Douglas County Commissioner Joyce Morgan introduced Keith Cubic, Chuck Cates, Frank Nielsen, John Youngquist, and Ron Yockim, Chair, County Advisory Board. Douglas County has raised issues concerning the need for increased local government participation in water management and allocation. The County discussed these issues with the Commission.

The County expressed concern that the process for granting instream water rights does not adequately address local water use plans and priorities or long range out-of-stream water needs. Allocation decisions of such magnitude can foreclose future water uses and should be guided by integrated land and water use planning. To resolve this concern, the County proposed a concept for an "instream reservoir." Under this concept, future appropriations from the Umpqua would be from water reserved to the County and allocated through the County's review process and public interest determinations subject to the Commission's oversight.

The Commission expressed interest in exploring the County's water allocation concept, including any related legislative changes and in concert with the Department's current work on a revised basin planning process.

Jeff Curtis, WaterWatch, commented. Tape 2, Mark 191.

2. PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF THE 1995 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Beth Patrino, Director's Office, explained that staff are seeking feedback on proposed evaluation criteria for legislative proposals and the general descriptions of the legislative concepts. The proposed schedule for the development of legislative proposals was reviewed.

Martha Pagel reminded the Commission that the Department's legislative strategy is based on linking legislative proposals to the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan and that such a link would guide the development of our legislative package and budget issues.

At the Commission's last meeting, the strategy for the 1995 Legislative Session that involved the development of one major policy bill and a small number of other proposals was approved. Staff prepared proposed evaluation criteria

and general descriptions of proposed legislative elements for the 1995 legislative package. Proposed elements include measures related to transfers, information management, water use flexibility, water use efficiency, removal of obstacles to watershed health and fees.

Anita Johnson suggested changing the name of the review group to something other than "focus group."

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

This was an informational report. No Commission action was required.

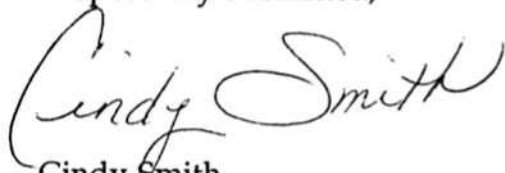
PUBLIC COMMENT

George Kobylecky commented. Tape 2, Mark 785.

Al Mirati, Department of Fish and Wildlife, commented. Tape 3, Mark 44.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Cindy Smith
Commission Assistant