

**OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION RETREAT**

**September 11-12, 1995**

**Silver Falls Conference Center**

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In addition to those listed above, other staff were present for particular segments of the retreat.

Written material submitted at this retreat is part of the meeting record and is on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 158 12th Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97310. Audiotapes of the retreat are on file at the same address.

The Oregon Water Resources Commission conducted its biennial retreat on September 11 and 12. Participants included public interest group representatives, Department staff and others.

The morning of the 11th was devoted to a survey of interest groups' visions of desired future water management for Oregon. Commission members questioned participants about their views and also shared their visions and objectives for managing Oregon's water resources. In addition, Paula Burgess, the Governor's Natural Resource Advisor, spoke to the group about the Governor's priorities and viewpoints on water resource management. The afternoon of the 11th was spent in exploring a hypothetical water use application for a fictitious computer-chip manufacturing plant. This application exercise was designed to bring out statewide water policy issues and to profile the water management perspectives of the Commission.

On the morning of the 12th, the Commission discussed a number of questions, including:

- What do we need to understand the resource?
- What do we need to understand existing and future water needs?
- What should go into evaluating a water use request
- What are the responsibilities of a water user?
- What are the responsibilities of the agency?
- What is the desirable level of public knowledge of Oregon's water system?

The afternoon of the 12th included presentation and discussion of reports on a number of topics, including: the agency mission and strategic plan; the status of statewide water policies and implementing actions; and a service delivery study commissioned by the agency.

The retreat closed with a discussion by the entire group of future water management priorities.



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