

**Oregon Water Resources Commission Work Session  
November 16, 1995  
Astoria, Oregon**

Members

Cliff Bentz  
Mike Jewett  
John Frewing  
Tyler Hansell  
Anita Johnson  
Nancy Leonard

Others

Lorna Stickel  
Gene Seibel  
Alan Fletcher  
Rick Kruger  
Bob Hoeffel  
Kimberley Priestley

Staff

Martha Pagel  
Jerry Lidz  
Diane Reynolds  
Danielle Clair  
Rick Bastasch  
Steve Applegate  
Michael Ricker  
Tom Paul  
Tom Byler  
Al Cook  
Jeannette Holman

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

Agenda reports and other written material submitted at this meeting are part of the meeting record and are on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 158 12th St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97310. Audiotapes of the meeting are on file at the same address.

Commissioner Johnson chaired the meeting until the arrival of Commissioners Bentz and Jewett.

**1. Information Report on the Portland Metropolitan Area Regional Water Supply Plan**

Lorna Stickel, Portland Water Bureau; Gene Seibel, Tualatin Valley Water District; and Alan Fletcher, Clackamas River Water District, presented this update to the Commissioners.

With the use of charts and maps, Stickel shared information including the sources of water supply that now serve the Portland community, their current installed capacity, and estimates of future demands and possible supply options. Approximately 28 entities have been participating in the regional water supply plan effort. Many public meetings and workshops are being offered to gather comments on the plan.

## **2. Information Report on Rulemaking Activities**

Rick Bastasch and Jeannette Holman of the Director's office presented this information item to the Commissioners.

Development of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery rules is under way to implement HB 3183; Donn Miller is the lead staff person. These rules will be presented to the Commission for consideration in January 1996. Commissioner Frewing said he would encourage Department staff to accept technical advice from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Health Division when considering aquifer storage and recovery.

Bob Rice is lead staff person for development of the Division 33 Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species rules. Public hearings will be scheduled for January. Proposed adoption by the Commission is March 1996. Rick Kruger, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and a member of the Rules Advisory Committee, commented that there is now some question as to the need for these rules. Pagel said the Commission might want to discuss the issue Friday of whether the Water Right Application Processing rules would sufficiently cover what is being developed in these Division 33 rules.

Also proposed for adoption by the Commission at the March 1996 meeting are the Division 15 Transfer rules. These are primarily housekeeping changes as a result of the last legislative session. Larry Nunn is the lead staff person.

Staff are working with the Ground Water Advisory Committee to develop rules for well construction standards, Divisions 200 to 240.

Rulemaking is planned for the spring or summer of 1996 on Reservations, Exempt Ponds, Well Construction Standards, and Critical Ground Water Areas.

## **3. Follow-up Report on the Commission's Retreat**

Rick Bastasch, Administrator of the Strategic Planning and Policy Coordination Division, presented this report describing how the Department is putting into practice some of the ideas brought forward at the September retreat. Overall, the Strategic Plan held up well, and, with some adjustments, offers the best vehicle for carrying forward with Commission direction. The five major areas of discussion at the retreat were: policy observations, communication


needs, data management, process recommendations, and funding issues. Bastasch distributed a worksheet showing the Department's progress in implementing management priorities in the Strategic Plan, and related comments from the retreat.

Commissioner Leonard mentioned that water quality was discussed at the retreat. Bastasch said that as a result of that discussion, Russell Harding from the Department of Environmental Quality has been invited to make a presentation at Friday's meeting on that subject.

Commissioner Frewing asked about the focus of getting water back in depleted streams. Bastasch said this will be highlighted in the agency workplan.

Commissioner Bentz asked about enforcement as a water management priority of the Department. Pagel responded that the Strategic Plan discusses enforcement as one of our tools to accomplish department objectives. Staff cannot depend upon formal enforcement as a way of achieving our goals -- more must be done through voluntary compliance and informal actions. Tom Paul, Northwest Region Manager, said educating the public is the best form of enforcement; it often results in voluntary compliance. Pagel agreed that when Department field staff are actively involved with the local community, as in watershed councils, much progress is being made. There is now more streamflow restoration resulting from volunteer compliance as a result of people understanding water management and working together.

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned.



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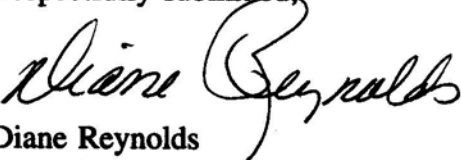
The public was invited to this meeting for informal discussion with the Commission members on local water-related topics of interest.

Joe Bakkensen, Clatsop County Commissioner, shared information on a draft local watershed plan. Mr. Bakkensen is concerned about increased population and limited water supply. He described the current sources of water supply to the area communities.

Dave Kinash, from Cannon Beach, expressed interest in the Forest Practices rules and restrictions on the use of insecticides and other chemicals. He is concerned about logging in a local watershed.

Jan Brown, from Clatskanie, spoke on poor water quality and property flooding in the Woodson Diking District.

Respectfully submitted,



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