

Oregon Water Resources Commission Work Session
January 22, 1998
Salem

Members

Nancy Leonard
Mike Jewett
John Frewing
Jim Nakano
Ron Nelson
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Staff

Martha Pagel
Geoff Huntington
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Barry Norris
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Others

Ves Garner
Ed Henricks
Steve Applegate
Jan Lee
Roger Bachman
Kimberley Priestley
Pete Test
Doug Myers
Janet Neuman
Reed Benson
Andrew Purkey
Marc Liverman

In addition to those listed above, other staff were present for portions of the work session. Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 158 12th Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97310. Audiotapes of the work session are on file at the same address.

Huntington explained that this work session was part of an ongoing series of discussions that began at the October 1997 Commission Workshop. The workshop focused on creating partnerships to work toward efforts to enhance streamflows. It was decided to continue with more focused discussions of the many issues that came forward at that workshop. At the November meeting Commissioners and staff reviewed the main issues from the workshop and decided to form an informal subcommittee to prioritize issues and discuss a schedule for presentations. The subcommittee met in December and suggested that the concept of split season and partial duty leases be discussed at the work session in January. Another suggestion was to discuss the Healthy Streams Partnership and interaction of SB 1010 and the federal Clean Water Act -- this presentation is on the agenda for the Friday, January 23rd meeting.

This work session was set up as a round table discussion including Commissioners, staff and stakeholders. Invited comments were presented by Janet Neuman and Andrew Purkey, Oregon Water Trust; Roger Bachman, Oregon Trout; Steve Applegate; Pete Test, Oregon Farm Bureau; Reed Benson, WaterWatch; Jan Lee, Oregon Water Resources Congress; and Ed Henricks, Willamette Industries. In addition, Department staff raised policy concerns relating to the underlying principles of appurtenancy and beneficial use of water rights which would be altered if split season or partial duty leases were authorized. Comments were expressed by other interests that even though this would be a departure from historical principals of water law, there would be good reasons to consider split season leases in an attempt to restore instream flows and promote innovative new ideas. No decision was made at this work session — the Commission will provide direction at the Friday, January 23rd meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane K. Addicott".

Diane K. Addicott
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