

Oregon Water Resources Commission Work Session
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Barry Norris, Field and Technical Services, introduced George Taylor and Jack Dymond. Both gentlemen are Professors of Oceanography at Oregon State University; George Taylor is also the State Climatologist. Dymond and Taylor gave separate presentations to the Commission on global warming and El Nino and responded to their questions.

Following the global warming presentation, Geoff Huntington, Deputy Director; and Tom Byler, Legislation and Rules Coordinator, discussed with the Commission preparation for the 1999 Legislative Session. Byler distributed a list of proposed legislative concepts, and timelines to work within. Staff first began to consider possible concepts last fall and have shared them with

interested stakeholders. April 15th is the deadline to submit our proposals to the Department of Administrative Services.

Frewing suggested staff consider a concept which would clarify "waste." Other issues might be the level of staff enforcement and need for flow measurement data.

Regarding concept #1 on the list relating to state-funded county positions, Leonard suggested that legislation might be considered that would allow the counties to help fund these positions through a road fund rather than general funds. Leonard said that county road funds are much easier to access than general funds; and the Oregon Plan does include needs for roads and culverts.

Huntington outlined the process for the 1999-2001 agency budget development. Each agency develops a requested budget and submits it to the Department of Administrative Services. A Governor's recommended budget is then developed from those agency requested budgets, and submitted to the Legislature. In April WRD staff will work on developing option packages they would like to have included in our requested budget. Division administrators will then review these option packages and update Commissioners at the May 15th meeting. The final version of the agency requested budget will come to the Commission for review at the July meeting. August 3rd is the deadline for submitting WRD's budget to the Department of Administrative Services for consideration by the Governor and Legislature.

A Senate Interim Budget Committee has been formed to review agencies' functions and how the budgeting process influences the ability of agencies to meet their strategic objectives. This committee will meet informally with representatives of agencies to discuss various issues including how agencies have functioned the last few bienniums in the budgeting process, how the budgets have supported agency strategic plans, and responsibilities of agencies that may overlap. WRD will appear before this committee April 17.

There being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned into an Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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