Oregon Water Resources Commission Teleconference February 8, 1999 Salem

Members Nancy Leonard Mike Jewett Tyler Hansell Jim Nakano John Frewing Dan Thorndike

Staff Geoff Huntington Dwight French Barry Norris Tom Paul Dave Jarrett Tom Byler Diane Addicott <u>Others</u> Chuck Norris Fred Ziari Jan Lee Larry Tuttle

Tom Byler offered a general update on legislative activities. He said has not been much activity as yet since it is so early in the session. Hearings were held last week before the House Water and Environment Committee on House Bills 2163, 2164, and 2165.

There will be a hearing February 18 on SB 299 before the Senate Water and Land use Committee. Chuck Norris asked for an explanation of this bill. Byler explained this bill would allow the court to consider changes made to surface or ground water claims which occur prior to an adjudication proceeding.

Thorndike asked about the status of appointments to the Commission. Huntington said the only pending appointment is that of Rosemary Furfey who would represent the Northwest region. As yet there has not been a date set for her Senate hearing.

Byler will be sending out information to the Commissioners regarding bill information available on the intranet.

Byler announced that during the March 22nd teleconference, staff are planning to present proposed rules for adoption on confidential mediation involving litigation and workplace disputes.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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