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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item B, September 10, 2009

Water Resources Commission Meeting

Legislative Update – What Happened

The 75th Oregon Legislative Assembly adjourned Sine Die on June 29, 2009, having passed a number of water resource-related bills, in addition to the Department's budget. Staff reviewed most of these bills with the Commission during the June 2009 Water Resources Commission meeting. Attached is a one-page summary of the budget and policy bills that relate most to water resources. The description for each bill includes a brief overview of the bill's content, the date the bill takes effect, and a link to the full text of the enrolled bill.

The September 10, 2009 briefing will include an update of the Department's implementation of each bill thus far. Note that an entire hour during the September 11 meeting will be reserved for discussion of HB 3369, one of the more complex bills passed during the 2009 legislative session.

In addition, the Legislature has announced which interim committees will meet between now and the next special Legislative Session scheduled for February 2010. The Department will likely participate in interim hearings held by the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the House Environment and Water Committee.

Attachment: Legislative Summary

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