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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Water Resources Commission Meeting
Agenda Item D, January 13, 2005

Legislative Update

The 2005 Legislative Session kicked-off January 10, 2005. Attachments 1 and 2 list the Senate and House committees where the Department will likely provide testimony. The Department has been invited to appear before the House Water Committee on Friday, January 14, 2005, to provide an overview of the Department and Oregon water law.

Staff have previously shared with the Commission a summary of the Department's legislative proposals. (*See* Attachment 3) All six of the Department's proposals have been drafted into bills. Four of the Department's six legislative proposals have been introduced by the Governor on behalf of the Department and the Office of Regulatory Streamlining. Those four bills are House Bills (HB) 2083, 2178, 2186 and Senate Bill (SB) 179. Attachment 4 is the full text of the Department's six legislative proposals.

Staff will continue to keep the Commission apprised of legislative issues as they arise. In addition to the Department's proposals, water-related legislative policy issues that may arise include municipal water use, water right ownership, the Klamath Basin Adjudication, instream activities, water use measurement, exempt ground water use and the Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation program.

Attachments:

1. Senate Committee Assignments
2. House Committee Assignments
3. Summary of Department's 2005 Legislative Proposals
4. HB 2083, HB 2123, HB 2178, HB 2186, SB 179, SB 185 (Provided for Commission members)