

Oregon Water Resources Commission
Workshop
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On Monday afternoon, November 8, and all day Tuesday, November 9, Commissioners, Department staff, and guests attended workshops and participated in panel discussions covering the current capabilities and future possibilities of water use measurement. Leading the

mini-workshops Monday were Brian Hamilton, Agricultural Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation; Lloyd VanGordon, Southwest Region Water Rights Technician; Ed Hubbard, Supervisory Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey; and Ben Scales, Hydrographic Specialist with WRD. Following the workshop sessions, Tom Paul and Barry Norris led a discussion on the Department's existing measurement authority and programs.

On Tuesday morning, reports on different measurement projects were presented. Coby Menton, Wallowa Soil and Water Conservation District; and WRD's East Region Manager, Jerry Rodgers, explained projects on the Lostine River and Bear Creek located in Wallowa County. Watermaster Tony Justus and Mike Ladd, WRD's North Central Region Manager, gave an overview of the water management in the Umatilla Basin. Reed Benson, WaterWatch, and WRD's South Central Region Manager Bob Main, reported on data collection and analysis of the Wood River streamflow.

Following a short break, a panel discussion on stakeholder perspectives on measurement was held. Panel members included Rex Barber, farmer and Board Chair of Water for Life; Reed Benson, WaterWatch Executive Director; Dan Bradley, General Manager of the South Fork Water Board; and Brian Hamilton, Bureau of Reclamation Agricultural Engineer. Chuck Shonneker, Manager of North Unit Irrigation District, had been invited to participate on the panel but at the last minute was not able to attend.

That afternoon, Department Region Managers led a discussion on their individual perspectives on measurement. Following that, the session ended with a discussion on the future possibilities of water measurement, and review of a draft guidance statement -- "The accurate measurement of water uses and the data resulting from measurement are a necessary part of effectively managing Oregon's water resources. It is the goal of the Water Resources Commission and Water Resources Department to work with local water users toward comprehensive measurement of all significant water uses and to make that data available to the public." Staff were requested to prepare a revised guidance statement for further consideration at a future Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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