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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item O, November 19, 2010
Water Resources Commission Meeting

Water Resources Commission Revenue Enhancement Subcommittee Report

During the August 20, 2010 Water Resources Commission meeting, Commission members received a budget briefing from Department staff. The briefing focused on the allotment reductions the Department had taken during June and those planned for September 2010. Finally, the staff shared information about the 2011-13 budget development process and the 25 percent general fund reductions the Department has been directed to identify. Such reductions could translate to as many as 35 staff lay-offs and almost \$6 million in budget reductions.

As a result of this briefing, Commissioners shared their concerns about the Department's long-term financial stability and ability to perform its core functions, at a time when management of water resources is becoming ever more critical to the health and recovery of Oregon's economy and environment. Chair Jackson appointed a Revenue Subcommittee of three commissioners, John Roberts (chair), Ray Williams, and Jeanne LeJeune, to work with Department staff to identify and develop additional funding.

The Subcommittee may offer a resolution to the full Commission for consideration during the November 19 meeting.

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