

Oregon Water Resources Commission

Work Session

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### **Water Bank 2000**

A panel of guests were invited by the Bureau of Reclamation, Oregon Water Trust, Deschutes Basin Resources Conservancy, and the Water Resources Department to discuss existing examples of water banks and the potential for water banking in the Deschutes Basin. Speakers included Eric Glover, Bureau of Reclamation; Rick Glick, Davis Wright Tremaine; Ken Slattery, Washington Department of Ecology; Will Boschman, Semitropic Water Storage District; and Zach Willey, Environmental Defense.

Commissioner Ron Nelson, a member of the Deschutes Basin Resources Conservancy (DRC), opened this work session with a brief history of the DRC. He explained that the group was founded by individuals concerned about the future of the region's economy and environment, with the goal to improve water quantity and quality in the Deschutes Basin. In 1996 Congress passed legislation to recognize the DRC as a private corporation established under state law. Congress authorized a 50/50 cost share between the DRC and the federal government for any mutually acceptable projects, and provided a \$1,000,000 per year fund for a five-year start up period. Nelson said the DRC is in the process of establishing a water bank in the Basin.

Each member of the panel, using slides, overheads, and graphs, spoke on various aspects of water banking and responded to questions and comments. Rick Glick provided an overview of potential legal and institutional structures related to water banking and water marketing. Ken Slattery discussed water banking options in the state of Washington. Will Boschman talked about a ground water banking project in Central California. Zach Willey presented his ideas on a water bank concept for the Deschutes Basin. Audio tapes of the panel discussion are available at the Department of Water Resources.

Respectfully submitted,



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