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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item H, August 22, 2008
Water Resources Commission Meeting



100th Anniversary of Oregon's Water Code

I. Issue Statement and Background

February 24, 2009 will mark the 100th anniversary of Oregon Water Code. To commemorate the occasion, the Department has planned a number of activities for the Commission, policymakers, stakeholders, and the public.

During the August 22 meeting, the Commission will discuss ways in which the Commission and Department could commemorate the occasion, sharing Water Resources' history as well as updates of current and future programs with policymakers and the public.

II. Discussion

The Department has commissioned a centennial logo, pictured above, that we have begun to use in documents and presentations. This logo will also appear on lapel pins that we have produced with help from a number of sponsors: GSI Water Solutions Inc.; Jordan Schrader law firm; League of Oregon Cities; Oregon Water Resources Congress; Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt; Special Districts Association of Oregon; and Stoeel Rives LLP. These pins will be made available to the Commission, Department staff, sponsors, stakeholders, and colleagues in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government. The pins provide an opportunity to make the link between the history of water law in Oregon and the water resource issues we face today.

In partnership with the Oregon 150 Committee, we will have display space at the Capitol during the 2009 Legislative Session.

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Department staff are writing a brief history of the Department and Commission as part of the Oregon 150 celebration; a separate section will highlight the history of the Oregon Water Code itself. All of these materials will be posted on the Department's website.

We would also like to hold the February 2009 Commission meeting in Salem, with part of the event at or near the Capitol to give Legislators an opportunity to meet with the Commission.

The Commission is invited to share additional ideas to mark the occasion.

III. Conclusion

No Commission action is necessary.

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