



# Oregon

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### **OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 17 – 18, 2011**

**Water Resources Department  
Conference Room 124  
725 Summer Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301**

*If a specific time is indicated for an agenda item, an effort will be made to consider that item as close to that time as possible. However, because of the uncertain length of time needed for each agenda item, scheduled times may be modified. Those wishing to hear discussion of an item should arrive at the beginning of the meeting to avoid missing the item.*

*A public comment period is provided at approximately 11:40 a.m. on Friday for issues not included on the agenda. Public comment on agenda items will be taken as each item is considered by the Commission. Asterisks denote items on which public comment will generally not be taken (please see page 3).*

*Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, will be on the Commission's website at [http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff\\_reports/](http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff_reports/).*

#### **TOUR: Thursday, February 17, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm**

The Commission will depart from the Department at 7:30 am to tour Aquifer Storage and Recovery projects in Beaverton. The Commission will visit the sites belonging to members of the Joint Water Commission. The Commission will tour from approximately 7:30 am to 12:50 pm.

The public is invited to attend the tour, but transportation will be provided only for Commissioners and Department staff. If you wish to join the tour, you must make your own transportation arrangements. Please contact Cindy Smith at (503) 986-0876, if you plan to attend.

#### **COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, February 17 (1:00 pm)**

- A. Presentation by the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)**  
Jim Root, Founder of the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, and Shannon Peterson, Executive Director, will give a presentation to the Commission. *This is an informational report only.*
- B. Integrated Water Resources Strategy Update and Discussion (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)**  
Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, will give an update on the progress of the Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS). The Commission will have an opportunity to discuss and provide input on recent events, accomplishments and public policy issues. *This is an informational report only.*

**Break (3:00 pm - 3:15 pm)**

**Integrated Water Resources Strategy Discussion Continued.**

- C. Peak & Ecological Flow Policy Development Process (4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)**  
Barry Norris, State Engineer, will update the Commission on the policy development process that will follow the development of the Ecological Flow White Paper. *This is an informational report only.*

**COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, February 18 (8:00 am)**

- D. Approval of Minutes**  
The minutes of the November 18 and 19, 2010 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*
- E. Commission Comments**  
Commissioners will report on their recent activities and share information and comments on a variety of water resource topics.
- F. Director's Report**  
Director Phil Ward will update the Commission on Department business, and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report only.*
- G. February 2011 Legislative Update (8:30 am – 9:30 am)**  
Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on the Department's bills and other water-related bills being considered this session. A guest panel comprised of Katie Fast, Oregon Farm Bureau; Anita Winkler, Oregon Water Resources Congress; John DeVoe, WaterWatch of Oregon; Mark Landauer, Special Districts; and Chris Fick, League of Oregon Cities, will discuss legislative priorities for the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. *This is an informational report only.*
- H. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by the Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center under ORS 536.295 (9:30 am – 10:00 am)**  
Dwight French, Water Rights Services Administrator, will present a request from the Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center for the Department to consider a water right application requesting a use not included in the Basin Program. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the request.*
- Break (10:00 am – 10:15 am)**
- I. Budget Update: 2011-13 Governor's Balanced Budget (10:15 am – 11:00 am)**  
Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will give the Commission an update on the Department's current financial situation and next biennium's budget as proposed by the Governor. *This is an informational report only.*

**J. Water Resources Commission Revenue Enhancement Subcommittee Report  
(11:00 am – 11:40 am)**

The Water Resources Commission Revenue Subcommittee will brief the Commission on the outcome of discussions of the committee and offer recommendations to the Commission. *The Commission may be asked to adopt a resolution.*

**K. Public Comment (approximately 11:40 am)**

**L. Other Issues**

**Meeting Procedures:** Generally, agenda items will be taken in the order above. However, in certain circumstances, the Commission may elect to take an item out of order. Please be aware that topics not listed on the agenda may be introduced during the Commission Comment period, the Director's Report, Public Comment period, Other Issues or at other times during the meeting.

Oregon's Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Commission members may meet for meals on Thursday and Friday.

**Executive Session:** The Commission may also convene in a confidential executive session where, by law, only members of the press and Department staff may attend. Others will be asked to leave the room during these discussions, which usually deal with current or potential litigation. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commission member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

**\*Public Testimony:** The Commission encourages public comment on any agenda item. However, public testimony may be limited on items marked with an asterisk (\*). The asterisk means that the item has already been the subject of a formal public hearing or contested case hearing. On certain items marked with an asterisk, the Commission may be authorized to allow public comments. People wishing to speak to the Commission are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). Comments relating to a specific agenda item will be heard by the Commission as each agenda item is considered. Comments on other topics may be made during the public comment period on Friday at approximately 11:40 am.

Every attempt will be made to share with the Commission written comments that are delivered to the Director's Office in advance of the meeting date. Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged so that Commissioners have sufficient opportunity to review materials prior to the meeting. To submit written comments directly to the Commission, please bring at least ten copies to the meeting.

Questions? If you have any questions about this agenda or the Commission's procedures, please call Cindy Smith, Commission Assistant, at 503-986-0876.

If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Cindy Smith at the phone number mentioned above as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

### **Water Resources Commission**

(with city of residence, region represented, and year of term expiration)

*The Commission is a seven-member citizen body that sets state water policy and oversees activities of the Water Resources Department.*

John Jackson, Chair	Cornelius	Northwest Region	2013
Charles Barlow, Vice-Chair	Nyssa	Eastern Region	2013
Mary Meloy	Bend	North Central Region	2013
Jeanne LeJeune	Portland	West Side at Large	2012
John Roberts	Medford	Southwest Region	2012
Ray Williams	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large	2013
Carol Whipple	Elkton	West Central Region	2013

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### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING**

#### **From I-5**

Take Exit 256 (Market Street). Heading west on Market, go approx. 2 miles to Summer Street. Turn left onto Summer Street. Go less than 1/2 mile to our building. Our building is located on your right between the Department of State Lands and the Employment Building.

#### **Parking**

Parking is located along Summer Street and also Winter Street (west side of building). Parking along Summer Street is metered. The parking along Winter Street has a 2-hour limit.

There are six 2-hour parking stalls located between our building and the Employment Building to our south. Parking is also available in the Yellow Lot which is located two blocks south of our building for a fee.