



Oregon Water Resources Commission Meeting Agenda

September 11 - 12, 2025

Warm Springs Community Cafeteria

1150 Warm Springs Street, Warm Springs, OR 97761
and virtual via Zoom

Day 1 of Commission Meeting

TOUR – 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

The tour will begin at North Plains Seed Co. with a discussion on agriculture, irrigation, drought, and conservation strategies in Jefferson County, followed by a walk-through of a modern seed cleaning facility. Participants will then visit the Warm Springs Power Enterprise to learn about the history of the Pelton Round Butte Dam Complex, ongoing efforts to restore salmon and steelhead populations, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation Water Rights Settlement Agreement. The morning will conclude with a visit to an innovative solar-powered hydro panel project that produces clean drinking water from the air, providing an interim water source for Warm Springs residents while long-term infrastructure improvements are completed.

The public is invited to attend the tour in person. No virtual option is available for the tour. Individuals attending the tour should be prepared for sun or rain, bringing comfortable closed-toed shoes or boots, water, a hat, sunscreen, jacket, and umbrella or rain jacket. If you wish to join the tour, please make your own transportation arrangements. If you would like to RSVP, please send an email to Cassidy Fredlund at cassidy.a.fredlund@water.oregon.gov by close of business, Monday, September 8th. A more detailed itinerary will be provided to participants that RSVP once details are finalized.

Lunch – 12:00 - 1:00 pm

A. Consideration for Adoption – Oregon’s 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy – 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resources Strategy Specialist, will present a summary of the final draft of the 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *The Commission will be asked to consider adopting the 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy.*

B. Strategic and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice Plan – 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Ivan Gall, Director, and Margo Mashkovskaya, Policy Analyst, will present the final 2025-2030 Oregon Water Resources Department Strategic Plan. *This is an informational report.*

Break 2:45 - 3:00pm

C. Feasibility Study Grants Funding Recommendations – 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Adair Muth, Grants Manager, and Louisa Mariki, Grants Analyst, will present the funding recommendations for the 2025 funding cycle of Feasibility Study Grants. *The Commission will be asked to make funding decisions.*

D. Central Region Update – 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Carolyn Sufit, Central Region Manager, Bill Nashem, District 24 Watermaster, Angella Rinehold, Senior Water Advisor, and Joe Kemper, Hydrogeologist, will provide an update on local water management issues in the Central Region.

E. Director's Report – 4:45 - 5:15 pm

Ivan Gall, Director, will provide an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report and includes informational report outs.*

Adjourn 5:15pm

Day 2 of Commission Meeting

F. *Division 512 Rulemaking Update – 8:00 - 9:30 am

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, and Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, will present details of the proposed Division 512 rules, reasoning, and intent for the proposal, and a brief summary of themes from comments received during the public comment period. *This is an informational report.*

Break 9:30 - 9:45 am

G. *Update on Guidance for Voluntary Agreements Among Groundwater Users – 9:45 - 10:30 am

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, and Laura Hartt, Water Policy Analyst, will present an update on Departmental guidance to assist the Commission when evaluating whether a submitted voluntary agreement is consistent with statutory requirements (ORS 537.745). *This is an informational report.*

H. *State Recognition of the Harney Community-Based Water Planning Collaborative's Integrated Water Resources Plan – 10:30 - 11:45 am

Holly Stanitsas, Project Manager, Harney CBWP Collaborative, Lili Prah, Planning Coordinator, and Alexandria Scott, Engagement Coordinator, will present on the Harney Integrated Water Resources Plan and the accompanying state agency recommendation for state recognition of the plan. *The Commission will be asked to recognize the plan.*

I. Meeting Minutes – 11:45 - 11:50 am

The minutes of the June 2025 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

J. Commissioners' Comments – 11:50 am - 12:20 pm

Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.

K. *Public Comment and Other Issues – 12:20 pm

Adjourn

Meeting Location and Procedures

This meeting will be recorded.

Meeting Format: Members of the public may join in-person or virtually.

In-Person: 1150 Warm Springs Street, Warm Springs, OR 97761

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 1

[Zoom Link](#)

Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782 Webinar ID: 832 3956 5201 Passcode: 644685

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 2

[Zoom Link](#)

Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782 Webinar ID: 890 3317 3811 Passcode: 234408

Members of the public who want to give oral comment must [submit an oral public comment request form from our website](#) by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. If registration isn't received by this deadline, we cannot guarantee that your comment will be heard.

Timing of Agenda Items: Agenda items are generally taken in the order listed above. However, under certain circumstances, the Commission may elect to take an item out of order. If a specific time is indicated for an agenda item, every effort will be made to consider the agenda item as close to the scheduled time as possible. However, because of the uncertain length of time needed for each agenda item, scheduled times may be modified.

Meeting Materials: Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, can be found on the Commission's website by clicking on the following link:

https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=41

***Public Testimony and Comments:** Items marked with an asterisk have been subject to a formal public hearing or are closely linked to a public hearing. The Commission cannot accept testimony or comments on the Division 512 rules process, as the public comment period for those items closed at 5:00 pm on August 13, 2025. Please do not raise comments or issues associated with the Division 512 rules during public comment of these agenda items, or during the general public comment agenda item.

Written Comments: Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged. To ensure full consideration by the Commission, written comments should be sent to the staff contact below via email by 5:00 PM on Monday, September 8, 2025. *Please note Commissioners may not have sufficient time to review materials received after the recommended deadline.* A confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email or have questions about submission of written public comment, please follow up with the staff contact below.

Oral Comments: Oral comments may be limited to three minutes. 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. To make an oral comment, you must electronically submit an Oral Public Comment Request Form or notify the staff contact below by phone or email by 5:00 PM on September 10, 2025. *The Commission will do its best to accommodate requests received after the start of the meeting, however, please note it may not be feasible.* Oral Public Comment Request Forms can be found on the [Commission's webpage](#).

Executive Session and Meals: The Commission may also convene in a confidential Executive Session where, by law, only members of the press and Department staff may attend. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commissioner will make a public announcement and

explain the necessary procedures. Oregon’s Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Commission members may meet for meals during the days prior to and days of the meeting.

Special Accommodations: If special accommodations are needed, please advise staff contact below as soon as possible, *but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

Staff Contact: If you have any questions about this agenda or the Commission’s procedures, please contact:

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