



Oregon Water Resources Commission

REVISED Meeting Agenda

December 11 – 12, 2025
725 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301
and virtual via Zoom

Day 1 of Commission Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Thursday, December 11, 2025 8:00 - 9:00 am

East Valley Water District Contested Case:

The Commission will meet in executive session to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The executive session is being conducted pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) and is closed to the public. Please see page 4 for special instructions on how to join the Executive Session.

A. In the Matter of Water Right Application R-87871 in the Name of East Valley Water District: Further Proceedings on Remand from the Oregon Supreme Court – 9:00 - 9:45 am

Eliot Crafton, Water Rights Section Manager, and Jesse Ratcliffe, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice, will provide an update on the Oregon Supreme Court's remand of this matter to the Commission. *The Commission will be asked to conduct further proceedings to address issues identified in the Oregon Supreme Court's opinion and to consider whether to approve issuance of a new final order.*

I. Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy Workplan Development – 9:45 - 10:15 am

Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resources Strategy Specialist, will present the draft 2025-27 Strategy Workplan that has been developed by multiple state agencies and a proposed development approach for the 2027-29 Strategy Workplan. *This is an informational report.*

Break 10:15 - 10:30 am

G. Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding Recommendations and Program Updates – 10:30 - 11:30 am

Louisa Mariki, Grant Analyst, and Adair Muth, Grants Manager, will present the Technical Review Team's scoring results, evaluation summaries, funding recommendations, and public comments received and provide program updates. *The Commission will be asked to award funding for Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding.*

C. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee – 11:30 - 11:45 am

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, will present recommendations for appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the proposed appointments.*

Lunch 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

D. Division 512 Harney Basin Groundwater Proposed Rules – 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, and Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, will present the recommended Division 512 rules with revisions. *The commission will be asked to consider the adoption of these rules.*

Break 3:00 - 3:15 pm

E. Division 512 Rulemaking Petition – 3:15 - 4:45 pm

Ivan Gall, Director, and Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director, will present the Division 512 Rulemaking Petition with the Director's recommendation. *The Commission will be asked to consider whether to accept the petition and initiate a rulemaking on Division 512 or whether to deny the petition.*

F. Public Comment Period – 4:45 pm

Please note that the comment period may begin earlier than anticipated if prior scheduled events end early.

Adjourn

Day 2 of Commission Meeting

B. Decision on Oral Argument, Potential Oral Argument, Commission Deliberations, and Potential Issuance of a Final Order in the Matter of the Proposed Cancellation of Water Right Certificate 3943, Andreas and Carole Blech, Protestants, WaterWatch of Oregon, Proponent: Consideration of Exceptions to Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Order and Determination of Next Steps – 8:00 - 9:45 am

The Commission will convene the public meeting with a decision on whether to hear oral argument from WaterWatch and the Blechs on the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Order and the parties' exceptions filings. If the Commission allows oral argument, WaterWatch and the Blechs will have up to 15 minutes each, inclusive of Commissioner questions. No new evidence will be allowed.

The Commission will recess for one hour of deliberations per ORS 192.690(1)(b).

The Commission will reconvene to decide: (1) whether to grant WaterWatch's exceptions; and (2) whether to approve issuance of a final order.

Break 9:45 - 10:00 am

H. Water Right-Related Rulemaking – 10:00 - 11:00 am

OWRD staff will present an overview of the rulemaking underway to update 17 rule divisions related to water rights. *This is an informational report.*

J. Budget & Legislative Update – 11:00 - 11:45 am

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an update on the agency's progress developing legislative and budget concepts in preparation from the 2027 legislative session. *This is an informational report.*

K. Director's Report – 11:45 am - 12:15 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.*

L. Meeting Minutes – 12:15 - 12:25 pm

The minutes of the September 2025, October 3, 2025, and October 30, 2025, Commission meetings will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

M. Commissioners' Comments – 12:25 - 12:55 pm

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

N. Public Comment and Other Issues – 12:55 pm

Adjourn

Meeting Location and Procedures

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

In-Person: 725 Summer St. NE, Rooms 124A & B, Salem, OR 97301

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 1

Attend By Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87317780175?pwd=Fk1VHE9tMLD5nLHmli77Zalbabro9y.1>

Attend By Phone: (669) 444 9171 Webinar ID: 873 1778 0175 Passcode: 302496

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 2

Attend By Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84332121875?pwd=C0sLr5Ky2qsnCdaYOgcCO6RMbq3weX.1>

Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782 Webinar ID: 843 3212 1875 Passcode: 891655

Joining Executive Session: The Commission will convene in a confidential Executive Session where, by law, only members of the news media and Department staff may attend. Members of the news media who want to attend this meeting can email Public Information Officer Jason Cox at jason.r.cox@water.oregon.gov prior to the start of the meeting. Include your full name, the news organization you represent, and your contact information.

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 contested case hearing. Please note the Commission cannot accept testimony or comments on items with an asterisk, as the public comment period for those items has closed.

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, December 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 prior to the start of the meeting. *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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