

Oregon Water Resources Commission Meeting
October 21, 2004
Ontario, Oregon

WRC Members

Dan Thorndike
Jim Nakano
Jay Rasmussen
Tyler Hansell
Susie Smith

WRD Staff

Phil Ward
Barry Norris
Cindy Smith
Debbie Colbert
Adam Sussman

Others

Jerry Rodgers	Emilie Wolff
Ron Jacobs	Susan Hammond
Tom Paul	Clinton Shock
Renee Moulun	Andre' Perejpa
	Jennifer Martin
	Carl Hill
Others (cont).	Jerry Franke
Lynn Jensen	Jim Burris
Ross Nishihara	Anita Winkler
Karen Russell	Lisa Brown
Randy Kameshuge	Darrell Standage
Jay Chamberlain	Dave Castleberry

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-1271. Audiotapes of the meeting are on file at the same address.

Chair Thorndike called the meeting to order and began by asking Vice-Chair Nakano to welcome everyone to his area of the state.

Commissioner Nakano recognized members of the audience for their attendance at the meeting including Representative Denny Jones; Kelly Reediman, Malheur Watershed Council; and Larry Myers, Argus Observer.

Commissioner Nakano thanked Jay Chamberlain, Owyhee Irrigation District, for the tour of the Owyhee Dam earlier that day. The Commission also enjoyed the tour of the Amalgamated Sugar Plant in Nyssa that same day.

Commissioner Nakano also welcomed work session panelists Dave Castleberry, Warm Springs Irrigation District; Jennifer Martin, Owyhee Watershed Council; Jay Chamberlain, Owyhee Irrigation District; and Dr. Clinton Shock, OSU Malheur Experiment Station.

A. Malheur and Owyhee Basins Water Management Issues

Jerry Rodgers, Eastern Region Manager, welcomed the Commission to the Eastern Region. Rodgers explained that the panelists would be discussing local water issues within Malheur County.

Panelists included Dave Castleberry, Warm Springs Irrigation District; Jennifer Martin, Owyhee Watershed Council; Jay Chamberlain, Owyhee Irrigation District; and Dr. Clinton Shock, OSU

Malheur Experiment Station. Each panelist spoke on their experiences with water issues during short water years.

Jerry Rodgers wrapped up the panel discussion by stating that the Commission was able to get a view of some of the irrigated agriculture in the region, but that there were many more miles of area that the Commission was not able to see.

Commissioner Hansell commented that it is important, as a Commissioner, to be able to get out and see the state and see what is happening. He also said that it is important to hear what kinds of problems are out there also.

Commissioner Thorndike expressed the importance that the community maintain an active role in working with and educating policy makers in terms of coming up with approaches and systems that work.

B. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smith
Commission Assistant