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## OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

June 9 – 10, 2009

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 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday 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 4).*

*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/).*

### **WORK SESSION: Tuesday, June 9 (1:00 p.m.)**

- A. Integrated Water Resources Strategy Work Group Update (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**  
The Working Group of the Water Resources Commission will present ideas for and lead a discussion regarding next steps in the development of an integrated water resources strategy. *This is an informational report only.*

### **Break (3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)**

- B. Update on Willamette Bi-Op (3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.)**  
Mindy Simmons, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Mike Cobell, Bureau of Reclamation, will give an update on the 2008 Willamette Biological Opinion (Bi-Op). *This is an informational report only.*
- C. Oregon Climate Change Research Agenda (4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**  
Dr. Philip Mote, Director of the new Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, will provide an update on the Institute's research agenda and planned activities in 2009-11. *This is an informational report only.*

**COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, June 10 (8:00 a.m.)**

**D. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 25 and 26, 2009 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.

**G. Budget Update**

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will give the Commission an update on the Department's current and next biennium's budget. *This is an informational report only.*

**H. Legislative Update**

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will give an update on the current Legislative Session, including the status of Department and non-Department bills. *This is an informational report only.*

\* **I. Request to Adopt Rules for the Malheur Lakes Basin Program (OAR Chapter 690, Division 512) (9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)**

Debbie Colbert, Field Services Administrator, and Bill Fujii, Senior Water Rights Coordinator, will be asking the Commission to adopt rules for the Malheur Lakes Basin Program. *The Commission will be asked to adopt the final proposed rules.*

\* **J. Request to Adopt Amendments to Water Right Transfer Rules (OAR Chapter 690, Division 380), and Ground Water Registration Modifications Rules (OAR Chapter 690, Division 382) (9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)**

Debbie Colbert, Field Services Administrator, will be asking the Commission to adopt amendments to Water Right Transfer Rules, OAR Chapter 690, Division 380, and Ground Water Registration Modifications Rules, OAR Chapter 690, Division 382. *The Commission will be asked to adopt the final proposed rules.*

**Break (9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)**

**K. Informational Report on 2008 Field Regulation and Enforcement Activities (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

Debbie Colbert, Field Services Administrator, and Juno Pandian, Enforcement Manager will update the Commission on 2008 field regulation and enforcement activities. Bob Wood, Watermaster District 3, will provide brief presentations on field activities in his district. *This is an informational report only.*

**L. Public Comment (approximately 11:00 a.m.)**

**M. Other Issues**

**N. Field Trip to Mill Creek: Hydrographics Demonstration (11:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.)**

Jerry Rodgers, Technical Services Administrator, Lloyd VanGordon, Hydrographics Manager, and Rich Marvin, Senior Hydrographer, will provide a demonstration of stream gaging (surface water data collection). *This is informational only.*

**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 Tuesday and Wednesday.

**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 Wednesday at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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 which sets state water policy and oversees activities of the Water Resources Department.*

Jay Rasmussen, Vice-Chair	Newport	West Central Region	2009
Mary Meloy	Bend	North Central Region	2009
John Jackson	Cornelius	Northwest Region	2009
Charles Barlow	Nyssa	Eastern Region	2009
Jeanne LeJeune	Portland	West Side at Large	2012
John Roberts	Medford	Southwest Region	2012
Ray Williams	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large	2009

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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.