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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

February 25 – 26, 2009

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

REVISED

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 12:00 p.m. on Thursday 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/.

COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, February 25 (9:00 a.m.)

A. WRC Planning Working Group Update: January 2009 Stakeholder Meetings (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

A Planning Working Group of the Water Resources Commission met recently with stakeholders to receive input about the process the Department should use in order to develop an integrated water resources strategy for the state. Staff and Commission will discuss what they heard. *This is an informational report only.*

B. Results of a 2008 Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative Grant: Southern Willamette Valley Municipal Water Providers (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Brad Taylor, Eugene Water and Electric Board, and Adam Sussman, GSI Solutions, will present the results from one of the Department's 2008 Community Planning Grants. *This is an informational report only.*

C. Klamath Basin Restoration and Hydropower Agreements (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Suzanne Knapp, Governor's Office, will provide an update on the Klamath Basin Restoration and Hydropower Agreements. *This is an informational report only.*

Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

D. Demonstration of the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative – On-Line (1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Barry Norris, State Engineer, will provide a demonstration of the on-line water demand forecast and interactive maps created by the Department in 2008 for use by policy makers and the public. *This is an informational report only.*

E. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program: House Bill 3494 Report (1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Kyle Gorman, South Central Manager, will present a review of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Program, required by HB 3494 (2005 Oregon Law). *This is an informational report only.*

F. Reservation Request - Chapter 690, Division 512 (2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Tom Paul, Deputy Director, and Bill Fujii, Senior Water Rights Coordinator, will be asking the Commission to authorize the initiation of a formal rulemaking process to modify the Malheur Lakes Basin Program. *The Commission will be asked to approve the request to initiate rulemaking to amend OAR Chapter 690, Division 512.*

G. Impoundments Storing More Than 3,000,000 Gallons – Umpqua Basin: Application R-87192, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, and Tim Wallin, Water Rights Manager, will present a request for consideration of an application for a proposed storage project to impound more than 3,000,000 gallons of water, equivalent to 9.2 acre feet (AF) (OAR 690-516). *The Commission will be asked to consider the need for establishing additional minimum flows to support aquatic life or minimize pollution.*

Break (3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)

H. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by Hedges Creek Management #1 LLC, John L. Jersey II (3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, and Tim Wallin, Water Rights Manager, will present a request from Hedges Creek Management #1 LLC, John L. Jersey II, 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 the request.*

I. Adoption of a Climate Change Policy (3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will present Climate Change-related work conducted by the Department and Commission thus far, and will present a Climate Change Policy for adoption. *The Commission will be asked to adopt the Policy.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, February 26 (8:00 a.m.)

J. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 20 and 21, 2008 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

K. Commission Comments

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

L. Director's Report

Director Phil Ward will update the Commission on Department business, legislative proposals, and late-breaking issues.

M. Budget Update – Impact of Economic Conditions on Current and Future Biennia

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.*

N. SB 1069 Grant Program – Adjustment from Ways and Means (8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will present the status of grant contracts and will ask for Commission input regarding distribution of funds. On February 23, 2009, the Natural Resources Subcommittee of Ways and Means reduced the SB 1069 Grant Program by \$675,000.

Break (9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

O. Local Government Panel (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

A panel featuring members of the Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities, Special Districts Association of Oregon and the Oregon Water Resources Congress will present their water-related agendas and issues for 2009. The Commission will have an opportunity to engage these representatives in discussion. *This is an informational report only.*

P. Public Comment (approximately 12:00 p.m.)

Q. 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 Thursday at approximately 12:00 p.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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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.