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## OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

August 21 - 22, 2008

Harry and David Education and Employment Center

Corporate Conference Center

2800 South Pacific Highway

Medford, Oregon 97504

### 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 11:30 a.m. on Friday 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 3).*

*Staff reports for individual agenda items will be available 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/).*

### **TOUR: Thursday, August 21, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

The Commission will depart from the Corporate Conference Center at 8:30 am to tour the facilities at Harry and David, including orchards, the packing facility and the processing plant. The tour will demonstrate a number of agricultural and industrial uses of water. The Commission will tour from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The public is invited to attend the tour, but transportation will be provided only for Commissioners, Department staff, and invited guests. If you wish to join the tour, you must make your own transportation arrangements. Please contact Cindy Smith at (503) 986-0876, if you plan to attend.

### **COMMISSION WORK SESSION: Thursday, August 21, 1:00 p.m.**

#### **State Water Planning Workshop: (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will lead a panel discussion featuring Kamyar Guivetchi, P.E., the Manager of Statewide Water Planning for California's Department of Water Resources, and Daniel R. Haller, P.E., the Columbia River Unit Supervisor at Washington's Department of Ecology.

The Commission will have an opportunity to ask these representatives questions about the rationale, process, and content in their state planning process. A brainstorming effort, continued from the Commission's last meeting, will follow.

#### **Break (3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)**

**I. Local Leaders Panel (3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

The Commission has invited local leaders to discuss water supply issues in the Rogue Basin. Panel members include: Steve Mason, WISE Project; Bob Hunter, WaterWatch of Oregon; Jim Pendleton, Talent Irrigation District; and Jackson County Commissioner CW Smith.

**COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, August 22, 8:30 a.m.**

**A. Commission Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the May 29 and 30, 2008 meeting will be presented for Commission approval.

**B. Commission Comments**

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

**C. Director's Report**

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

**D. History of Basin Plans (9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)**

Tom Paul, Deputy Director, and Debbie Colbert, Field Services Division Administrator, will provide an historical view of the Department's Basin Plans, including how and why they were formed, how they function, and how they differ from the long-term water planning now contemplated by the Commission.

**E. Key Performance Measures 2007-08 (9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)**

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will present the results of the Department's 2007-08 Key Performance Measures. This report tracks the Department's Performance in 14 key areas and is an essential part of the Department's budget presentation to the Governor's Office and Legislature. *This is an informational report only.*

**Break (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)**

**F. Update on Rulemaking on Water Well Construction Standards, OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 200 (Well Construction and Maintenance), 205, 215 (Maintenance, Repair and Deepening of Water Supply Wells), 220 and 240 (10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)**

Jerry Rodgers, Technical Services Division Administrator, will provide an update on the progress of the rulemaking for the adoption of these rules. *This is an informational report only.*

**G. Update on the Planning Studies Grant Program Established under Senate Bill 1069 (Chapter 13, 2008 Laws), OAR Chapter 690, Division 600 (10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

Ruben Ochoa, Water Policy Analyst, will give an update on the status of the grant program established in 2008 under Senate Bill 1069. *This is an informational report only.*

**H. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oregon Water Code (11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will provide information regarding the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oregon Water Code on February 24, 2009. To celebrate the occasion, the Department has planned a number of activities for the Commission, policymakers, stakeholders, and the public. The Commission is invited to share additional ideas to mark the occasion.

**I. Public Comment (approximately 11:30 a.m.)**

**J. 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 Friday at approximately 11:30 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**

#### **I-5 South Bound**

Take I-5 to EXIT 27, toward Medford; merge onto E. Stewart Avenue; turn left onto OR-Hwy 99 (South Pacific Highway); go 1.4 miles to the Education and Employment Center. The meeting location is located in the Education and Employment Center. End at 2800 S Pacific Hwy Medford, OR 97501-8752. (Across from Les Schwab)

#### **I-5 North Bound**

Take I-5 to EXIT 24 toward Phoenix; turn left onto Fern Valley Rd.; turn right onto OR-99 (South Pacific Highway); go 1.8 miles to the Education and Employment Center. The meeting location is located in the Education and Employment Center. End at 2800 S Pacific Hwy Medford, OR 97501-8752. (Across from Les Schwab)