



Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Water Resources Department
North Mall Office Building
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301-1271
503-986-0900
FAX 503-986-0904

OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

February 29, 2008

**Salbasgeon Hotel and Conference Center
1730 NW 9th Street
Corvallis, Oregon**

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 11:55 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 are available on the Commission's website at http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff_reports/.

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, February 29, 8:00 a.m.

A. Commission Meeting Minutes (8:00 a.m.)

The minutes of the previous 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

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

D. Legislative Update

Debbie Colbert, Field Services Administrator, will provide a brief update on the results of the February 2008 legislative session. *This is an informational report only.*

E. How the Governor's Headwaters to Ocean (H₂O) Strategy Intersects with the Water Resources Department Draft 2009 Budget Proposal (8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will discuss the concepts that originated in previous Commission retreats and the Governor's H₂O document. They will lead a discussion describing how these concepts will be reflected in the Department's 2009-11 budget. *This is an informational report only.*

F. Update: Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative (9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Barry Norris, State Engineer, will provide updates regarding the State's progress in implementing the Initiative. *This is an informational report only.*

Break (10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

G. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program Annual Implementation and Evaluation Report (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

Debbie Colbert, Field Services Administrator, and Kyle Gorman, South Central Region Manager, will provide the Department's annual update of the Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program. *This is an informational report only.*

H. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program Five-Year Review (10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

Debbie Colbert, Field Services Administrator, and Kyle Gorman, South Central Region Manager, will provide the Department's five-year review of the Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program pursuant to OAR 690-505-0500. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the resulting recommendation.*

I. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by Paul and Patricia Jordan under ORS 536.295 (11:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will present a request from Paul and Patricia Jordan 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 or deny the request.*

J. Public Interest Review of Application G-16862, Laurie and Michael Leroux (11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will present ground water application G-16862 for the Commission's review and consideration of the public interest under the Umatilla Basin Program as defined in OAR 690-507-0070(3)(d)(D). *The Commission will be asked to determine if the application is consistent with the public interest.*

K. Public Comment (approximately 11:55 a.m.)

L. 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 11:55 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 and region represented)

The Commission is a seven-member citizen body which sets state water policy and oversees activities of the Water Resources Department.

Dan Thorndike, Chair	Ashland	Southwest Region
Jay Rasmussen, Vice-Chair	Newport	West Central Region
Mary Meloy	Bend	North Central Region
Ray Williams	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large
John Jackson	Cornelius	Northwest Region
Charles Barlow	Nyssa	Eastern Region
Susie Smith	Eugene	West Side at Large

Phillip C. Ward, Director
Water Resources Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301-1271
www.wrd.state.or.us

Directions to the Salbasgeon Hotel and Conference Center

From Portland and the north:

From I-5 South, take exit 228, Lebanon/Corvallis. Turn right from the off-ramp onto Highway 34 and follow it for approximately 9.5 miles until you cross the bridge over the Willamette River into downtown Corvallis. Continue straight (now you're on Harrison Blvd.) to 9th Street and turn right. Follow 9th Street for approximately 1 mile; turn left into our driveway at the Salbasgeon Suites Hotel and Conference Center sign.

From Eugene and the south:

From I-5 North, take Exit 228, Lebanon/Corvallis. Turn left from the off-ramp onto Highway 34 and follow it for approximately 9.5 miles until you cross the bridge over the Willamette River into downtown Corvallis. Continue straight (now you're on Harrison Blvd.) to 9th Street and turn right. Follow 9th Street for approximately 1 mile; turn left into our driveway at the Salbasgeon Suites Hotel and Conference Center sign.