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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

November 29 - 30, 2007

Monarch Hotel and Conference Center

12566 SE 93rd Avenue

Clackamas, 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 11:30 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 are available on the Commission's website at http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff_reports/.

WORK SESSION: Thursday, November 29, 1:00 p.m.

I. Climate Change Update (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Barry Norris, State Engineer will facilitate a panel discussion of climate change projected impacts and the actions which are being taken. Panel members include: Lara Whitely Binder from the University of Washington, Climate Impact Center; Bill Drumheller, Governor's Climate Change Integration Group; Lorna Stickel, Portland Water Bureau; and, Michael Campana, Oregon State University.

II. Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative Update (3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Barry Norris, State Engineer, and Debbie Colbert, Field Services Administrator, will provide an update on the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative. In particular, draft criteria for awarding funds for regional and community-based water supply planning will be discussed with the Commission. Mike Carrier, Governor's Natural Resources Director, will discuss the Governor's vision of the Statewide Water Supply Task Force. *This is an informational report only.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, November 30, 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 what is anticipated during the upcoming legislative session. *This is an informational report only.*

E. Commission Approval of Appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee (8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.)

Jerry Rodgers, Technical Services Division Administrator, will present recommendations to fill three positions on the Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC). The nine-person citizen panel advises the Department and Commission on issues pertaining to ground water and well construction policies. *The Commission will be asked to approve the proposed appointments.*

F. Update on Rulemaking on Special Area Well Construction Standards, OAR Chapter 690, Division 200 (8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

Juno Pandian, Enforcement Manager, will give a brief update on activities occurring since the last Commission meeting regarding development of Special Area Well Construction Standards for the Petes Mountain Area in Clackamas County. *This is an informational report only.*

G. Recommended Action on Eola Hills Ground Water, Polk County, Oregon (9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

Doug Woodcock, Ground Water Section Manager, will review a recent request to further restrict exempt wells in the Eola Hills Ground Water Limited Area and provide an overview of ground water status. *The Commission will be asked to approve the recommendation to implement four suggested action items.*

H. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by Cougar Creek Water Company pursuant to ORS 536.295 (9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will present a request from Cougar Creek Water Company 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.*

Break (10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

I. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by Greenberry Irrigation District (GID) pursuant to ORS 536.295 (10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will present a request from Greenberry Irrigation District for the Department to consider a water right application for a use not included in the Basin Program. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the request.*

J. Request by Tumalo Irrigation District for Expanded Quit Claim Deed (11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will present a request by Tumalo Irrigation District for conditional conveyance of land which is within the former Tumalo Reservoir Project. These lands were conveyed to the State of Oregon under the Carey Act. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the request.*

K. Approval of 2008 Commission Meeting Schedule (11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

Phil Ward, Director, will ask the Commission to approve the proposed 2008 Meeting Schedule. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the schedule.*

L. Public Comment (approximately 11:30 a.m.)

M. 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.

Dan Thorndike, Chair	Ashland	Southwest Region
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Ray Williams	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large
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I-5 North

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I-5 South from Seattle

Heading south on I-5, merge onto I-205S via Exit 7; go 22.8 miles, take Exit 14, Sunnyside Rd; go 0.2 miles, keep right at the fork to go onto SE Sunnyside Road.; go 0.1 miles and turn left onto SE 93rd Avenue. End at Monarch Hotel and Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue.

Heading West from Gorge

Heading west on I-84, merge onto I-205S via Exit 9; go 8.3 miles, take Exit 14, Sunnyside Rd; go 0.2 miles, keep right at the fork to go onto SE Sunnyside Road.; go 0.1 miles and turn left onto SE 93rd Avenue. End at Monarch Hotel and Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue.

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Merge onto I-84 E toward The Dalles; go 5.7 miles, merge onto I-205S; go 6.8 miles, take Exit 14, Sunnyside Rd; go 0.2 miles, keep right at the fork to go onto SE Sunnyside Road; go 0.1 miles and turn left onto SE 93rd Avenue. End at Monarch Hotel and Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue.