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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

May 31 and June 1, 2007

Conference Room 124

725 Summer Street NE

Salem, 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 12:00 pm 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, May 31, 1:00 pm

I. Water and Land Use Connections (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

This discussion will consider the relationship between water resource issues and land use planning.

- Lane Shetterly, Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), will be discussing how water issues impact land use planning.
- Director Shetterly and Richard Whitman, Department of Justice, will provide an update on Ballot Measure 37 and related legislation.
- The Commission will also hear from county commissioners on water issues of interest to county government.
- April Snell, Oregon Sea Grant Fellow, will give an update on her county outreach efforts for the Department.

II. WRC Conservation Award (4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

The Commission presents awards annually to citizens, groups, businesses, and other partners for responsibly managing, conserving, and restoring Oregon's water resources. The Commission will present its 2007 Conservation Award to the City of Pendleton and the Deschutes River Conservancy.

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, June 1, 8:30 am

A. Commission Meeting Minutes (8:30 am)

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. Budget Update (9:00 am – 9:15 am)

Phil Ward, Director, will provide a brief update on the Department's 2007-2009 budget. *This is an informational report only.*

E. House Energy and Environment Committee Update (9:15 am – 9:45 am)

Representative Jackie Dingfelder, Chair of the House Energy and Environment Committee, will provide an update to the Commission on water related legislation considered by the Committee so far this session. *This is an informational report only.*

F. Legislative Update (9:45 am – 10:15 am)

Debbie Colbert, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on the Department's bills and other water-related bills being considered this session. *This is an informational report only.*

Break (10:15 am – 10:30 am)

G. Eola Hills Ground Water (10:30 - 11:00 am)

Barry Norris, Technical Services Administrator, and 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 may direct staff to investigate issues identified and report back at a future meeting.*

H. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by David Bugni under ORS 536.295 (11:00 am - 11:30 am)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, and Craig Kohanek, Hydroelectric Program Analyst, will present a request to approve the request by Dave Bugni for an exception to the Willamette Basin Program as provided in ORS 536.295. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the request.*

I. Klamath Basin Hydrology Report (11:30 am – 12:00 pm)

Barry Norris, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Doug Woodcock, Ground Water Manager, will report on the release of the cooperative USGS/OWRD Klamath Basin Hydrology report and outreach efforts in the basin. *This is an informational report only.*

J. Public Comment (approximately 12:00 pm)

K. 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 12:00 pm.

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	2005
Jay Rasmussen, Vice-Chair	Newport	West Central Region	2009
Mary Meloy	Bend	North Central Region	2009
Vacant		East Side at Large	
John Jackson	Cornelius	Northwest Region	2009
Charles Barlow	Nyssa	Eastern Region	2009
Susie Smith	Eugene	West Side at Large	2008

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I-5 South or North

From Interstate 5, take Exit 253 (Highway 22/Mission Street) heading west. Follow signs to the 12th Street off-ramp (about 3 miles). Take 12th Street off-ramp and merge with northbound 12th Street traffic. Follow 12th Street to Union Street (12th turns into Union). Go 3 blocks to Winter Street. Turn right on Winter Street. The Water Resources Department is on the east side of Winter Street between the Employment Building and Department of State Lands.

Street parking (2 hr) is available on the west side of the building. Metered parking is available along Summer Street and Union Streets. Hourly parking is available at Cliff's Automotive located on the corner of Court and Capitol Streets. Daily parking is available at the State "yellow lot" located at Marion and Summer Streets for \$6/day (machine takes bills and coins; gives change and a receipt). A Park and Ride lot is located at the State Motor Pool with buses running approximately every 15-30 minutes.