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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

February 22 - 23, 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 11:35 am 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: Thursday, February 22, 1:00 pm

- A. Oregon Coastal Coho Conservation Plan (1:00 pm – 1:45 pm)**
Sue Knapp, Governor's Office; Mike Ladd, Acting Field Services Administrator; and Liz Klicker, ESA Recovery Planning Coordinator, will discuss the State's Coastal Coho conservation planning efforts. *The Commission will be asked to endorse the Department's commitments in the Coastal Coho conservation plan.*
- B. Informational Update on Scenic Waterway Evaluations with Respect to Ground Water in the Grande Ronde Basin (1:45 pm – 2:15 pm)**
Doug Woodcock, Ground Water Manager, will discuss ground water application reviews and cumulative interference with scenic waterway flows in the Grande Ronde Basin. *This is an informational report only.*
- C. State of Washington Columbia River Water Management Program (2:15 pm – 3:00 pm)**
Gerry O'Keefe, Washington Department of Ecology, will describe the Columbia River Water Management Program adopted by the State of Washington and highlight actions taken under the program to date. *This is an informational report only.*

Break (3:00 pm – 3:20 pm)

- D. Public Interest Review of Application G-16618, Phillip Anderson (3:20 pm – 4:00 pm)**
Tim Wallin, Water Rights Manager, and Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will present ground water application G-16618 for the Commission's review and consideration of the public interest under the Umatilla Basin Program. OAR 690-507-0070(3)(d)(D). *The Commission will be asked to determine if the application is consistent with the public interest.*
- E. OAR Chapter 690, Division 340 Follow Up (4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)**
Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will give a follow up to the November 2006 Commission adoption of the Division 340 rules relating to expedited review of permits to use stored water. *This is an informational report only.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, February 23, 8:30 am

- F. Commission Meeting Minutes (8:30 am)**
The minutes of the previous meeting will be presented for Commission approval.
- G. Commission Comments**
Commissioners will report on their recent activities and share information and comments on a variety of water resource topics.
- H. Director's Report**
Phil Ward, Director, will update the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues.
- I. Budget Update (9:00 am – 9:20 am)**
Phil Ward, Director, and Mike Auman, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide a brief update on the Governor's Recommended Budget and Ways and Means consideration of the Department's budget to date. *This is an informational report only.*
- J. Legislative / Rulemaking Update (9:20 am – 9:50 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.*
- K. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by A and R Spada Farms under ORS 536.295 (9:50 am – 10:20 am)**
Tim Wallin, Water Rights Manager, and Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will present a request to approve the request by A and R Spada Farms for an exception to the Willamette Basin Program for their Application S-86739. *The Commission will be asked to approve the basin program exception.*

Break (10:20 am – 10:35 am)

L. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program Annual Implementation and Evaluation Reports (10:35 am – 11:35 am)

Tom Paul, Deputy Director; Kyle Gorman, South Central Region Manager; and Rick Cooper, Hydrologist, will present the 2005 and 2006 annual reports on the Deschutes Basin Mitigation program. The reports will provide information on implementation of the mitigation rules and transactions related to mitigation and permitting activity as well as stream flow model results. Representatives from the Deschutes Water Alliance will make a presentation on their activities in the basin. *This is an informational report only.*

M. Public Comment (approximately 11:35 am)

N. 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 11:35 am.

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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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.