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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

November 16 - 17, 2006

Walnut Street Center

1400 SW Walnut Street

Hillsboro, 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 12:15 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, November 16, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Integrated Water Resources Management in the Tualatin Basin – Roundtable and Luncheon

The Commission will convene a roundtable discussion of the history, development, and implementation of integrated water resources management in the Tualatin Basin. Invited participants include representatives from Clean Water Services, Portland Water Bureau, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, Tualatin Valley Water District, and CH2M Hill. The roundtable and luncheon is open to members of the public but lunch will not be provided.

TOUR: Thursday, November 16, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

The Commission will depart from the Walnut Street Center, 1400 SW Walnut Street, Hillsboro, Oregon, at 2:00 pm for a tour. The tour will include an orientation on water resource management in the region with a stop at the River House at Rood Bridge Park and a visit to the Rock Creek Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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 MEETING: Friday, November 17, 8:00 am

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes (8:00 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. Legislative and Stakeholder Update (8:30 am – 9:30 am)**
Debbie Colbert, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide a brief update on the Department's legislative concepts. Stakeholder representatives are also invited to provide a brief overview of water-related legislation they may pursue in the 2007 legislative session. *This is an informational report only.*
- E. Budget Update (9:30 am – 9:45 am)**
Phil Ward, Director, and Mike Auman, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide a brief update on the 2007 – 2009 Agency Recommended Budget. *This is an informational report only.*
- F. Commission Subcommittee Updates (9:45 am – 10:00 am)**
The Funding and the Futures Subcommittees will provide updates on recent meetings and other activities.
- Break (10:00 am – 10:15 am)**
- G. GWAC Appointments (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)**
Barry Norris, 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.*
- *H. Final Proposed Rules Related to Certain Water Use Permits – OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 310 and 340 (10:30 am – 11:00 am)**
Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, and Tim Wallin, Water Rights Manager, will present a request to adopt final proposed rules under OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 310 relating to Water Right Application Processing and OAR Chapter 690, Division 340 relating to Water Use Authorizations. The proposed rules implement statutory changes from the 2005 legislative session (House Bills 2083 and 2178). The proposed rules would eliminate an obsolete process for registering certain water uses and provide a new expedited process for applications for permits to use stored water exclusively. *The Commission will be asked to adopt the final proposed rules.*

***I. Final Proposed Rules Related to the Mid Coast Basin Program – OAR Chapter 690, Division 518 (11:00 am – 11:30 am)**

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, and Bill Fujii, Natural Resources Specialist, will present a request to adopt final proposed rules under OAR Chapter 690, Division 518 relating to the Mid Coast Basin Program. The proposed rules would establish reservations pursuant to ORS 537.356 for multipurpose storage for future economic development. *The Commission will be asked to adopt the final proposed rules.*

J. OAR Chapter 690, Division 315 Rule Review (11:30 am – 12:15 pm)

Debbie Colbert, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will provide a review of Division 315 implementation activities related to applications for extension of time for certain municipal water use permits. *The Commission is required to evaluate implementation of these rules by November 30, 2006.*

K. Public Comment (approximately 12:15 pm)

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 12:15 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
Gary Reed	Hermiston	East Side at Large	2009
John Jackson	Cornelius	Northwest Region	2009
Charles Barlow	Nyssa	Eastern Region	2009
Susie Smith	Eugene	West Side at Large	2008

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Directions to the Walnut Street Center

I-5 South

Heading South on I-5, take Exit 302B (I-405 S) toward Beaverton; go approx. 2 miles, merge onto US 26 W via Exit 1D toward Beaverton; Go approx. 9.5 miles; take Exit 64 (185th Avenue) toward PCC-Rock Creek Campus; turn left onto NW 185th, go approx. one-half mile, turn right onto NW Cornell Road, go approx. 5.5 miles (becomes SE 10th Avenue), turn right onto SE Baseline St./OR-8 W, go approx. 1.5 miles; turn left onto SW 17th Avenue (becomes SW Walnut Street), proceed to **1400 SW Walnut Street**.

I-5 North

Heading North on I-5, take Exit 292A toward Tigard/Beaverton, go approx. 5.5 miles; take Exit 2A toward Beaverton (OR-8/Canyon Road), stay straight to go onto ramp; turn left onto SW Canyon Road/OR-8, go approx. 9.5 miles; turn left onto SW Walnut Street, proceed to **1400 SW Walnut Street**.