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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

January 12 - 13, 2006
LaSells Stewart Center
SW 26th and Western
Corvallis, Oregon 97331

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/.

TOUR: Thursday, January 12, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Commission will depart from the Hilton Garden Inn for a tour of the Hinsdale Wave Laboratory. The tour is primarily intended for the Commission and Department staff as space at the facility is limited. If you wish to join the tour, please contact Cindy Smith at (503) 986-0876.

COMMISSION WORK SESSION: Thursday, January 12, 1:15 p.m.

Welcome (1:15 p.m.)

President Ray, Oregon State University, will welcome the Commission to Corvallis.

Introduction to the Water Resources Commission and Department (1:30 pm – 2:15 pm)

Chair Thorndike and Director Ward will provide an overview of the Department's mission and current priorities. Director Ward will also provide a brief overview of water supply and management issues facing the Department and the State.

Break (2:15 pm – 2:30 pm)

Commission Dialog with Invited Experts (2:30 pm – 4:00 pm)

The Commission has invited Oregon State University (OSU) faculty and other experts from a variety of disciplines for a conversation on key issues such as long-term water supplies, the intersection between the federal Endangered Species Act and state water law, drivers of current and future water "conflicts," and water conservation and education.

Panelists will include:

- Gail Achterman, Institute for Natural Resources, OSU
- Richard Adams, Agricultural and Resource Economics, OSU
- Sam Chan, Sea Grant Watershed Education, OSU
- Stan Gregory, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, OSU
- Roy Haggerty, Institute for Water and Watersheds/Geosciences, OSU
- Tom Paul, Deputy Director, OWRD
- Aaron Wolf, Universities Partnership for Transboundary Waters, OSU

Other Comments (4:00 p.m.)

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, January 13, 8:30 a.m.

A. Commission Meeting Minutes (8:30 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

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

D. Legislative and Rulemaking Activities (8:55 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.)

Debbie Colbert, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide a brief update on rulemaking activities and on legislative concept development for the 2007 legislative session. *This is an informational report only.*

E. Willamette Basin Program Exception (9:05 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, will present a request from the City of Monroe 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.*

Break (10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)

F. Willamette Basin Program Exception (10:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.)

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudication Administrator, and Mary Grainey, Hydroelectric Program Coordinator, will present a request from Symbiotics LLC 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.*

G. GWAC Appointments (10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Barry Norris, the 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. Subcommittee Report on Division 315 Implementation (11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

Commissioners Rasmussen and Smith will provide an update on the subcommittee's approach to monitoring implementation activities under the amended Division 315 rules adopted by the Commission in October 2005. *This is an informational report only.*

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

J. 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 encouraged. 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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See attached map.



From I-5 (Portland or Eugene)

From Portland drive south on I-5 or from Eugene drive north on I-5; take Exit 228 (Corvallis/Hwy 34) and turn West. Go West about 10 miles to the second traffic signal. Turn South (left) on the Hwy 34 bypass across the Willamette River. At the next traffic light, the intersection with 15th Street, turn North (right). Proceeded to the intersection of Western Blvd, turn West (left). (See Parking Lot below)

From 99-W (South from McMinnville or Portland)

Drive south on 99-W. In Corvallis, 99-W turns into 4th Street. Follow 4th Street to the traffic light at Western Blvd., and turn West (right). (See Parking Lot below)

From 99-W (Eugene)

Drive north on 99-W. In Corvallis, 99-W turns into 3rd Street. Follow 3rd Street to the traffic light at Western Blvd., and turn West (left). (See Parking Lot below)

Parking Lot: The conference/visitor parking lot is on the northwest corner at the intersection of Western Blvd and 26th Street. This parking lot may be accessed from either Western Blvd or 26th Street. A pay station is located on the north edge of the lot (closest to Reser Stadium). The LaSells Stewart Center is on the northeast corner of the same intersection.

Parking: On-campus lots are available at \$5 per day. Parking pay stations are available in the parking lot adjacent to Reser Stadium. Free parking is available southwest of Reser Stadium in the gravel area. Shuttle service is available during the school year. We ask that visitors to campus be good neighbors and NOT use the Hilton Garden Inn (HGI) parking lot unless they are staying there.

