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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

April 19 – 20, 2012

Water Resources Department
Conference Room 124
725 Summer Street NE
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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 11:40 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, when available, will be on the Commission's website at http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff_reports/.

TOUR: Thursday, April 19, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Commission will depart from Oregon Water Resources Department at 8:00 am to tour the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant in Wilsonville. The Commission will tour from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend the tour, but transportation will be provided only for Commissioners and Department staff. 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.

WORK SESSION: Thursday, April 19 (1:00 pm)

A. Stream Gage Study (1:00 pm – 1:30 pm)

Jonathan LaMarche, South Central Region Hydrologist, will present work thus far on Water Resources Department's stream gage evaluation, including what types of gages are in place today and where additional gages are needed. This assessment is an important input to the Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report only.*

B. Groundwater Data Needs Report (1:30 pm – 2:00 pm)

Ivan Gall, Groundwater Manager, will present an evaluation of the Department's groundwater related informational needs. This assessment is an important input to the Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report only.*

C. Request for Funding Feasibility Studies under the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program (2:00 pm – 2:45 pm)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will bring staff recommendations to the Commission, for the 2012 Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program. *The Commission will be asked to adopt a grant award package.*

Break (2:45 pm – 3:00 pm)

D. Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) Discussion (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Policy Coordinator, will present the newest developments in Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy and will lead a work session discussion. Discussion points include public comment received through March 15, 2012 and modifications made to the Integrated Water Resources Strategy to address public comment. The Commission will invite a final round of public comment on the draft IWRS. *This is an informational report only.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, April 20 (8:00 am)

E. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 26 and 27, 2012 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

F. Commission Comments

Commissioners will report on their recent activities and share information and comments on a variety of water resource topics.

G. Director's Report

Director Phil Ward will update the Commission on Department business, and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report only.*

H. Revenue Subcommittee Update (8:30 am – 8:40 am)

The Water Resources Commission Revenue Subcommittee Chair, John Roberts, will lead a discussion of potential future funding sources, and recent updates. *This is an informational report only.*

I. Legislative Wrap Up and Next Steps (8:40 am – 9:10 am)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide a wrap-up of the 2012 Legislative Session and a preview of the 2013 Legislative Session. *The Commission will be asked to approve the proposed legislative and budget requests for further development.*

J. Budget Update – 2011-13 Biennium and 2013-15 Budget Preparation (9:10 am – 9:55 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide an update on the Department's current financial situation and the implications of the most recent Revenue Forecast for the Department. *This is an informational report only.*

Break (9:55 am – 10:10 am)

K. Request for an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program under Application G-17486 Pursuant to ORS 536.295 (10:10 am – 10:25 am)

Dwight French, Water Rights Services Administrator, will present a request from Paul Harcombe 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 the request.*

*** L. Final Order – Proposed Cancellation - Gloria Jones (10:25 am – 10:55 am)**

Juno Pandian, Enforcement Manager, will present a request for consideration of exceptions to a partial cancellation of a water right. *The Commission will be asked to consider exceptions and issuance of the Final Order.*

*** M. Final Order - Partial Cancellation – Hart Lake (10:55 am – 11:25 am)**

Juno Pandian, Enforcement Manager, will present a request for consideration of exceptions to a proposed cancellation of a water right. *The Commission will be asked to consider exceptions and issuance of the Final Order.*

N. Leasing Program Activity Report – 2011 (11:25 am – 11:40 pm)

Dwight French, Water Rights Services Administrator, will present an update on the Department's Water Right Leasing Program Activity for 2011. *This is an informational report only.*

O. Public Comment (approximately 11:40 pm)

P. 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 11:40 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 that sets state water policy and oversees activities of the Water Resources Department.

John Jackson, Chair	Cornelius	Northwest Region	2013
Charles Barlow, Vice-Chair	Nyssa	Eastern Region	2013
Mary Meloy	Bend	North Central Region	2013
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John Roberts	Medford	Southwest Region	2012
Ray Williams	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large	2013
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Parking

Parking is located along Summer Street and also Winter Street (west side of building). Parking along Summer Street is metered. The parking along Winter Street has a 90 minute limit.

There are six 2-hour parking stalls located between our building and the Employment Building to our south. Parking is also available in the Yellow Lot which is located two blocks south of our building for a fee.