



Oregon Water Resources Commission Meeting Agenda

February 26 - 27, 2026

725 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301
and virtual via Zoom

Day 1 of Commission Meeting

1A. Welcome and Introductions – 8:30 - 9:00 am

Water Resources Department Director Ivan Gall will welcome members of the Land Conservation and Development Commission and the Water Resources Commission, kicking off a special meeting between the Commissions and the agencies.

Water Resources Commission Vice Chair Julie Smitherman and Land Conservation and Development Commission Chair Anyeley Hallová will lead introductions.

2B. Water and Land Use: State Agency Coordination – 9:00 - 10:00 am

Brenda Bateman, Director, and Palmer Mason, Inter-Agency Coordinator with the Department of Land Conservation and Development, along with Ivan Gall, Director, Katie Ratcliffe, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Alyssa Mucken, Senior Water Advisor, with the Water Resources Department will present this item. Staff will provide an overview of Oregon's State Agency Coordination Program for land use compliance and compatibility, along with pilot efforts to update programs for various agencies. Staff will also provide an update on the 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy workplan development. *This is an informational report.*

Break 10:00 – 10:15 am

3C. Governor's Natural Resources Team Update – 10:15 - 11:15 am

Geoff Huntington, Senior Natural Resources Advisor, Chandra Ferrari, Natural Resources Advisor, Amy Schlusser, Climate and Energy Advisor, and Anca Matica, Communications and Policy Advisor for Natural Resources will provide an overview of recent executive orders. Commissioners will have an opportunity to ask questions. *This is an informational report.*

4D. Housing Goals & Water Availability – 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Ethan Stuckmeyer, Housing Division Manager, Department of Land Conservation and Development, joined by Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, and Kerri Cope, Water Management and Conservation Analyst/Reuse Coordinator with the Water Resources Department, will present this agenda item. Staff will provide an overview of housing production goals and recent rulemaking efforts. This agenda item will also discuss water availability and allocation, both surface water and groundwater, water management planning, and various options or alternatives for meeting water supply needs. *This is an informational report.*

Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 pm

E. *In the Matter of Water Right Application R-87871 in the Name of East Valley Water District: Further Proceedings and Oral Arguments on Commission’s Proposed Order – 1:30 - 2:50 pm

Eliot Crafton, Water Rights Section Manager, and Jesse Ratcliffe, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice, will provide an update on Commission’s Proposed Final Order that was provided to the parties after the December Commission meeting and on the Commission’s actions related to the Oregon Supreme Court’s remand of this matter to the Commission.

*The Commission will hear oral arguments from the two parties on any exceptions filed on the Commission’s proposed order. The Commission may meet in **executive session** to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body regarding consideration of written legal advice. The executive session is being conducted pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and is closed to the public. **Please see page 4 for special instructions on how to join the Executive Session, Executive Session is only open to Department staff and members of the media.** The Commission may choose to present a decision on the matter and provide related instructions to the Department, or the Commission may identify further proceedings as they see appropriate. The record is closed on this matter, and the Commission cannot accept public comment on this matter.*

Break 2:50 - 3:05 pm

F. Director’s Report – 3:05 - 3:50 pm

Ivan Gall, Director, will provide an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report and includes informational report outs.*

G. Budget and Legislative Update – 3:50 - 4:35 pm

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of 2026 legislative session activities and preparation for the 2027 legislative session. *This is an informational report.*

Adjourn

Day 2 of Commission Meeting

H. *Rulemaking Update: Water Right Transactions, Contested Case, and Forfeiture Rules – 8:00 - 10:30 am

Katie Ratcliffe, Water Right Services Division Administrator, Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, Laura Hartt, Rule Coordinator, and Racquel Rancier, Deputy Director, will provide an overview of the effort to update rule divisions related to water right transactions, contested cases, and forfeiture. *This is an informational report. The public comment period is closed, and no public comment will be accepted.*

Break 10:30 - 10:45 am

I. Meeting Minutes – 10:45 - 10:55 am

The minutes of the December 2025 Commission meetings will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

J. Commissioners' Comments – 10:55 - 11:25 am

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

K. Public Comment and Other Issues – 11:25 am

Adjourn

Meeting Location and Procedures

Meeting Format: Members of the public may join in-person or virtually.

In-Person: 725 Summer St. NE, Rooms 124A & B, Salem, OR 97301

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 1 (Morning)

[Attend By Zoom](#)

Attend By Phone: (669) 444 9171 Webinar ID: 833 7696 0141 Passcode: 609598

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 1 (Afternoon)

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Attend By Phone: (719) 359 4580 Webinar ID: 813 1952 9545 Passcode: 090106

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 2

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Attend By Phone: (253) 205 0468 Webinar ID: 843 3212 1875 Passcode: 383473

Joining Executive Session: The Commission will convene in a confidential Executive Session where, by law, only members of the news media and Department staff may attend. Members of the news media who want to attend this meeting can email Public Information Officer Jason Cox at jason.r.cox@water.oregon.gov prior to the start of the meeting. Include your full name, the news organization you represent, and your contact information.

Timing of Agenda Items: Agenda items are generally taken in the order listed above. However, under certain circumstances, the Commission may elect to take an item out of order. If a specific time is indicated for an agenda item, every effort will be made to consider the agenda item as close to the scheduled time as possible. However, because of the uncertain length of time needed for each agenda item, scheduled times may be modified.

Meeting Materials: Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, can be found on the Commission's website by clicking on the following link:
https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=41

* **Public Testimony and Comments:** Items marked with an asterisk have been subject to a formal public hearing or contested case hearing. Please note the Commission cannot accept testimony or comments on items with an asterisk until after a decision has been made, as the record has closed or the public comment period has closed.

Written Comments: Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged. To ensure full consideration by the Commission, written comments should be sent to the staff contact below via email by 5:00 PM on Monday, February 23, 2025. *Please note Commissioners may not have sufficient time to review materials received after the recommended deadline.* A confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email or have questions about submission of written public comment, please follow up with the staff contact below.

Oral Comments: Oral comments may be limited to three minutes. 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. To make an oral comment, you must electronically submit an Oral Public Comment Request Form or notify the staff contact below by phone or email prior to the start of the meeting. *The Commission will do its best to accommodate requests received after the start of the meeting, however, please note it may not be feasible.* Oral Public Comment Request Forms can be found on the [Commission's webpage](#).

Executive Session and Meals: The Commission may also convene in a confidential Executive Session where, by law, only members of the press and Department staff may attend. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commissioner will make a public announcement and explain the necessary procedures. Oregon’s Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Commission members may meet for meals during the days prior to and days of the meeting.

Special Accommodations: If special accommodations are needed, please advise staff contact below as soon as possible, *but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

Staff Contact: If you have any questions about this agenda or the Commission’s procedures, please contact:

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Jan Lee	Sandy	Northwest Region	2025
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