



Oregon Water Resources Commission Meeting Agenda

June 11 - 12, 2026

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

Day 1 of Commission Meeting

A. Delegation of Authority to Issue Final Orders in Cancellation Proceedings – 8:00 - 8:30 am

During the February and March Commission meetings, the Commission discussed issuing a delegation of authority for the Director to consider exceptions. Will Davidson, Protest Program Coordinator, and Jesse Ratcliffe, Department of Justice, will present the delegation order to the Commission for consideration. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the delegation order.*

B. Integrated Water Resources Strategy – Draft 2027-29 Workplan – 8:30 - 9:00 am

Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resource Strategy Specialist, will present the Draft 2027-29 Workplan. *The Commission will be asked to provide feedback on the draft workplan. The Department will accept written public comment on the draft workplan through June 26.*

C. Rule Updates for Hydroelectric, Proof of Appropriation, and Miscellaneous Water Rights Provisions – 9:00 - 9:45 am

Laura Hartt, Water Policy Analyst, will provide a brief update on the second phase of the water rights-related rulemaking effort, pertaining to Divisions 52, 53, 54, 320, and 330. *This is an informational report.*

Break 9:45 - 10:00 am

D. Drought Update – 10:00 – 10:45 am

Cameron Greenwood, OWRD Surface Water Hydrologist, Rachel LovellFord, OWRD Surface Water Section Manager, and Curtis Peetz, Office of Emergency Management Response Planner, will provide a briefing on the 2026 drought. *This is an informational report.*

E. Geological Carbon Sequestration – 10:45 - 11:30 am

Neyda Maymi, DOGAMI Decarbonization Projects Leader, will provide an overview of carbon sequestration and mineralization, and discuss a test well project. *This is an informational report.*

Lunch 11:30 – 12:30 pm

F. Field Services Division Activities Update – 12:30 – 1:15 pm

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Field Services Division Administrator, and Jake Johnstone, Field Services Division Deputy Administrator will provide an overview of activities undertaken by the Field Services Division during 2025 as well as an update on current activities in 2026. *This is an informational report.*

G. The Role of Stream Flow Measurement in Water Management and Demonstration on Mill Creek – 1:15 - 3:15 pm

Rachel LovellFord, Surface Water Section Manager, Travis Kelly, NW Region Manager, and Jake Constans, District 18 Watermaster, will provide an overview of how OWRD measures and processes streamflow data, including regulatory context, network development, and data applications. A field demonstration at Mill Creek will follow. *This is an informational report.*

Break 3:15 - 3:30 pm

H. Scoping Discussion for Water Distribution, Enforcement, and Exempt Use Rulemaking – 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Field Services Division Administrator, and Kelly Mainz, Water Policy Analyst, will share why Divisions 250, 260, 300, and 340 need to be updated and consult the Commission on the scope of the rulemaking. *The Commission will be asked to share their policy priorities for this rulemaking and provide feedback on the rulemaking scope.*

I. Director's Report – 4:30 - 5:00 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.*

Adjourn

Day 2 of Commission Meeting

J. Budget and Legislative Update – 8:00 - 8:45 am

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

K. Meeting Minutes – 8:45 - 8:50 am

The minutes of the February and March 2026 Commission meetings will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

L. Commissioner's Comments – 8:50 - 9:25 am

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

M. Public Comment and Other Issues – 9:25 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

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Attend By Phone: (253) 215 8782 Webinar ID: 872 5752 0857 Passcode: 298974

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 2

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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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