



Water Resources Commission Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026

Hybrid Meeting in Salem, Oregon

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Commission Meeting Day 1 – Thursday, March 19, 2026

Attendees

(V) = Virtual			
OWRD Commissioners			
Julie Smitherman (V)	Jan Lee (V)	Joe Moll (V)	Janet Neuman (V)
Kathy Kihara (V)	Woody Wolfe (V)		
OWRD STAFF			
Ivan Gall	Racquel Rancier	Doug Woodcock (V)	Mindy Lane
Laura Hartt	Jeana Eastman (V)	Kim Fritz-Ogren (V)	Eliot Crafton (V)
Nick Reece (V)	Katie Ratcliffe (V)	Will Davidson (V)	Adam Frederick (V)
Sarah Henderson (V)	Corey Courchane (V)	Bryn Hudson (V)	Tamera Smith (V)
Jesse Ratcliffe, DOJ (V)	Cassidy Fredlund	Jason Cox (V)	Lisa Jaramillo (V)
Elyse Hennen (V)	Kerri Cope (V)		
Others			
Adell Amos (V)	Hayley Siltanen (V)	Ken Yates (V)	Kyle Gorman (V)
Travis Trumbull (V)	Anna Glueder (V)	Michael (V)	Leah Cogan (V)
Shane Cossel (V)	Anton Chiono (V)	Chris Hall (V)	Jessica Humphreys (V)
James Fraser (V)	April Snell (V)		

[Vice-Chair Smitherman convened the meeting.](#)

A. [*Water Rights Transactions, Contested Cases, and Forfeiture Proposed Rules](#)

Racquel Rancier, Deputy Director of Strategy & Administration, Katie Ratcliffe, Water Right Services Division Administrator, Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer & Conservation Section Manager, and Laura Hartt, Water Policy Analyst, Rule Coordinator, & Tribal Liaison, presented on the Department's proposed rule changes to Divisions 2, 14, 17, 18, 77, 300, 305 (new), 310, 315, 325, 340, 380, and 382. The Commission was asked to consider the adoption of the proposed changes.

[The Commission gave comments, asked questions, and engaged in discussion with the presenters.](#)

[Commissioner Moll moved](#) to adopt the proposed Division 2, 14, 17, 18, 77, 300, 305, 310, 315, 325, 340, 380, and 382 rules in Attachments 6a and 6b, with the following modifications: For OAR 690-305-0010 (2)(a) and (2)(c), replace "be equal to or greater than" with "exceed"; and For OAR 690-380-4000(3)(d), replace "full amount of water allowed under" with "portion of" and add "to be transferred" after "right."

[Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion.](#) Votes in favor: Commissioners Kihara, Neuman, Lee, Wolfe, Moll and Vice-Chair Smitherman. Motion passed unanimously.

B. [Public Comment](#)

[Public Comment, James Fraser](#)

[Comment, Vice Chair Smitherman](#)

[Comment, Commissioner Moll](#)

[The Water Resources Commission meeting was adjourned.](#)

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