



Oregon Water Resources Commission

Meeting Agenda - Revised

September 10 - 11, 2026
1 Sunridge Ln, Baker City, OR 97814
and virtual via Zoom

Day 1 of Commission Meeting

TOUR – 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Oregon Water Resources Commission (OWRC), with the Burnt River Irrigation District, will host a tour of the Burnt River Irrigation District on September 10th, 2026. The Commission will tour the Burnt River Irrigation District including key measurement locations along the Burnt River system and the Unity Reservoir. Along with understanding how the district manages water within the district boundaries, they will hear about the long-standing agreement between users above and below the reservoir within the district boundaries, and the unique geography the district encompasses.

The public are invited to attend the tour in person. No virtual option is available for the tour. Individuals attending the tour should be prepared for sun or light smoke, bring comfortable closed-toed shoes or boots, water, a hat, sunscreen, jacket, and an umbrella or rain jacket. If you wish to join the tour, please make your own transportation arrangements. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by sending an email to Cassidy Fredlund at cassidy.a.fredlund@water.oregon.gov by close of business, Friday, September 4th, 2026. A more detailed itinerary will be provided to participants that RSVP once details are finalized.

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm

A. Burnt River Irrigation District Measurement Accuracy Waiver Request – 1:30 - 2:00 pm

Rachel LovellFord, Surface Water Hydrology Manager, and Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, along with Burnt River Irrigation District staff, will present a recommendation for a waiver of measurement requirements under 690-85-0010. The waiver will facilitate management of the district after their pending HB-3111 order is approved and certificates are issued in the district's name. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the measurement accuracy waiver.*

B. *Proposed Rulemaking for Hydroelectric, Proof of Appropriation, and Miscellaneous Water Rights Provisions – 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Laura Hartt, Water Policy Analyst, will present a rulemaking update, including final proposed rules pertaining to Divisions 52, 53, 54, 305, 320, and 330. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the proposed rules.*

Break 2:45 - 3:00 pm

C. Water Distribution, Enforcement, and Exempt Use Rulemaking Scoping Update – 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Field Services Division Administrator, and Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, will provide an update on the scoping effort and next steps for potential updates to Divisions 250, 260, 300, and 340. This will include a report out of themes heard during the recent open houses to help scope the rulemaking(s). *This is an informational report.*

E. EO 25-26 Discussion and Workplan – 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Ivan Gall, Director, and Jan Neuman, Water Resources Commission Chair, will discuss Executive Order (EO) 25-26 and present a draft agency workplan to implement the EO. Input on the draft workplan is requested, but approval is not required. The Commission will accept public comment on the draft workplan during this agenda item. *The Commission will discuss the EO and provide input on the draft workplan.*

Adjourn

Day 2 of Commission Meeting

D. Drought Update – 8:00 - 10:00 am

Bryn Hudson, Senior Policy Advisor, and Lili Prah, Planning Coordinator, will present prior work evaluating drought tools and response and associated recommended actions. *The Commission will discuss drought response, resiliency actions, and how the Commission will go about evaluating improvements to the drought process.*

F. Director's Report – 10:00 - 10:30 am

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

Break 10:30 - 10:45 am

G. Meeting Minutes – 10:45 - 10:50 am

The minutes of the June 2026 Commission meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

H. Commissioners Comments – 10:50 - 11:25 am

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

I. 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: 1 Sunridge Ln, Baker City, OR 97814

Virtual Meeting Information – Day 1

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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:** No further public comment or testimony will be accepted on topics with an asterisk as the record is now closed. Comments received during the public comment period are available to the Commission in their entirety. Additional public comment or input received outside the public comment period will not be allowed on the topic until a decision is final by the Commission.

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 Tuesday, September 8, 2026. *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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