



Water Resources Commission Meeting Minutes June 11 - 12, 2026 Hybrid Meeting in Salem, Oregon

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Commission Meeting Day 1 – Thursday, June 11, 2026

Attendees

(V) = Virtual			
Commissioners	OWRD Staff		Others
Jan Neuman, Chair	Ivan Gall	Racquel Rancier	Curtis Peetz
Julie Smitherman, Vice Chair	Kim Fritz-Ogren	Jesse Ratcliffe, DOJ	Neyda Maymi, DOGAMI
Adell Amos	Cassidy Fredlund	Mindy Lane	Kimberley Priestley
Kathy Kihara	Lisa Snyder	Jason Cox	Tom Halferty
Jan Lee	Justin Iverson	Katie Ratcliffe	Anna Glueder (V)
Travis Trumbull	Travis Kelly	Laura Hartt	Becky Powell (V)
	Maggie Sommer	Rachel LovellFord	Chris Hall (V)
	Bryn Hudson	Michael Coiner (V)	Jessica Dorsey (V)
	Jake Johnstone (V)	Colleen Murphy (V)	Ken Yates (V)
	Jordan Beamer (V)	Crystal Grinnell (V)	Kyle Gorman (V)
	Kelly Meinz (V)	Matt Day (V)	Leah Cogan (V)
	Travis Brown (V)	Will Davidson	Peggy Lynch (V)
	Mitra Khadka (V)	Jake Constans	Shane Cossel (V)
	Steve Ahlquist (V)	Gabi F (V)	208-850-6240
	Eugene Dight (V)	Andrew Wentworth (V)	Keri Morin Handaly (V)
	Amanda Lowe (V)	Chris Kowitz (V)	Genevieve Hubert (V)
	Kris Byrd (V)	Amy Landvoigt (V)	Janna Guzman (V)
			Spencer Sawaske (V)
			Jake Dombrowski (V)
			Hayley Siltanen (V)
			Jeremy Austin (V)
			Jim Powell (V)
			Danette Faucera (V)
			Stan Dean (V)
			April Snell (V)
			Zack Gelbaum

[Chair Neuman convened the meeting.](#)

A. [Delegation of Authority to Issue Final Orders in Cancellation Proceedings](#)

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, presented the delegation order to the Commission for consideration. The Commission was asked to consider approval of the delegation order.

[Commissioner Lee moved to adopt the proposed delegation order as described in attachment one.](#) Vice Chair Smitherman seconded the motion. Votes in favor: Commissioners Kihara, Trumbull, Vice Chair Smitherman, Chair Neuman, and Commissioners Amos and Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

B. [Integrated Water Resources Strategy](#)

Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resource Strategy Specialist, presented the Draft 2027-29 Workplan. The Commission was asked to provide feedback on the draft workplan. The Department will accept written public comment on the draft workplan through June 26, 2026.

C. [Rule Updates for Hydroelectric, Proof of Appropriation, and Miscellaneous Water Rights Provisions](#)

Laura Hartt, Water Policy Analyst, provided a brief update on the second phase of the water rights-related rulemaking effort, pertaining to Divisions 52, 53, 54, 320, and 330.

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

D. [Drought Update](#)

Cameron Greenwood, OWRD Surface Water Hydrologist, Rachel LovellFord, OWRD Surface Water Section Manager, and Curtis Peetz, Office of Emergency Management Response Planner, provided a briefing on the 2026 drought.

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

E. [Geological Carbon Sequestration](#)

Neyda Maymi, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Decarbonization Projects Leader, provided an overview of carbon sequestration and mineralization, and discussed a test well project.

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

F. [Field Services Division Activities Update](#)

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Field Services Division Administrator, and Jake Johnstone, Field Services Division Deputy Administrator, provided an overview of activities undertaken by the Field Services Division during 2025 as well as an update on current activities in 2026.

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

G. [The Role of Stream Flow Measurement in Water Management and Demonstration on Mill Creek](#)

Rachel LovellFord, Surface Water Section Manager, Travis Kelly, NW Region Manager, and Jake Constans, District 18 Watermaster, provided an overview of how OWRD measures and processes streamflow data, including regulatory context, network development, and data applications. A field demonstration at Mill Creek followed.

H. [Scoping Discussion for Water Distribution, Enforcement, and Exempt Use Rulemaking](#)

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

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

[Public Comment, Jeremy Austin](#)

I. [Director's Report](#)

Ivan Gall, Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues.

[Day 1 was adjourned.](#)

Commission Meeting Day 2 – Friday, June 12, 2026

Attendees

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Commissioners	OWRD Staff		Others
Jan Neuman, Chair	Ivan Gall	Cassidy Fredlund	April Snell
Julie Smitherman, Vice Chair	Lisa Snyder	Mindy Lane	Stan Dean (V)
Adell Amos	Bryn Hudson	Racquel Rancier	Ken Yates (V)
Kathy Kihara	Jason Cox	Katie Ratcliffe	Kimberley Priestley (V)
Jan Lee	Crystal Grinnell (V)	Amy Landvoigt (V)	Chris Hall (V)
Travis Trumbull	Kim Fritz-Ogren	Michael Coiner (V)	Peggy Lynch (V)
	Amanda Lowe (V)	Jake Johnstone (V)	Erik Kancler (V)
	Alexandria Scott (V)	Chris Kowitz (V)	Zoe RodriguezdelRey (V)
			Michael Martin (V)
			Danette Faucera (V)
			503-784-7443
			Ryann Gleason (V)

[Chair Neuman reconvened the meeting.](#)

J. [Budget and Legislative Update](#)

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, provided an overview of preparation for the 2027 legislative session.

K. [Meeting Minutes](#)

The minutes of the February and March 2026 Commission meetings were presented for Commission approval.

[Vice Chair Smitherman moved to approve the meeting minutes](#) from February 26th and 27th and March 19th. Commissioner Lee seconded. Votes in favor: Commissioner Kihara, Vice Chair Smitherman, Commissioner Lee, and Chair Neuman. Commissioners Amos and Trumbull did not vote. Motion passed.

L. [Commissioner's Comments](#)

Commissioners reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on a variety of water resource topics.

M. [Public Comment and Other Issues](#)

[Public Comment, Chris Hall](#)

[Public Comment, April Snell](#)

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

Submitted by Mindy Lane, Executive Support, Director's Office.