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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

February 7 – 8, 2013

**Water Resources Department
Conference Room 124
725 Summer Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301**

If a specific time is indicated for an agenda item, an effort will be made to consider that item as close to that time as possible. However, because of the uncertain length of time needed for each agenda item, scheduled times may be modified. Those wishing to hear discussion of an item should arrive at the beginning of the meeting to avoid missing the item.

A public comment period is provided at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Friday for issues not included on the agenda. Public comment on agenda items will be taken as each item is considered by the Commission. Asterisks denote items on which public comment will generally not be taken (please see page 3).

Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, will be on the Commission's website at http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff_reports/.

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, February 7 (1:00 pm)

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 15 and 16, 2012 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

B. Commission Comments

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

C. Director's Report

Director Phil Ward will update the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report only.*

D. Umatilla Basin Water Supply Update (1:30 pm – 2:00 pm)

Barry Norris, State Engineer, will provide an update on the Governor's Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Task Force. *This is an informational report only.*

E. Process Improvement Update (2:00 pm – 2:30 pm)

Dwight French, Water Rights Services Administrator, will give an update on the Department's process improvement efforts within the Water Right Services Division. *This is an informational report only.*

**F. Meet the Groundwater Advisory Committee Chair, Rob Turkisher
(2:30 pm – 3:00 pm)**

Ivan Gall, Groundwater Manager, will introduce the Chair of the Groundwater Advisory Committee. *This is an informational report only.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

G. Budget Update - 2013 – 15 Governor’s Balanced Budget (3:15 pm – 3:45 pm)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide an update on the development of the 2013-15 Governor’s Budget. *This is an informational report only.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, February 8 (8:00 am)

H. Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) Implementation (8:00 am – 10:00 am)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Policy Coordinator, and Lauren Dennis, Intern, will share IWRS work products so far, as well as next steps. An analysis of the Department’s basin programs and lessons learned for place-based planning will also be discussed. *This is an informational report only.*

BREAK (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

I. Update on the Willamette Basin Reservoir Study (10:15 am – 10:45 am)

Phil Ward, Director, Tom Paul, Deputy Director, and Kevin Brice, US Army Corps of Engineers, will give an update on the Willamette Basin Reservoir Study since the release of the 2008 Biological Opinion. *This is an informational report only.*

J. Legislative Preview – 2013 Session (10:45 am – 12:00 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide updates related to committee assignment of the Oregon Legislature and status of the Department’s legislative concepts. *This is an informational report only.*

K. Public Comment (approximately 12:00 pm)

L. Other Issues

Meeting Procedures: Generally, agenda items will be taken in the order above. However, in certain circumstances, the Commission may elect to take an item out of order. Please be aware that topics not listed on the agenda may be introduced during the Commission Comment period, the Director’s Report, the Public Comment period, Other Issues or at other times during the meeting.

Oregon’s Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Commission members may meet for meals on Thursday and Friday.

Executive Session: The Commission may also convene in a confidential executive session where, by law, only members of the press and Department staff may attend. Others will be asked to leave the room during these discussions, which usually deal with current or potential litigation. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commission member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

***Public Testimony:** The Commission encourages public comment on any agenda item. However, public testimony may be limited on items marked with an asterisk (*). The asterisk means that the item has already been the subject of a formal public hearing or contested case hearing. On certain items marked with an asterisk, the Commission may be authorized to allow public comments. People wishing to speak to the Commission are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). 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 on Friday at approximately 12:00 pm.

Every attempt will be made to share with the Commission written comments that are delivered to the Director's Office in advance of the meeting date. Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged so that Commissioners have sufficient opportunity to review materials prior to the meeting. To submit written comments directly to the Commission, please bring at least ten copies to the meeting.

Questions? If you have any questions about this agenda or the Commission's procedures, please call Cindy Smith, Commission Assistant, at 503-986-0876.

If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Cindy Smith at the phone number mentioned above as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Water Resources Commission

(with city of residence, region represented, and year of term expiration)

The Commission is a seven-member citizen body that sets state water policy and oversees activities of the Water Resources Department.

John Jackson, Chair	Cornelius	Northwest Region	2013
Charles Barlow, Vice-Chair	Nyssa	Eastern Region	2013
Mary Meloy	Bend	North Central Region	2013
Jeanne LeJeune	Portland	West Side at Large	2016
John Roberts	Medford	Southwest Region	2016
Ray Williams	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large	2013
Carol Whipple	Elkton	West Central Region	2013

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There are six 2-hour parking stalls located between our building and the Employment Building to our south. Parking is also available in the Yellow Lot which is located two blocks south of our building for a fee.