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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

August 8 – 9, 2013

**Best Western Sunridge Inn
Blue Mountain/Sunridge Room
One Sunridge Lane
Baker City, Oregon 97814**

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 11:30 a.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/.

TOUR: Thursday, August 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Commission will depart from the Best Western Sunridge Inn at 8:00 am with the first stop being the Eastern Region Office. The second stop will be Mason Dam on Phillips Reservoir, with Sumpter Valley Dredge as the third stop. The group will return to Baker City by 12:00 pm.

Appropriate attire for this tour includes comfortable close-toed shoes/boots, as the terrain will be rocky in some areas; hat; and sunscreen.

The public is invited to attend the tour, but transportation will be provided only for Commissioners and Department staff. If you wish to join the tour, you must make your own transportation arrangements. Please contact Cindy Smith at (503) 986-0876 by close of business, Monday, August 5, if you plan to attend.

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, August 8 (1:00 pm)

A. Commission Dialogue with Local Representatives (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

The Commission has invited representatives of the local community to discuss local water resource issues. Panel members include: Commissioner Fred Warner, Baker County; Brent Kerns, K Diamond Ranch; Peggy Browne, Browne Consulting; and Curtis Martin, Cattlemen's Association. *This is an informational report only.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

**B. Informational Report on 2012 Field Regulation and Enforcement Activities
(3:15 pm – 4:15 pm)**

Doug Woodcock, Field Services Administrator, will update the Commission on 2012 field regulation and enforcement activities. Rick Lusk, District 8 Watermaster, will provide a brief presentation on field activities in his district. *This is an informational report only.*

C. Update on the Willamette Reallocation Efforts - FY13 and Beyond (4:15 pm – 4:35 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will update the Commission on the reallocation efforts on the Willamette with the US Army Corps of Engineers. *This is an informational report only.*

**D. Follow up to an Exception to the Willamette Basin Program by Gary Yeakle
(4:35 pm – 5:00 pm)**

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will update the Commission on a previous basin exception request. *This is an informational report only.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, August 9 (8:00 am)

E. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 7 and 8, May 9 and July 1, 2013 meetings will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

F. Commission Comments

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

G. Director's Report

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

H. Legislative Wrap-Up – 2013 Session (8:30 am – 9:15 am)

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide a debriefing on the 2013 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report only.*

I. Budget Update - 2013 – 15 Biennium (9:15 pm – 10:15 pm)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide an update on the outcome of the Department's 2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget. *This is an informational report only.*

BREAK (10:15 am – 10:30 am)

J. Klamath Adjudication/Regulation Update (10:30 am – 11:30 am)

Doug Woodcock, Field Services Administrator and Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will give an update on the implementation of the Klamath Adjudication and how the regulation efforts are going in the Klamath Basin. *This is an informational report only.*

K. Public Comment (approximately 11:30 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 11:30 am.

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
Jeanne LeJeune	Portland	West Side at Large	2016
John Roberts	Medford	Southwest Region	2016
Dennis Doherty	Hermiston	North Central Region	2017
Ray Williams	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large	2017
Carol Whipple	Elkton	West Central Region	2017

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DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

From Salem

Take I-5 North toward Portland. Take Exit 300 towards Portland Airport/The Dalles. Heading East on I-84, go 302 miles, take Exit 304 for OR-7 toward Geiser Grand Hotel/Historic District/Baker City Center. Go 0.3 miles, turn right onto OR-7 S/Campbell Street. Go 420 feet, turn right onto Sunridge Lane. Your destination will be on the right.

Parking

Free parking is available at the Best Western Sunridge Inn.