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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

March 6 – 7, 2014

**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 12:30 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 4).

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/.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Thursday, March 6, 8:00 a.m.

The Commission will consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The executive session is being conducted pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) and is closed to the public (please see page 4).

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, March 6 (9:30 am)

A. Update on Senate Bill 839 Implementation (9:30 am – 10:00 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will give an update on the progress of implementation and next steps. *This is an informational report only.*

BREAK (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

B. Water Supply and Drought Status for Oregon (10:15 am – 10:45 am)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, Keith Mills, Acting State Engineer, and Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, will discuss the water conditions and drought status throughout of the state. *The Commission may be asked to approve emergency rulemaking or the scheduling of a teleconference meeting for emergency rulemaking, if the Governor declares drought in a county.*

C. Willamette Basin Reservoir Study Update (10:45 am – 11:30 am)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Program Coordinator, and Eric Strickland, US Army Corps of Engineers, will discuss the current status of the Reservoir Study, and the recent decision not to pursue a WaterSMART Basin Study proposal. *The Commission will be asked to support the Department's continued funding of the Reservoir Study.*

D. Creation of a Liaison with the Environmental Quality Commission (11:30 am–12:00 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Dick Pedersen, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, will discuss the opportunity to create a liaison position with the Environmental Quality Commission. *The Commission will be asked to approve the creation of a liaison role with the Environmental Quality Commission.*

LUNCH (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

E. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

E-1. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program Annual Report

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, and Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, will provide the 2012 annual evaluation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules, OAR Chapter 690, Division 505; and the Deschutes Basin Mitigation Bank and Mitigation Credit Rules, OAR Chapter 690, Division 521 as required by OAR 690-505-0500(3) and OAR 690-521-0600. *The Commission will be asked to accept the 2012 report.*

E-2. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program Five-Year Review

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, and Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, will provide the second five-year evaluation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Program required under OAR Chapter 690, Division 505. *The Commission may direct the Department to initiate rulemaking or take other action.*

F. Potential Storage Opportunities in Oregon (2:00 pm – 2:30 pm)

Jon Unger, Water Supply Development Coordinator, will provide a report on potential storage opportunities in Oregon. *The Commission will be asked for support to continue the Department's efforts to improve access to built storage.*

G. Internal Performance Metrics (2:30 pm – 3:00 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Administrator, Technical Services Division, Doug Woodcock, Administrator, Field Services Division, Tracy Loudon, Administrator, Administrative Services Division, and Dwight French, Administrator, Water Rights Services Division, will discuss the performance measures that the Department tracks and monitors internally. *The Commission will be asked to endorse the Department's internal performance metrics.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

H. Process Improvement Update (3:15 pm – 3:45 pm)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will discuss the recent activities that have taken place related to process improvement. *The Commission will be asked to direct the Department to report each biennium on internal process improvement efforts.*

I. Klamath Update (3:45 pm – 4:45 pm)

Richard Whitman, Governor's Natural Resource Policy Advisor, Tom Paul, Deputy Director and Doug Woodcock, Field Services Administrator, will give an update on the on-going efforts in the Klamath Basin. *This is an informational report only.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, March 7 (8:00 am)

J. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 14 and 15, 2013 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

K. Commission Comments

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

L. Director's Report

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

M. Update on the 2014 Legislative Session (8:30 am – 9:45 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of the 2014 Legislative Session. Lobbyists from the water industry will engage in a panel discussion to reflect on the 2013 and 2014 Legislative Sessions. Guests invited: Katie Fast, Oregon Farm Bureau; Kimberley Priestley, WaterWatch of Oregon; Tracy Rutten, League of Oregon Cities; April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress; Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries; Gil Riddell, Oregon Association of Counties; Richard Kosesan, Water for Life; Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon; Teresa Huntsinger, Oregon Environmental Council; Jim Welsh, Oregon Cattlemen's Association. *This is an informational report only.*

N. Budget Update (9:45 am – 10:15 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will discuss the preliminary schedule for the development of the 2015-17 Agency Requested Budget. *This is an informational report only.*

BREAK (10:15 am – 10:30 am)

O. Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program – Grant Funding for 2013-15 (10:30 am – 11:30 am)

Tracy Louden, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will be discussing the Department's recommendations on grant funding for the 2013-15 grant cycle. *The Commission will be asked for their approval on grant funding for the qualifying costs of planning studies that evaluate the feasibility of developing a water conservation, reuse or storage project.*

P. Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy–Implementation Update (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, along with Karen Tarnow, Department of Environmental Quality, Ray Jaindl, Department of Agriculture, and Rick Kepler, Department of Fish and Wildlife, will update the Commission on the implementation of Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report only.*

Q. Public Comment (approximately 12:30 pm)

R. 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 12:30 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 Roberts, Chair	Jacksonville	Southwest Region	2016
Ray Williams, Vice-Chair	Milton-Freewater	East Side at Large	2017
Dennis Doherty	Hermiston	North Central Region	2017
Jeanne LeJeune	Portland	West Side at Large	2016
Bruce Corn	Ontario	Eastern Region	2016
Bob Baumgartner	Tigard	Northwest Region	2016
Carol Whipple	Elkton	West Central Region	2017

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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.