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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

May 29 – 30, 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 11:00 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/.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Thursday, May 29, 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 and to consider information or records exempt from public inspection. The executive session is being conducted pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) and ORS 192.660(2)(f) and is closed to the public (please see page 3).

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, May 29 (9:30 am)

- * A. Issuance of Final Order In the Matter of Water Right Application S-87330 in the Name of the Willamette Water Co. (9:30 am – 9:45 am)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will ask the Commission to issue a final order regarding Application S-87330. *The Commission will approve or deny exceptions filed to the Director's Final Order and issue its Final Order for Application S-87330.*

- * B. Consideration of the Exceptions and Issuance of Final Order In the Matter of Water Right Application G-17165 in the Name of the Town of Lakeview (9:45 am – 10:00 am)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will ask the Commission to issue a final order regarding Application G-17165. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny exceptions filed to the Director's Final Order and issue its Final Order for Application G-17165.*

BREAK (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

C. Senate Bill 839 Update: Authorization to Appoint a Rules Advisory Committee (10:15 am – 10:30 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will ask the Commission to authorize the formation of a Rules Advisory Committee comprised of members of the Seasonally Varying Flows Task Force when they are named. *The Commission will be asked to approve the formation of a Rules Advisory Committee.*

D. Cooperative Groundwater Studies with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) (10:30 am – 11:30 am)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, Ivan Gall, Groundwater Manager, and Terrance Conlon, USGS, will brief the Commission on recent USGS-WRD groundwater studies. *This is an informational report.*

LUNCH (11:30 pm – 1:00 pm)

E. Proposed Deschutes Basin WaterSMART Study (1:00 pm – 1:45 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator and Suzanne Butterfield, Deschutes Basin Board of Control, will provide an overview of the project and its status. *This is an informational report.*

F. Information Update: Klamath Basin (1:45 pm – 2:15 pm)

Tom Paul, Deputy Director and Doug Woodcock, Field Services Administrator, will give an update on efforts in the Klamath Basin. *The Commission will be asked for authorization to pursue rulemaking as required by the Settlement Agreement.*

G. Water Supply Update (2:15 pm – 2:45 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator and Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, will discuss the water conditions throughout the state. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (2:45 pm – 3:00 pm)

H. Place-Based Planning Discussion and Workshop (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator and Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, will discuss on-going efforts to facilitate place-based planning and conduct a workshop with the Commission. *The Commission will be asked to provide input during the workshop.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, May 30 (8:00 am)

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 6 and 7, 2014 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

J. Commission Comments

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

K. Director's Report

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

L. Legislative Update: 2015 Legislative Concept Development (8:45 am – 9:30 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of the 2015 Legislative Session and potential Legislative Concepts. *The Commission will be asked for input on the 2015 Legislative Concepts.*

M. Budget Update: 2015-17 Budget Concepts (9:30 am – 10:15 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will discuss the Department's budget concepts for 2015-17. *The Commission will be asked to endorse the budget concepts.*

BREAK (10:15 am – 10:30 am)

N. Update on Potential Storage Opportunities (10:30 pm – 11:00 pm)

Jon Unger, Water Supply Development Coordinator, will provide a report on storage opportunities in Oregon. *This is an informational report.*

O. Public Comment (approximately 11:00 am)

P. 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 11:00 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.

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Bruce Corn	Ontario	Eastern 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.