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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

August 21 – 22, 2014

Best Western Hood River Inn
Columbia Conference Room
1108 East Marine Drive
Hood River, Oregon 97031

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 will be 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 may be limited (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/.

TOUR: Thursday, August 21, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Commission will depart from the Best Western Hood River Inn at 8:00 am and tour the Middle Fork, East Fork and Farmers Irrigation District sites. The group will return to the hotel by 12:00 pm.

Individuals attending the tour should bring comfortable close-toed shoes/boots, a light jacket, 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, Friday, August 15, if you plan to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Thursday, August 21 (12:30 pm)

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, August 21, (2:00 pm)

- * **A. Consideration of the Exceptions and Issuance of Final Order In the Matter of Charles Moore, Water Well Constructor License #731 (2:00 pm – 2:30 pm)**
Matt DeVore, Legal Counsel, and Kris Byrd, Enforcement Manager, will ask the Commission to issue a final order. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny exceptions filed to the Director's Amended Proposed Final Order and issue its Final Order.*
- * **B. Consideration of the Exceptions and Issuance of Final Order in the Matter of the Proposed Partial Cancellation of Water Right Certificate 24625 (2:30 pm – 3:00 pm)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will ask the Commission to issue a final order. *The Commission will be asked to issue a final order.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

- C. Hood River Basin WaterSMART Study (3:15 pm – 3:45 pm)**
Niklas Christensen, Watershed Professionals Network, Inc. and Les Perkins, Hood River County Commissioner, will update the Commission on the results of a recent Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Basin Study. *This is an informational report.*
- D. Approval of Appointment to the Groundwater Advisory Committee (3:45 pm–4:00 pm)**
Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, will present a recommendation to fill a recently vacated position on the Groundwater Advisory Committee (GWAC). *The Commission will be asked to approve the proposed replacement.*
- E. Establishment of New State Scenic Waterways (4:00 pm – 4:45 pm)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Laurel Hillman, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, will brief the Commission on efforts to designate new scenic waterways in accordance with Governor Kitzhaber's instructions to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, recommending three new scenic waterways each biennium for the next four biennia. *This is an informational report.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, August 22 (8:00 am)

- F. Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of the May 29 and 30, 2014 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*
- G. Commission Comments**
Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.
- H. Director's Report**
Acting Director Tom Paul will update the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report.*

I. Legislative Update: 2015 Legislative Concept Development (8:45 am – 9:05 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on the progress of developing legislative concepts for the 2015 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report.*

J. Budget Update: 2015 – 17 Agency Requested Budget (9:05 am – 9:35 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will discuss development of the 2015-17 biennium agency requested budget. *This is an informational report.*

K. Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program – Grant Funding for 2014 Grant Cycle (9:35 am – 10:20 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will brief the Commission regarding the second cycle of grants for feasibility studies. *The Commission will be asked to make a determination on the funding recommendations.*

BREAK (10:20 am – 10:30 am)

L. Informational Update on Developing Guidelines for Place-Based IWRS: Workshops and Public Comment Results (10:30 am – 11:15 am)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, will give an update on feedback the Department received on place-based IWRS from workshops and written public comments. *This is an informational report.*

M. Reservations of Water for Future Economic Development (11:15 am – 12:00 am)

Jon Unger, Water Supply Development Coordinator, will provide an overview on reservations of water for future economic development. Katy Coba, Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) will update the Commission on their plan to request extensions of existing reservations. *This is an informational report.*

N. Public Comment (approximately 12:00 pm)

O. 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 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	2017
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Carol Whipple	Elkton	West Central Region	2017

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DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

From I-84 Eastbound

The Best Western Plus Hood River Inn is located just off I-84 at Exit 64 making them 64 miles from downtown Portland and 55 miles from Portland International Airport.

After exiting at Exit 64 turn north (toward the river) at the bottom of the ramp, then take the first right (after the westbound off ramp) into the Inn's entry drive.



PARKING:

Parking is available at the hotel.