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OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

March 12 – 13, 2015

**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 will be provided at approximately 11:45 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 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/.

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, March 12, (9:00 am)

A. Integrated Water Resources Strategy Implementation Update (9:00 am – 10:30 am)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Program Coordinator; Margaret Matter, Water Resources Specialist, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Danette Faucera, Water Policy Coordinator, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; and Karen Tarnow, Senior Water Quality Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, will provide an update on implementation of the Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report.*

B. Integrated Water Resources Development: Meeting Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, and Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Program Coordinator, will provide an update on the Integrated Water Resources Program including work underway to implement Senate Bill 839 and place-based integrated water resources planning. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

- C. Scenic Waterway Flow Methods (1:00 pm – 1:50 pm)**
Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, and Rachel Lovellford, Hydrologist, will describe potential methods for setting Oregon Scenic Waterway flows, including the benefits and drawbacks to each. *Staff will seek input from the Commission on the potential methods.*
- D. IWRS Implementation: Monitoring Strategy (1:50 pm – 2:40 pm)**
Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, and Mellony Hoskinson, Water Availability Technician, will brief the Commission on development of a strategy that the Department will use to identify and implement monitoring sites around the state. *Staff will seek input from the Commission on the development of the strategy.*
- E. Deschutes Basin Groundwater Mitigation Program 2013 Annual Report (2:40 pm – 3:10 pm)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will provide the 2013 annual update and evaluation on the implementation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules and the Deschutes Basin Mitigation Bank and Mitigation Credit Rules. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (3:10 pm – 3:25 pm)

- F. Hydroelectric Program Overview and Upcoming Rulemaking (3:35 pm – 4:15 pm)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, and Mary Graine, Hydroelectric Program Coordinator, will brief the Commission on the Hydroelectric Program and upcoming rulemaking. *Staff will seek input from the Commission on the rulemaking effort.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, March 13 (8:00 am)

- G. Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of the November 20 and 21, 2014 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*
- H. Commission Comments**
Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.
- I. Director's Report**
Director Tom Byler will update the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report.*

J. Budget Update (8:45 am – 9:30 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of the Governor's Recommended Budget. *This is an informational report.*

K. Legislative Update (9:30 am – 10:00 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide information about key issues and legislation for the 2015 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report only.*

BREAK (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

* **L. Request for Adoption of Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 20, Dam Safety (10:15 am – 10:45 am)**

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, and Keith Mills, Dam Safety Engineer, will present a request for adoption of rules to ensure the safety of dams. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the proposed rules.*

* **M. Request for Adoption of Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 25, Regulation of Groundwater in the Off-Project Area During the Irrigation Season for Senior Surface Rights in the Klamath Basin (10:45 am – 11:45 am)**

Doug Woodcock, Field Services Administrator, and Ivan Gall, Groundwater Manager, will present a request for adoption of rules to govern the regulation of groundwater wells in the Off-Project area of the Klamath Basin for the benefit of senior water users. *The Commission will be asked to approve or deny the proposed rules.*

N. Public Comment (approximately 11:45 am)

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 11:45 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 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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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.