



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

June 18 – 19, 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 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 of Salem Office (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

The Commission will tour the Water Resources Department's Salem office and learn more about how each division operates.

The public is invited to attend the tour. If you wish to join the tour, please contact Cindy Smith at (503) 986-0876 by close of business, Friday, June 12.

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, June 18, (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A. Overview of Harney County Groundwater

Ivan Gall, Groundwater Manager, will brief the Commission on groundwater issues in Harney County and potential options for the future. *This is an informational report.*

LUNCH (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

B. Drought and Climate Conditions for Oregon (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Keith Mills, State Engineer, and Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, will give an update on the current drought conditions around the state. David Rupp, Oregon Climate Change Research Institute; Andy Bryant, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Scott Oviatt, Natural Resources Conservation Service, will provide an overview of short and long-term trends. Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Tom Byler, Director, will discuss on-going activities related to the drought. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

C. Willamette Basin Reservoir Study Update (3:15 pm – 4:00 pm)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Program Coordinator and Eric Stricklin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will provide an update on the Willamette Basin Reservoir Study. *This is an informational report.*

D. Conversation with the Association of Oregon Counties Water Committee Co-Chairs (4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

Alan Unger, Deschutes County Commissioner, Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner, and Gil Riddell, Policy Director, will talk about their perspectives on water resource issues and interest in place-based planning. *This is an informational report.*

E. Process Improvement Update (4:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will provide an update on process improvement initiatives undertaken over the past year. *This is an informational report.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, June 19 (8:00 am)

F. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 12-13, 2015 and May 15, 2015 meetings 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

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

I. Budget Update (8:45 am – 9:15 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the Department's Budget. *This is an informational report.*

J. Legislative Update (9:15 am – 9:45 am)

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

BREAK (9:45 am – 10:00 am)

*** K. Request for Adoption of Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 200, 205, 210, 215 and 240 – Special Area Well Construction Standards (10:00 am – 10:30 am)**

Kris Byrd, Enforcement Manager, will present a request for adoption of rules to address Mosier water issues and other rule modifications to protect groundwater resources and water users. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

* **L. Request for Adoption of Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 522, Deschutes Basin Water Management Rules (10:30 am – 11:00 am)**

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will present a request for adoption of rules to add water back to the allocation cap and authorize the re-assignment of permanent mitigation credits for the Deschutes Groundwater Mitigation Program. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

* **M. Request for Adoption of Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 93, Rules Governing Grants and Loans for Water Supply Development (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)**

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will present a request for adoption of rules to implement Senate Bill 389 (2013), which established a grant and loan program to support water resources development projects. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

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 will 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 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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Parking

Parking is located along Summer Street and also Winter Street (west side of building). Parking along Summer Street is metered. The parking along Winter Street has a 90 minute limit.

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.