



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

September 10 – 11, 2015

Four Rivers Cultural Center

Collins Gallery

676 SW 5th Avenue

Ontario, Oregon 97914

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 10:00 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 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, September 10

The Commission will depart from the Four Rivers Cultural Center at 7:15 am. They will tour the Owyhee Dam, water infrastructure, hydropower facilities, and the Owyhee Irrigation District.

Individuals attending the tour should have comfortable close-toed shoes/boots, a jacket, hat, sunscreen, and an umbrella.

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, September 4, if you plan to attend.

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, September 10

A. Commission Dialogue with Local Officials (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)

Individuals from the area will discuss water resources conditions and challenges with the Commission.

B. Water Resources Development Program Update (2:30 pm – 3:15 pm)

Tom Byler, Director, and Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide an overview of the various water resources development program components and implementation efforts. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (3:15 pm – 3:30 pm)

C. Perspectives from the Field: Watermaster Districts 7, 9 and 10 (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Jason Spriet, Eastern Region Manager and Watermasters David Bates (District 7), Ron Jacobs (District 9), and JR Johnson (District 10), will provide an overview of field activities in their districts. *This is an informational report.*

D. Report on 2014 Field Regulation and Enforcement Activities (4:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

Doug Woodcock, Field Services Administrator, will report on the 2014 field regulation and enforcement activities. *This is an informational report.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, September 11 (8:00 am)

E. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 18 and 19, 2015 meeting, will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

F. Commission Comments

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

G. Director's Report

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

H. Budget Update (8:45 am – 9:15 am)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the Department's 2015-17 Legislatively Adopted Budget. *This is an informational report.*

I. Legislative Wrap-Up (9:15 am – 9:45 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will recap legislation that passed the 2015 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (9:45 am – 10:00 am)

J. Public Comment (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

**K. Update on Drought Conditions & Governor Brown's Executive Order
(10:15 am – 12:00 pm)**

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will brief the Commission on current drought conditions and drought respectively. *This is an informational report.*

L. 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 10:00 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 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
Bob Baumgartner	Tigard	Northwest Region	2017
Carol Whipple	Elkton	West Central Region	2017

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DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

From Salem: Take I-5 toward Portland; merge onto I-205 via exit 288 toward I-84; merge onto I-84 via exit 22 toward The Dalles/Columbia River Gorge; take exit 376 toward US 30 E/Payette; merge onto E Idaho Avenue; turn left onto SW 2nd St.; turn right onto SW 4th; turn left onto SW 6th; turn right onto SW 5th; end at 676 SW 5th Avenue.

Approx. travel time: 6 hrs 25 min.

Distance: 425 miles

PARKING

There is ample parking at the Four Rivers Cultural Center.