



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

November 19 & 20, 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/.

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, November 19 (8:00 am)

A. Deschutes Groundwater Mitigation Program 2014 Annual Report and HB 3623 Report (8:00 am – 8:45 am)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, and Laura Wilke, Flow Restoration Program Coordinator, will give an update on the development of the HB 3623 Report that is due to the Legislature in early 2016. Staff will also provide an overview of the 2014 annual report and evaluation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules and the Deschutes Basin Mitigation Bank and Mitigation Credit Rules. *The Commission will be asked to provide input on the HB 3623 Report.*

*** B. Amendment of Hydroelectric Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 51 (8:45 am – 9:30 am)**

Mary Graine, Hydroelectric Program Coordinator, and Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will present a request for adoption of rule amendments to the Hydroelectric Program Rules. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

*** C. Status of Reservations and Adoption of Temporary Rules (9:30 am – 10:30 am)**

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of work underway to define procedures for evaluating requests to extend reservations. The Commission will consider adoption of temporary rules to establish the process for extending the Burnt River Reservations, which are set to expire in March 2016. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed temporary rules.*

BREAK (10:30 am – 10:45 am)

D. Drought 2015 – Recap of the 2015 Water Year & Update on Executive Order 15-09 (10:45 am – 12:00 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and staff from Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Program, and Oregon State Marine Board, will share information about this year's drought conditions, impacts and response. *This is an informational report.*

Lunch (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

E. Water Resources Development Program Update (1:00 pm – 2:15 pm)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Kim Ogren, Senior Water Resources Development Advisor, will update the Commission on water resources development activities, including the Umatilla Project and Place-Based Planning. *This is an informational report.*

F. Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program – Award of Grant Funding (2:15 pm – 3:00 pm)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Jon Unger, Water Supply Development Coordinator, will request approval of funding for the first 2015-2017 grant cycle of feasibility grants. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the recommended funding.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

G. Petition for Withdrawal of Smith River (3:15 pm – 3:45 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of the withdrawal process and recommend possible alternatives for the Commission to consider. *The Commission will direct staff on how it would like to move forward.*

H. Approval of Minutes (3:45 pm)

The minutes of the September 10 and 11, 2015 meeting, will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

I. Approval of 2016 Meeting Schedule

A tentative schedule of meetings for 2016 will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the meeting schedule.*

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

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, November 20 (8:00 am)

L. Commission Approval of Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee (8:00 am – 8:15 am)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will present recommendations to fill three positions on the Groundwater Advisory Committee. *The Commission will be asked to approve the proposed appointments.*

M. Concurrence in the Recommendation to Designate Segments of the Chetco and Molalla Rivers as Scenic Waterways (8:15 am – 9:15 am)

Rachel LovellFord, Hydrologist; Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager; and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, along with Chris Havel and Trevor Taylor from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, will provide updates on efforts conducted for the Chetco and Molalla Scenic Waterway Study Areas. *The Commission will be asked to concur with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to Governor Brown, to designate sections of the Chetco and Molalla Rivers as scenic waterways. The Commission will also consider setting the scenic waterway flows.*

N. Monitoring Strategy Update (9:15 am – 9:45 am)

Mellony Hoskinson, Water Availability Technician; Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager; and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will brief the Commission on the monitoring strategy that the Department will use to identify and establish monitoring sites around the state. *This is an informational report.*

Break (9:45 am – 10:00 am)

O. 2017 Update to Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (10:00 am – 11:00 am)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Program Coordinator, will provide an overview of the Department's plans for the 2017 update to the Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *The Commission will be asked to provide feedback on the proposed process.*

P. 2015 Statewide Long-Term Water Demand Forecast Update (11:00 am – 11:30 am)

Rachel LovellFord, Hydrologist; Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager; and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will brief the Commission on the 2015 Demand Forecast and discuss the applicability of the results. *This is an informational report.*

Q. Routing Water Right Data on Stream Networks – A Sneak Peak at new GIS Services (11:30 am – 12:00 pm)

Ken Smith, Information Services Manager and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will demonstrate how new technology will provide the ability to search for water rights based on stream location. *This is an informational report.*

R. Public Comment (12:00 pm – 12:15 pm)

S. Other Business (12:15 pm – 12:30 pm)

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 Business 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 above as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Water Resources Commission

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*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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