



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

February 25 & 26, 2016

**Water Resources Department
Conference Room 124
725 Summer Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301**

AGENDA

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 am 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, February 25 (8:00 am)

A. Overview of Progress on 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy Update (8:00 am – 8:45 am)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, will provide an update on efforts underway for the 2017 update to the Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report.*

*** B. Reservations Rulemakings: Preview of Division 79 Draft Rules and Adoption of Division 509 Rules to Extend Burnt River Reservations (8:45 am – 10:15 am)**

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the draft public hearing of the Division 79 rules and recommended adoption of the OAR 690, proposed Division 509 rules. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed Division 509 rules.*

BREAK (10:15 am – 10:30 am)

C. Procedures to Extend Reservations of Water for Economic Development: OAR 690, Division 79, Rulemaking Hearing (10:30 am – 11:30 am)

The public is invited to provide comments on the draft Division 79 rules that would establish procedures for extending reservations of water for economic development. *This is a public hearing. The Commission will not be asked to make a decision on the proposed rules.*

LUNCH BREAK (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

D. Greater Harney Valley Groundwater and Malheur Lake Basin Program Rulemaking Update (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will provide an overview of the public hearing draft of the Division 512 rules. *This is an informational report.*

E. Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning Pilot Funding Recommendations (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm)

Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Advisor, will summarize the letters of interest that were received, provide an overview of the review process, and present funding recommendations. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed funding recommendations.*

BREAK (3:30 pm – 3:45 pm)

F. Water Resources Development Program Funding Opportunities Update (3:45 pm – 4:45 pm)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator; Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Advisor; and Jon Unger, Grant Program Coordinator, will update the Commission on the applications received for water project loans and grants, and feasibility studies. Staff will provide an overview of the water project loans and grants evaluation process. *This is an informational report.*

G. Water Development Loan Fund – Process Overview (4:45 pm – 5:15 pm)

Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the role of the Commission to consider loan requests from the Water Development Loan Fund. *This is an informational report.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, February 26 (8:00 am)

H. Approval of Minutes (8:00 am)

The minutes of the November 19 and 20, 2015 meeting, will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

I. Commission Comments

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

J. Director's Report

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

K. Legislative and Budget Update (8:45 am – 9:45 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Tracy Loudon, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide an overview of efforts underway to develop budget and legislative concept proposals for 2017. *The Commission will be asked to provide input.*

Break (9:45 am – 10:00 am)

L. Monitoring Strategy Update (10:00 am – 11:00 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.*

M. Routing Water Right Data on Stream Networks – A Sneak Peak at new GIS Services (11:00 am – 11:45 am)

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.*

N. Public Comment (11:45 am – 12:00 pm)

O. Other Business (12:00 pm – 12:15 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 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 the south. Parking is also available in the Yellow Lot which is located two blocks south of the building for a fee.