

Reservations: A Preview of Basin Program Rule-Makings



May 2016

Water Resources Commission Meeting

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Overview



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Introduction / Purpose



- **Reservation – sets aside unappropriated water for future economic development in a basin; assigns priority date.**
- **Several reservations requested by Oregon Dept. of Agriculture are set to expire during 2016-17, unless extended by rule-making of the Commission.**
- **2016-17 sunsets include reservations in the Hood River (10/16), Malheur (1/17), Owyhee (1/17), Grande Ronde (2/17) Basins.**
- **Rule adoption scheduled for August and October 2016 Commission meetings.**

Timeline Review



- **Nov. 2015:** Adopted temporary rules to set forth the process for extending reservations (Div. 79)
- **Feb. 2016:** Adopted rules to extend reservations in the Powder River Basin to 2036 (Division 509)
- **April 2016:** Adopted permanent rules to set forth the process for extending reservations (Div. 79)
- **Aug. 2016:** Potential adoption of rules to extend reservations in the Hood River Basin (Division 504)
- **Oct. 2016:** Potential adoption of rules to extend reservations in Malheur (Div. 510), Owyhee (Div. 511), Grande Ronde Basins (Div. 508)

Discussion Details



- **Upcoming sunsets:**
 - **Hood River – Oct. 17, 2016 – six sub-basins – 82,900 af**
 - **Malheur – Jan. 7, 2017 – two sub-basins – 48,200 af**
 - **Owyhee – Jan. 7, 2017 – 1 basin – 60,000 af**
 - **Grande Ronde – Feb. 7, 2017 – 2 sub-basins – 35,900 af**

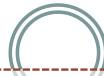
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- **Hood River Rule-Making Underway Now:**
 - April 19 Rules Advisory Committee met @ Hood River Library
 - 18 Participants: irrigation districts, Oregon Farm Bureau, watershed & conservation groups, landowners and businesses, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, county staff and commissioners, state agencies.
 - Received helpful edits and questions that shaped the draft language.
 - Draft language will be published / noticed June 1.
 - Public comment period open from June 1 to June 30.
 - Hearing scheduled for June 22, 4:00 pm at Hood River Library.
 - Rule-making scheduled for August WRC meeting.

Next Steps



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- **Grande Ronde Basin Rulemaking (Division 508)**
 - Rules Advisory Committee scheduled for May 24, 2016
 - Chamber Room @ LaGrande City Hall, 10:00 to 4:00
- **Malheur Basin Rulemaking (Division 510)**
 - Rules Advisory Committee scheduled for May 25, 2016
 - Ontario Community Library 10:00 to 4:00
- **Owyhee Basin Rulemaking (Division 511)**
 - Rules Advisory Committee scheduled for May 26, 2016
 - Ontario Community Library 10:00 to 4:00
- **Public Comment for all three open the month of July**
- **Hearing for all three scheduled for late July**
- **Rule-making scheduled for October WRC meeting**

Questions?



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