

Legislative Update

Water Resources Commission Meeting

February 26, 2016



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2016 Session Timelines

- **1st Chamber Deadline – Feb. 11**
- **2nd Chamber Deadline – Feb. 23**
- **Target Sine Die – Mar. 6**

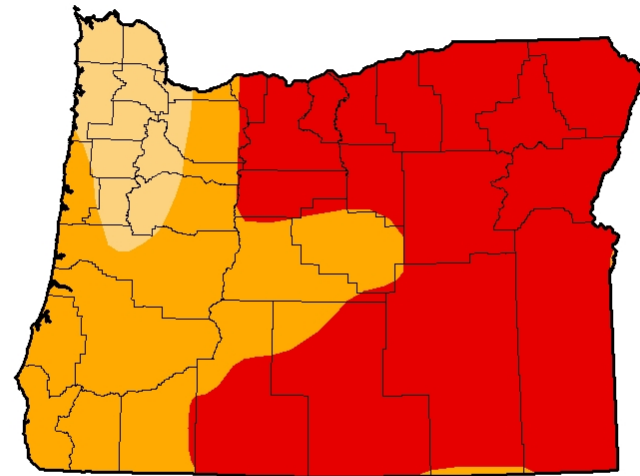


OVERVIEW OF 2016 LEGISLATION

- **HB 4113
Drought Task
Force**
- **Budget
Proposals**
 - **Harney
Groundwater**
 - **Drought**

U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

November 3, 2015
(Released Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

2016 LEGISLATION

Other Water Related Bills and Issues



2017 Session Timelines

- **Stakeholder Meetings: Jan. 11 and 27**
 - *Next meetings in March*
- **April 15 – Legislative Concepts Due to DAS**
 - *June 3 – If approved, sent to Legislative Counsel*
- **June 24 – Placeholders to DAS**
 - *July 29 – If approved, sent to Legislative Counsel*
- **Budget Development**
 - *Timelines not yet set; kickoff in March*

2017 Session Potential Legislation

- **Water Right Transactions Fee Schedule Sunset**
 - *IWRS actions: 13b*
- **Protection of Groundwater**
 - *IWRS actions: 7a, 12a, 13b*
- **Modernize Dam Safety Authorities**
 - *IWRS action: 7a*

2017 Session Potential Budget Proposals

Focus Areas

- 1. Data to Inform Water Resources Solutions and Increase Resiliency to Drought**
 - ***IWRS actions: 1a, 1b, 1c, 7a, 9a***
- 2. Department Underpinnings: Taking Care of Business and Core Functions**
 - ***IWRS actions: 1b, 1c, 8c, 10***

2017 Session Potential Budget Proposals

Focus Areas

3. Protection of Groundwater Resources

- *IWRS actions: 7a, 12a*

4. Addressing Instream and Out-of-Stream Water Needs and Infrastructure

- *IWRS actions: 7a, 8c, 9a, 13c, 13b*

Questions



Thank you!