



REVISED

OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

August 18 – 19, 2016

Hermiston Conference Center

415 S. Hwy 395

Hermiston, Oregon 97838

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 11:30 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/.

JOINT COMMISSION TOUR: Thursday, August 18

The Water Resources Commission and Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) will hold a joint tour, meeting at the Hermiston City Hall at 8:00 am. They will receive an overview of recycled water and tour the Hermiston Recycled Water Facility and West Extension Irrigation District Canal. The group will return to the Hermiston Conference Center at 10:30 am.

Individuals attending the tour should bring comfortable close-toed shoes/boots, a jacket, hat, 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, August 12, if you plan to attend.

JOINT COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, August 18, (10:30 am)

A. Welcome and Introduction to Agency Initiatives (10:30 am – 11:00 am)

Department of Environmental Quality Interim Director Pete Shepherd and Water Resources Department Director Tom Byler will provide an overview of each Department's roles and key initiatives. *This is an informational report.*

B. Overview of Oregon’s 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy and Implementation (11:00 am-11:30 am)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, and Karen Tarnow, Senior Water Quality Policy Analyst, Department of Environmental Quality, will provide an overview of the 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy and efforts undertaken by both agencies to implement the strategy. *This is an informational report.*

C. Joint Commission Discussion on Opportunities and Challenges (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Commissioners will share their perspectives on Oregon’s water-related challenges and opportunities to address those challenges.

Note: This is the last item for the Joint Meeting; however, EQC Commissioners are invited to attend all other agenda items.

JOINT COMMISSION LUNCH BREAK (12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)

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D. Water Efficiency and Technology (1:30 pm – 2:15 pm)

Jake Madison, Northeast Oregon Water Users Association Board Member and President of Madison Ranches, and Gibb Evans, IRZ Consulting, will provide a presentation on how agricultural producers are utilizing technology to increase water use efficiency. *This is an informational report.*

E. 2017 Update to Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy (2:15 pm – 3:00 pm)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, will update the Commission on recent activities to update Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

- * **F. OAR Chapter 690, Division 504 –Request for Adoption of Rules to Extend Reservations and Make Other Modifications to the Hood River Basin Program (3:15 pm – 3:45 pm)**
Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, will present a request to modify the Hood River Basin Program Rules, which include reclassifying the uses of the waters and extending the reservations of water for economic development. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

- * **G. OAR Chapter 690, Division 200, 205, 210, 215 and 240 - Request for Adoption of Rules to Update Well Construction Standards (3:45 pm – 4:45 pm)**
Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Kris Byrd, Well Enforcement Manager, will present a request for adoption of permanent rules to provide clear standards and guidance when constructing, altering or abandoning water supply wells, monitoring wells, and geotechnical holes in Oregon. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, August 19 (8:00 am)

H. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 19 and 20, 2016 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. Budget Update (8:45 am – 9:15 am)

Paul Hutter, Interim Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on the 2017-19 Agency Request Budget. *This is an informational report.*

L. Recent State Investments in Water Resources Studies, Planning and Projects (9:15 am – 9:45 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Coordinator, will provide an overview of funding received in recent years to help Oregonians understand their water resources needs and develop solutions to meet those needs. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (9:45 am – 10:00 am)

M. Authorization for Expending Remaining Place-Based Planning Funds (10:00 am – 10:30 am)

Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Coordinator, will discuss options for expending the remaining place-based planning funds. *The Commission will be asked to authorize the expenditure of the remaining funds.*

N. Update from Watermaster District 5 and Report on 2015 Field Regulation and Enforcement Activities (10:30 am – 11:30 am)

Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, will report on the 2015 field regulation and enforcement activities. Greg Silbernagel, District 5 Watermaster, will provide an overview of his district. *This is an informational report.*

O. Public Comment (approximately 11:30 am)

P. 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 11:30 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
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Vacant		North Central Region	
Jeanne LeJeune	Portland	West Side at Large	2016
Bruce Corn	Ontario	Eastern Region	2017
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DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

Heading East from Portland:

Head East on I-84; Merge onto I-82 via Exit 179 toward Hermiston/Umatilla, take Exit 10 toward Westland Road; turn right onto County Road 1234; turn left onto Westland Road; slight right onto Bridge Road which becomes W Highland Avenue; turn left onto S. Highway 395/US 395 N; 415 S Hwy 395 will be on the right.

Heading West from Pendleton:

Head West on I-84; Merge onto US-395 N via Exit 188 toward Stanfield/Hermiston/Umatilla; 415 S Hwy 395 will be on the right.

PARKING:

Parking is available on site.