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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Water Resources Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item K, August 19, 2016  
Water Resources Commission Meeting

**Budget Update**

**I. Issue Statement and Background**

The deadline for development and submittal of the 2017-19 Agency Request Budget (ARB) was August 1. Staff will provide an overview of changes made to budget packages since the May 2016 Commission meeting.

**II. Discussion of Packages**

In May, staff provided the Commission with an overview of:

- The Department's base budget for 2017-19, which identifies the level of funding necessary to continue current services, and
- The budget package proposals, which were submitted to the Department of Administrative Services as required, by June 30th.

The final list of packages is included in Table 1 on the next page.

Since the May meeting, several packages have been added, including:

- Package 107 – Umatilla Field Presence
- Package 113 – Klamath Basin Funding
- Package 114 – Department of Justice Expenses

In addition, the Resolution of Complex Water Issues Package that was a placeholder has been refined and included in the Agency Request Budget. Staff will discuss the reasons for these additions during the presentation.

Table 1. 2017-2019 Agency Request Budget Packages

Policy Option Packages (#, former package letter, name)	IWRS	FTE	General Fund	Lottery Bond/ Other/Fees
Pkg 100 (formerly N) – Water Rights Fee Increase and Add-Back Package	13b	2.5	-	375k
Pkg 101 (A) -Understanding our Water Resources: Basin Study Team	1a/1b	5.0*	\$1.8 million	-
Pkg 102 (C) - Protecting the Public and Water Supplies: Dam Safety, Earthquakes, Fires and Floods	7a	2.0 / 1.0 LD*	\$355k	\$245k
Pkg 103 (B) - Protecting Groundwater Resources through Well Construction	12a	-	\$337k	-\$297k
Pkg 104 (E)- Helping Communities Plan for Water Needs through Place-Based Planning	9a	1.0 LD	\$204k	-
Pkg 105 (I) - Responsible Water Management and Distribution	1b / 13b	6.0*	\$1.06 million	-
Pkg 106 (K) – Web Information Coordinator to Increase Public Awareness and Information Sharing	8c	1.0	\$108k	\$91k
Pkg 107 (New)– Umatilla Field Presence	-	5.0		\$867k
Pkg 108 (D & H) - Supporting Key Water Resources Data Functions and Tools	1b/1c	1.0*	\$284k	-
Pkg 109 (F) - Grants to Evaluate the Feasibility of Potential Water Projects	13c	.75	\$2.15 million	-
Pkg 110 (G) - Grants and Loans to Implement Water Projects	10e	-	-	\$33 million
Pkg 111 (J) - Water Right Special Projects and Klamath Transactions	13b	1.0 LD	\$189k	-
Pkg 112 (L) - Resolution of Complex Water Issues	9b/9c	1.0 *	\$217k	-
Pkg 113 (New) – Klamath Basin Funding	9b/9c	-	\$4.05 million	-
Pkg 114 (New) – AG Expenses	-	-	\$1.04 million	-
Totals	-	27.25	11.8 million	34.2 million

\* NOTE: FTE is less in budget documents (.88 FTE) because these positions are for less than 24 months, taking into account time for recruitment.

## V. Summary

The final 2017-2019 Agency Request Budget was due August 1. Over the next several months, the Department of Administrative Services in conjunction with the Governor and her staff will develop the Governor’s Recommended Budget (GRB). The GRB, scheduled to be published in December, is unlikely to include all of the Department’s budget package proposals and may modify the packages that do move forward. The GRB is the budget and packages that the Agency will present to the Oregon Legislature as a starting point for discussion of the Agency’s budget during the 2017 session.

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