



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

May 11 & 12, 2017

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 3).

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, May 11 (8:30 am)

- A. 2017 Update to Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (8:30 am – 10:00 am)**
Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, will provide an overview of the public review draft of Oregon's 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

- B. Strategic Planning (10:15 am – 11:45 am)**
Tom Byler, Director, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Coordinator, will update the Commission on the Department's efforts to initiate a strategic planning process for the agency. *This is an informational report.*

LUNCH BREAK (11:45 am – 1:00 pm)

- C. Feasibility Study Grants (Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program) – Funding Recommendations (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)**
Lisa Snyder, Interim Administrative Services Administrator, and Kim Ogren, Water Resource Development Program Coordinator, will present the grant funding recommendations for the third grant cycle of the Feasibility Study Grants. *The Commission will consider approval of the funding recommendations.*

D. Request for Adoption of Rules, OAR Chapter 690, Division 507 to Classify Further Use of Groundwater for Exempt Use Only and Designate a Serious Water Management Problem Area (2:30 pm – 3:15 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, will present rules to classify groundwater in the Walla Walla Subbasin for exempt uses only and to designate the basalt aquifers in the Subbasin a Serious Water Management Problem Area. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of these rules.*

BREAK (3:15 pm – 3:30 pm)

E. Preview of Upcoming Rulemaking: Division 517 - South Coast Basin Program Rulemaking to Reclassify the Waters of the Smith River Watershed in Curry County (3:30 pm – 4:00 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will brief the Commission on the upcoming rulemaking to consider classifying the surface waters of the Smith River Basin for instream uses, livestock and human consumption, while the groundwater uses are proposed for exempt uses only. *This is an informational report.*

F. Preview of Upcoming Rulemaking: Divisions 54, 86, 87, 300, 310, and 500 (4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Machel Bamberger, Water Right Services Division Rule Coordinator, will brief the Commission on rulemaking efforts that would cover six divisions relating to water rights. *This is an informational report.*

G. Update on Division 215 Rulemaking – Back-Siphon Prevention Devices (4:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Kris Byrd, Well Enforcement Manager, will brief the Commission on a future rulemaking in the Well Construction Program related to back-siphon prevention devices. *This is an informational report.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, May 12 (8:00 am)

H. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 26 and 27, 2017 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 and Legislative Update (9:15 am – 10:15 am)

Lisa Snyder, Interim Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of the Governor's Recommended Budget, along with an overview of the current 2017 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:15 pm – 10:30 pm)

L. Introduction to Water Measurement in Oregon (10:30 am – 11:45 am)

Ivan Gall, Field Services Administrator, and Ken Stahr, Hydrographics Manager, will give an overview of water measurement in Oregon to date. *This is an informational report only.*

M. Public Comment (approximately 11:45 am)

N. 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 11:45 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.