



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

August 17 & 18, 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 8:45 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, August 17 (8:00 am)

A. Budget and Legislative Update (8:00 am – 8:45 am)

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of the Legislatively Adopted Budget, along with an update on legislation passed during the 2017 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report.*

B. Water Resources Development Program (8:45 am – 10:15 am)

B-1. Water Resources Development Program 2017-2019 Recommended Spending Plan

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Administrator, and Kim Ogren, Water Resource Program Development Manager, will present the Department's 2017-2019 recommended spending plan for feasibility study grants and water project grants and loans. *The Commission will be asked to provide their input.*

B-2. Water Project Grants and Loans Update and Discussion of Loans

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Administrator, and Kim Ogren, Water Resource Program Development Manager, will present the Department's 2015-2017 biennial review and proposed process for developing loan award and interest rate recommendations. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:15 am –10:30 am)

C. Update on Oregon’s 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, will provide a summary of the public comments submitted on the public review draft of Oregon’s 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report.*

LUNCH BREAK (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

D. Strategic Planning (1:00 pm – 1:30 pm)

Tom Byler, Director, and Kim Ogren, Water Resource Program Development Manager, will update the Commission on the Department’s ongoing strategic planning efforts. *This is an informational report.*

E. Groundwater Policy Discussion (1:30 pm – 3:00 pm)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, will brief the Commission on the Department’s ongoing efforts regarding the management of groundwater in Oregon. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)

F. Update on Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning (3:15 pm – 5:00 pm)

Harmony Burrigh, Planning Coordinator and Steve Parrett, Planning Coordinator, will update the Commission on progress and lessons learned to date. Conveners from the pilots will also be present including: Christina Kirwan, Gilliam SWCD representing the Lower John Day Subbasin; Tim Gross, Public Works Director for City of Newport, representing the Mid-Coast Region; Mark Owens, Harney County Commissioner, and Brenda Smith, Harney County Watershed Council, representing the Malheur Lake Basin. *This is an informational report.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, August 18 (8:00 am)

G. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 11 and 12, 2017 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

H. Commission Comments

Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.

I. Director’s Report

Director Tom Byler will update the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report.*

J. Public Comment (approximately 8:45 am)

*** K. Request for Adoption of Rules - OAR Chapter 690, Division 215, Maintenance, Repair and Deepening of Water Supply Wells (9:00 am – 9:30 am)**

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Kris Byrd, Well Enforcement Manager, will present a request for adoption of rules related to back-siphon prevention devices. *The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

L. Update from Watermaster District 19 and Report on 2016 Field Regulation and Enforcement Activities (9:30 am – 10:30 am)

Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, will report on the 2016 field regulation and enforcement activities. Greg Wacker, District 19 Watermaster, will provide an overview of his district. *This is an informational report.*

M. 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 8:45 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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