



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

December 7 & 8, 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 12:00 pm 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/.

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, December 7 (8:00 am)

**A. Request for Adoption of the 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy
(8:00 am – 10:00 am)**

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will present the 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy for the Commission's consideration. Anna Stevenson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Karen Tarnow, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; and Ray Jaindl, Oregon Department of Agriculture, will also be present. *The Commission will consider adoption of the Integrated Water Resources Strategy.*

BREAK (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

*** B. Request for Adoption of Rulemaking to Reclassify the Smith River Watershed –
Modifying OAR Chapter 690, Division 517 (10:15 am – 11:15 am)**

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will present a request for adoption of rules related to reclassifying the Smith River Watershed in Curry County. *The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

**C. Request for Adoption of Attorney General's Model Rules for Rulemaking -
OAR Chapter 690, Division 1 (11:15 am – 11:45 am)**

Machelle Bamberger, Water Right Rules Coordinator, will present a request for adoption of the Attorney General's Model Rules of Rulemaking. *The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

LUNCH BREAK (11:45 am – 1:00 pm)

D. Water Project Grants and Loans – Award of Funding (1:00 pm – 2:15 pm)

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, will brief the Commission on funding recommendations for the 2017 funding cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. *The Commission will consider approval of the funding recommendations.*

E. Water Project Grants and Loans – Loan Program Discussion (2:15 pm – 3:15 pm)

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator; Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager; and Salem Opeifa, Loan Specialist, will have a follow up discussion to the August meeting on the questions raised about the implementation of the loan program. *The Commission will be asked to provide their input.*

BREAK (3:15 pm – 3:30 pm)

F. Appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee (3:30 pm – 3:45 pm)

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, will present recommendations to fill three positions on the Ground Water Advisory Committee. *The Commission will consider approval of the proposed appointments.*

*** G. Request for Adoption of Well Construction Rules - OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 205 and 240 (3:45 pm – 4:00 pm)**

Kris Byrd, Well Enforcement Manager, will present a request for adoption of amendments to the Well Construction Rules to implement HB 2296 (2017 Session). *The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

H. Updating the Department’s Key Performance Measures (4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on efforts underway to assess the Department’s Key Performance Measures and the potential to modify, add or delete measures. *The Commission will be asked to provide input.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, December 8 (8:00 am)

General Business (8:00 am – 9:00 am)

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 17 and 18, 2017 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

J. Approval of the 2018 Meeting Schedule

A tentative schedule of meetings for 2018 will be presented. *The Commission will be asked to approve the meeting schedule.*

K. Commission Comments

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

L. Director's Report

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

M. Strategic Planning (9:00 am – 9:45 am)

Tom Byler, Director; Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager; Shavon Haynes, District 13 Watermaster; and Sarah Manring, Payroll Specialist, will update the Commission on the Department's ongoing strategic planning efforts, including recent staff work sessions on potential Department core values and next steps for strategic planning in 2018. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (9:45 am – 10:00 am)

N. Willamette Basin Review Study Update (10:00 am – 11:00 am)

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, and Laurie Nicholas, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, will update the Commission on recent activities related to the Study, which is evaluating the potential to reallocate stored water from the Willamette Valley Project reservoirs. *This is an informational report.*

O. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program - 2016 Annual Review (11:00 am – 11:30 am)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator; Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager; and Sarah Henderson, Transfer Specialist, will provide an overview of the 2016 Annual Report and evaluation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules and the Deschutes Basin Mitigation Bank and Mitigation Credit Rules. *This is an informational report.*

P. Rogue Basin Upland Recharge Project Update (11:30 am – 12:00 pm)

Amy Patton, Patton Environmental; Robert Coffan, Katalyst, Inc.; and Paul DeMaggio, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, will give an update to the Commission on the project. *This is an informational report.*

Q. Public Comment (approximately 12:00 pm)

R. 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 12:00 pm.

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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