



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

March 15 & 16, 2018

**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 11:30 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, March 15 (8:00 am)

A. Review of Conditions in Critical Groundwater Areas (8:00 am – 9:30 am)

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will brief the Commission on the critical groundwater areas in Oregon. *This is an informational report.*

B. Improving Water Use Measurement and Reporting (9:30 am – 10:15 am)

Ivan Gall, Field Services Administrator, and Ken Stahr, Surface Water Hydrology Manager, will brief the Commission on the challenges and opportunities for improving water use measurement and reporting in Oregon. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

C. Dam Safety Program Overview (10:30 am – 11:15 am)

Keith Mills, State Engineer, and Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator, will brief the Commission on the Dam Safety Program and discuss recommendations in the 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy. *This is an informational report.*

D. Authorization for Expending Remaining Place-Based Planning (11:15 am – 12:00 pm)

Harmony Burrig, and Steve Parrett, will request approval from the Commission on the proposed expenditure of the remaining place-based planning funds. *The Commission will consider approval of the funding recommendations.*

LUNCH BREAK (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

E. Legislative and Budget Update (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the 2018 Legislative Session and discuss budget and legislation proposals for the 2019 Legislative Session . *This is an informational report.*

F. Overview of Central Oregon Irrigation District (2:30 pm – 3:15 pm)

Craig Horrell, Central Oregon Irrigation District Manager; Leslie Clark, Central Oregon Irrigation District Water Right Manager; and Ron Nelson, Consultant on Strategic Water Issues, will brief the Commission on the past, present, and future of the Central Oregon Irrigation District. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (3:15 pm – 3:30 pm)

G. Water Supply and Weather Conditions for Oregon (3:15 pm – 5:00 pm)

Ken Stahr, Surface Water and Hydrology Manager; Andy Bryant, National Weather Service; Kathie Dello, Oregon Climate Change Research Institute; and H. Scott Oviatt, Natural Resources Conservation Service, will brief the Commission on the current snowpack and weather conditions statewide. *This is an informational report.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, March 16 (8:00 am)

General Business (8:00 am – 9:00 am)

H. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 7 and 8, 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. Strategic Planning (9:00 am – 9:45 am)

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

BREAK (9:45 am – 10:00 am)

L. Water Project Grants and Loans Biennial Review (10:00 am – 11:00 am)

Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, will provide the Commission with a biennial review of the 2015-17 Water Project Grants and Loans funding opportunity. *This is an informational report.*

M. Overview of the Draft Certificate for Permit 51439: Phase II of the Umatilla River Exchange (11:00 am – 11:30 am)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator; Gerry Clark, Program Analyst; and Mike Ladd, Region Manager, will provide the Commission with an overview of the permit, the reasons the permit is before the Commission, the exchange process, and next steps. *This is an informational report.*

N. Public Comment (approximately 11:30 am)

O. 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.

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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.