

**Water Resources Commission Meeting – Strategic Planning
Maupin, Oregon
May 15 and 16, 2018**

WRC Present

Meg Reeves
Joe Moll
Bob Baumgartner
Mike Faught
Bruce Corn
Eric Quaempts
Kathy Kihara

WRD Staff Present

Tom Byler
Racquel Rancier
Cindy Smith
Justin Iverson
Lisa Snyder
Kim Ogren
Ivan Gall
Doug Woodcock

Others

Ron Sarazin
Matt Stayner - day 1
Kimberley Priestley – day 1
Jonathan Sandau - day 1

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-1271. Audio of the meeting is on file at the same address. Staff reports and PowerPoint presentations are available on the Department's website.

Chair Reeves called the meeting to order and asked Commissioners and the audience to introduce themselves.

Reeves handed the meeting over to Ron Sarazin, Olympic Performance Inc., who facilitated the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting Orientation

Sarazin and Kim Ogren outlined the meeting's purpose and objectives, including having Commissioners discuss potential focus areas that the Department could pursue in the five-year strategic plan.

Overview

Director Byler gave an overview of why the Department is doing strategic planning, what the Department hopes to accomplish with strategic planning, and what the strategic planning process entails.

Commissioners commented on:

- Support for the Department's core values
- A need to consider future Oregonians in discussions
- A need to elevate core functions related to data/information and meeting future needs
- A desire to understand what the Department needs in terms of staff
- A recognition of the tension between having a practical and aspirational plan

Identifying Focus Areas

Sarazin asked the Commission to share their views on the potential focus areas identified by staff and stakeholders. The topics are listed below in the order they were discussed. The order of discussion does not indicate any priority or level of importance.

- Water Infrastructure
- Water Use Efficiency and Conservation
- Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency
- Complex Basin Issues
- Data collection and Monitoring/Management/Information Services
- Groundwater Hydrology
- Water Use Measurement and Reporting
- Dam Safety
- Field Presence
- Process Improvement
- Employee Initiatives
- Surface Water Hydrology
- Inter-Agency Coordination
- Business Operations
- Water Right Transactions
- Unadjudicated Water Right Claims
- Water Planning, Development, and Management
- Well Construction and Compliance
- Financing Water Resources Work

Next Steps

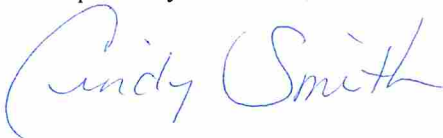
After discussing each of the topic areas above, the Department and Commission discussed next steps for strategic planning. The Department shared that after this meeting, it would start to narrow the list of potential focus areas or strategic priorities. The Commission, stakeholders, and agency partners will be asked for additional feedback on the narrowed list in order to determine a final list of strategic priorities.

Staff will report back to the Commission at it June meeting in Redmond.

Staff provided a brief update on efforts in the Klamath Basin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Smith
Commission Assistant