



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

September 5, 6 & 7, 2018

Park at the River Conference Center

59888 Wallowa Lake Hwy

Joseph, Oregon 97846

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 11:00 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 https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=41.

COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, September 5 (3:00 pm)

A. Strategic Planning (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Tom Byler, Director, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, will engage the Commission in a discussion about the Department's ongoing strategic planning efforts. *Staff will seek input from the Commission.*

TOUR: Thursday, September 6, 2018 (8:00 am)

The Commission will depart from the Park at the River Conference Center at 8:00 am. They will tour the Lostine River Conservation Project and the Wallowa Dam. The group will return to the Park at the River Conference Center by 12:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend the tour, but transportation will be provided only for Commissioners and Department staff. If you wish to join the tour, you must make your own transportation arrangements. Please contact Cindy Smith at (503) 986-0876 by close of business, Thursday, August 30, if you plan to attend.

Individuals attending the tour should bring comfortable close-toed shoes/boots, a jacket, and a hat.

LUNCH BREAK (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, September 6 (1:00 pm)

B. Stewardship and Conservation Awards 2018 (1:00 pm – 1:30 pm)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will announce the recipients of awards this year for leadership in water conservation. *This is an informational report.*

A. Strategic Planning - Continued (1:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

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

BREAK (3:30 pm – 3:45 pm)

C. Klamath Drought Preference Delegation of Authority (3:45 pm – 4:45 pm)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Ivan Gall, will present a request to the Commission to temporarily delegate authority to the Director to issue drought preference orders for stock water and human consumption in the Klamath Basin through December 2018. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the request.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, September 7 (8:00 am)

General Business (8:00 am – 9:00 am)

D. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 2018 and June 2018 meetings will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

E. Commission Comments

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

F. Director's Report

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

G. Willamette Basin Review Feasibility Study Update (9:00 am – 9:30 am)

Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director, 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.*

H. Water Project Grants and Loans Update (9:30 am – 10:15 am)

Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, will update the Commission on the status of the 2018 funding cycle, and provide an update on the 2016 and 2017 awards. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:15 am – 10:30 am)

I. OAR 690, Division 86 - Water Management and Conservation Plan Rulemaking Overview (10:30 am – 10:45 am)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will brief the Commission on the Water Management and Conservation Plan and upcoming rulemaking. *This is an informational report.*

J. OAR 690, Division 87 - Municipal Reclaimed Water Registration Rulemaking Overview (10:45 am – 11:00 am)

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will brief the Commission on the Reclaimed Water Registration Program and upcoming rulemaking. *This is an informational report.*

K. Public Comment (approximately 11:00 am)

L. 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 Wednesday, 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 11:00 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 business hours in advance of the meeting.

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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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DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

From I-84E – take exit 261 towards Elgin/La Grande; turn right onto Island Avenue/Hells Canyon Scenic Byway/OR 82 for 2 miles, turn left onto N. McAlister Road; follow Hells Canyon Scenic Byway/OR 82 through Elgin, turn right onto Albany Street/OR82; continue on OR82 through Wallowa, Lostine, and Enterprise, turn right onto River Street, continue on OR82 through Joseph. Location is 6 miles south of Joseph. At the end of the Lake, turn left at the Y. Go ¼ mile and entrance will be on the right hand side of the road across from the Eagle Cap Chalets. Park at the River Conference Center, 59888 Wallowa Lake Hwy, Joseph, OR.