



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

November 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, November 15 (8:00 am)

- * **A. Request for Adoption of Rules - OAR Chapter 690, Division 86, Water Management and Conservation Plans (8:00 am–8:30 am)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, will present a request to amend the Water Management and Conservation Plan Program rules. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*
- B. Commission Appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee (8:30 am–8:45 am)**
Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, will present recommendations for appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee. *The Commission will consider approval of the proposed appointments.*
- C. Update on Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning (8:45 am–10:15 am)**
Harmony Burreight and Steve Parrett, Planning Coordinators, will give an update on lessons learned to date from piloting place-based planning. Donna Beverage, Union County Commissioner; Christina Kirwan, Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation District; Mark Owens, Harney County Commissioner; Brenda Smith, Harney County Watershed; Tim Gross, City of Newport; and Alan Fujishin, Gibson Farms, will share their perspectives on place-based planning. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:15 am–10:30 am)

- D. Water Project Grants and Loans - Funding Recommendations (10:30 am–12:15 pm)**
Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, will present funding recommendations for the 2018 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. *The Commission will consider approval of the funding recommendations.*

LUNCH BREAK (12:15 pm–1:15 pm)

- E. Update on the Upper Deschutes Basin Study (1:15 pm–2:45 pm)**
Harmony Burright, Planning Coordinator, and Kyle Gorman, South Central Region Manager, will provide an overview of the Department's role in the Upper Deschutes Basin Study. Gregg Garnett, Bureau of Reclamation; Craig Horrell, Central Oregon Irrigation District; Tod Heisler, Deschutes River Conservancy; Adam Sussman, GSI Water Solutions; and Kate Fitzpatrick, Deschutes River Conservancy, will discuss the study process and outcomes. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (2:45 pm–3:00 pm)

- F. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program - 2017 Annual Review and Five-Year Administrative Evaluation (3:00 pm–3:45 pm)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator; Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager; and Sarah Henderson, Transfer Specialist, will present the 2017 Annual Review of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Program, along with the 2017 Five-Year Evaluation. *This is an informational report.*
- G. Legislative Update (3:45 pm–4:30 pm)**
Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on legislative and budget issues. *This is an informational report.*

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

General Business (8:00 am–9:00 am)

- H. Discussion of Minutes**
Tom Byler, Director, will discuss the Department's new approach to meeting minutes.
- I. Approval of the 2019 Meeting Schedule**
A tentative schedule of meetings for 2019 will be presented. *The Commission will be asked to approve the meeting schedule.*
- J. Commission Comments**
Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.

K. Director's Report

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

L. Strategic Planning (9:00 am–11:00 am)

Tom Byler, Director, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, will present the Department's Five-Year Strategic Plan. *The Commission will be asked to ratify the Strategic Plan.*

M. Drought Impacts 2018 (11:00 am–11:30 am)

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator; Ken Stahr, Surface Water Hydrology Manager; and Julia Ostapiej, Drought Impacts Intern, will give an update on 2018 drought impacts. *This is an informational report.*

N. Public Comment/Other Issues (approximately 11:30 am)

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. 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.