



OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

February 21 & 22, 2019
Water Resources Department
Conference Room 124
725 Summer Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

REVISED – 2/15/2019
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 12:15 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 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, February 21 (11:00 am)

A. Water Project Grants and Loans Funding Recommendation Follow Up – City of The Dalles Dog River Pipeline (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, will provide follow-up information on the Dog River Pipeline requested by the Commission for the 2018 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. *The Commission will consider approval of the funding recommendation.*

LUNCH BREAK (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

B. Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Area of Concern Update (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

Justin Iverson, OWRD Groundwater Manager; Amanda Garcia, USGS Hydrologist; Jordan Beamer OWRD Hydrologist; Hank Johnson, USGS Team Lead – Hydrologist; Jerry Grondin, OWRD Hydrologist; Steve Gingerich, USGS Hydrologist; will provide an update on the status of actions in the Greater Harney Valley as required by rules previously adopted by the Commission. *This is an informational report.*

C. Klamath Basin Update (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Ivan Gall, Field Services Administrator, Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, and Michael Thoma, Hydrogeologist, will provide an update on water issues in the Klamath Basin. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (3:00 pm–3:30 pm)

D. Local Interim Rules Governing Control of Well Use in the Upper Klamath Basin, OAR 690, Division 25, Rulemaking Hearing (3:30 pm)

The public is invited to comment on the draft proposed interim rules that provide procedures for the control of groundwater uses to protect senior surface water rights in the Upper Klamath basin, instead of the existing Division 9 rules. This is the first of two public hearings. To testify, please sign up no later than 3:45 pm. *The Commission will not make a decision on the proposed rules.*

COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, February 22 (8:00 am)

General Business (8:00 am–9:00 am)

E. Discussion of Minutes

The Commission will review and approve the minutes.

F. Commission Comments

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

G. Director’s Report

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

H. Legislative Update (9:00 am – 9:30 am)

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on the 2019 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report.*

I. Budget Update (9:30 am – 10:00 am)

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an overview of the Governor’s Recommended Budget. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:00 am–10:15 am)

J. Mitigation Bank Charter (10:15 am – 10:45 am)

Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, and Sarah Henderson, Flow Restoration Program Coordinator, will present the request for a mitigation bank charter for Arnold Irrigation District. *The Commission will be asked to consider approval of the mitigation bank charter for Arnold Irrigation District and to delegate responsibility for finalizing the charter to the Director.*

K. Strategic Planning Update (10:45 am–11:15 am)

Tom Byler, Director, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, will give an update on implementation efforts. *This is an informational report.*

L. Recommendation to Designate a Section of the Nehalem River as a State Scenic Waterway (11:15 am – 12:15 pm)

Ken Stahr, OWRD Hydrographic Manager; Ryan Andrews, OWRD Hydrologist; and Chris Havel, Associate Director Oregon Parks & Recreation Department will present information on the potential designation of a portion of the Nehalem River as a scenic waterway. *The Commission will be asked to consider concurring with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation and may also determine the scenic waterway flows.*

M. Public Comment/Other Issues (approximately 12:15 pm)

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 12:15 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 Jennifer Ranstrom-Smith, Commission Assistant, at 503-986-0876.

If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Jennifer Ranstrom-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.