

**Water Resources Commission Meeting  
Salem, Oregon  
November 15, 2018**

WRC Present

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

WRD Staff Present

Tom Byler  
Racquel Rancier  
Cindy Smith  
Lisa Snyder  
Doug Woodcock  
Justin Iverson  
Dwight French  
Brenda Bateman  
Kyle Gorman  
Kim Ogren  
Kerri Cope  
Sarah Henderson  
Teri Hranac  
Steve Parrett  
Becky Williams  
Harmony Burright

Others

April Snell  
Lauren Smith  
Tim Gross  
Alan Fujishin  
Lee Rahr  
Mark Owens  
Brenda Smith  
Kimberley Priestley  
Josh Thompson  
Bryce Molsworth  
Wade Root  
Walter Burt  
Megan Saunders  
Kate Fitzpatrick  
Craig Horrell  
Tod Heisler  
Adam Sussman

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Chair Reeves called the meeting to order, explained the process and purpose of the meeting, and had everyone participating introduce themselves.

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqzGkNDRH3M?#t=1m29s>

Chair Reeves proposed appointing a vice-chair for the Commission.

Commissioner Baumgartner nominated Bruce Corn for vice-chair. Seconded by Commissioner Faught. Voting in favor of the motion: Commissioners Baumgartner, Corn, Reeves, Kihara and Faught. Opposed: none.

**A. Request for Adoption of Rules - OAR Chapter 690, Division 86, Water Management and Conservation Plans**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqzGkNDRH3M?#t=3m37s>

Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator; and Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager; presented a request to amend the Water Management and Conservation Plan Program Rules.

Commissioner Faught proposed modify 690-086-0030(8)(b) from 3.0 to 3.1 for consistency, and adopt Alternative 2 for Commission Adoption to make a correction to the language of 690-086-0350(4)(f). Seconded by Commissioner Corn. Voting in favor of the motion: Commissioners Baumgartner, Corn, Reeves, Kihara and Faught. Opposed: none.

## **B. Commission Appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqzGkNDRH3M?#t=52m38s>

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, presented recommendations for appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Faught made a motion to Appoint Phillip Brown, Trent Castner, and Kenneth Maston to GWAC terms beginning December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor: Commissioners Reeves, Baumgartner, Corn, Moll, Kihara, and Faught. Opposed: none.

## **C. Update on Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqzGkNDRH3M?#t=59m39s>

Harmony Burrigh and Steve Parrett, Planning Coordinators, gave an update on lessons learned to date from piloting placed-based planning.

Presentations by individuals involved in the planning efforts:

Mid-Coast:	Tim Gross, City of Newport, Public Works Director Alan Fujishin, Gibson Farms. Owner
Lower John Day:	Lee Rahr, Sustainable NW
Malheur Lake:	Brenda Smith, Harney County Watershed Council Mark Owens, Harney County Commissioner

## **D. Water Project Grants and Loans – Funding Recommendations**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqzGkNDRH3M?#t=145m9s>

Commissioner Faught asked to recuse himself from the Water Project Grants and Loans discussion, because there may be a time in the future he would be involved in pursuing grants and loans.

Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator presented funding recommendations for the 2018 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans.

Public Comment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqzGkNDRH3M?#t=172m31s>

Dog River Project: Dave Anderson, City of The Dalles  
Kimberley Priestley, WaterWatch of Oregon  
Mosier Project: Josh Thompson, Wasco County Conservation District  
Bryce Molsworth, Mosier Watershed Council  
Wade Root, Root Family  
Walter Burt, Wasco SWCD, GSI Water Solutions  
Dee Flat Project: Megan Saunders, Hood River Watershed Group  
Doug Hart, Hood River Watershed Group  
General Comments: April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress  
Kimberley Priestley, WaterWatch of Oregon

Commissioner Corn made a motion to recommend funding for projects identified in Table 1, ranked 1 through 4, 6 and 7. Seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor: Commissioners Baumgartner, Kihara, Corn, Reeves, and Moll. Opposed: none. Abstaining: Commissioner Faught.

Commissioner Kihara made a motion to recommend funding for project 5 identified in Table 1. Seconded by Commissioner Corn. Voting in favor: Commissioners Moll, Corn, Kihara, and Reeves. Opposed: none. Abstaining: Commissioners Baumgartner and Faught.

Commissioner Kihara made a motion to table a decision on Project 8 of Table 1, directing staff to do further review with stakeholders and report back to the Commission at a future meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Baumgartner. Voting in favor: Baumgartner, Corn, Kihara, Moll, Reeves. Opposed: none. Abstaining: Commissioner Faught.

#### **E. Update on the Upper Deschutes Basin Study**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ptdVJ1LYBg&#t=33s>

Harmony Burrigh, Planning Coordinator, and Kyle Gorman, South Central Region Manager, provided an overview of the Department's role in the Upper Deschutes Basin Study.

Kate Fitzpatrick, Deschutes River Conservancy; Craig Horrell, Central Oregon Irrigation District; Tod Heisler, Deschutes River Conservancy; Adam Sussman, GSI Water Solutions, discussed the study process and outcomes.

#### **F. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program – 2017 Annual Review and Five-Year Administrative Evaluation**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ptdVJ1LYBg&#t=86m46s>

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator; Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section manager, and Sarah Henderson, Transfer Specialist; presented the 2017 Annual Review of the Deschutes Groundwater Mitigation Program, along with the 2017 Five-Year Evaluation.

## **G. Legislative Update**

*Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ptdVJ1LYBg&#t=113m12s>*

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, provided an update on legislative and budget issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smith  
Commission Assistant

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Tom Byler  
Kim Ogren  
Cindy Smith  
Lisa Snyder  
Doug Woodcock  
Racquel Rancier  
Dwight French  
Jake Johnstone  
Samantha Phillips  
Julie Ostapiej (intern)

Others

April Snell  
Jeff Sargent  
Lauren Smith  
Chris Havel  
Kimberley Priestley  
Ron Sarazin  
Travis Brown  
Scott Ashford  
Lisa Sumption

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**H. Discussion of Minutes**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=1m35s>

Tom Byler, Director, discussed the Department's new approach to meeting minutes.

**I. Approval of the 2019 Meeting Schedule**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=30m47s>

A tentative schedule of meetings for 2019 was presented. Commissioner Faught made a motion to accept the schedule as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Corn. Voting in favor: Commissioners Corn, Baumgartner, Moll, Kihara, Faught and Reeves. Opposed: none.

**J. Commissioner Comments**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=6m58s>

Commissioners reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on a variety of water resource topics.

**K. Director's Report**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=33m38s>

Director Tom Byler updated the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues.

Ken Stahr, Surface Water Hydrology Manager, discussed the Nehalem SWW that may be before the Commission in February.

Lisa Sumption, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Director, and Chris Havel, OPRD made comment.

## **L. Strategic Planning**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=72m43s>

Tom Byler, Director, Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Ron Sarazin, OPI Consultant; presented the Department's Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Faught made a motion to accept the Strategic Plan as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor: Commissioners Corn, Baumgartner, Moll, Kihara, Faught and Reeves. Opposed: none.

Chair Reeves would be interested in having a discussion about green infrastructure as a topic discussion, possibly bringing in OWEB and other organizations.

Public Comment:

*Recording:* - April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=140m10s>

## **M. Drought Impacts 2018**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=147m36s>

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Administrator; Ken Stahr, Surface Water Hydrology Manager, and Julia Ostapiej, Drought Impacts Intern; gave an update on 2018 drought impacts.

## **N. Public Comment**

*Recording:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chya8i3bJSw&t=180m26s>

April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress  
Scott Ashford, Dean of Engineering, Oregon State University

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smith  
Commission Assistant