

**Water Resources Commission Meeting
Salem, Oregon
February 21, 2019**

WRC Present

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

WRD Staff Present

Tom Byler
Racquel Rancier
Cindy Smith
Jennifer Ranstrom-Smith
Doug Woodcock
Justin Iverson
Ivan Gall
Brenda Bateman
Kyle Gorman
Kim Ogren
Michael Thoma
Becky Williams
Jordan Beamer
Jerry Grondin
Becky Williams

Others

Kimberly Priestley
Dave Anderson
Ken Yates
Willow Fantino
Lisa Brown
Aaron Borisenilo
Paige Evans
Roger Nicholson
Brandon Topham
Tom Mallams
Dominic Carollo
Erika Norris
Hannah Secoy
Bruce Topham
Kevin Newman
David Mosby

Amanda Garcia
Hank Johnson
Steve Gingerich

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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=Zj6Yufx6ASw>

A. Water Projects Grants and Loans Funding Recommendation Follow-up – City of The Dalles Dog River Pipeline

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj6Yufx6ASw?#t=0m52s>

Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, provided follow-up information on the Dog River Pipeline. 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. Commissioner Corn moved to approve the funding recommendation. Commissioner Kihara seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Commissioners Baumgartner, Corn, Kihara, Moll, Reeves, and Quaempts. Abstaining, Commissioner Faught. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Kimberley Priestley, Waterwatch

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj6Yufx6ASw?#t=43m27s>

Dave Anderson, City of The Dalles

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj6Yufx6ASw?#t=59m57s>

B. Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Area of Concern

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrVvS3uLIWI&t=12s>

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; provided an update on the status of actions in the Greater Harney Valley as required by rules previously adopted by the Commission.

C. Klamath Basin Update

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrVvS3uLIWI&t=70m26s>

Ivan Gall, Field Services Administrator, Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, and Michael Thoma, Hydrogeologist, provided an update on water issues in the Klamath Basin.

Public Comment:

Brandon Topham, Flying T Ranch

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrVvS3uLIWI&t=132m11s>

Tom Mallams, OR Cattleman's Association & Local Groundwater Irrigators

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrVvS3uLIWI&t=138m1s>

Dominic Carollo, Sprague River Resource Foundation, Inc

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrVvS3uLIWI&t=152m>

D. Local Interim Rules Governing Control of Well Use in the Upper Klamath Basin, OAR 690, Division 25, Rulemaking Hearing

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00>

The Commission held a public hearing to take comments on proposed interim rules that provide procedures for the control of groundwater to protect senior surface water rights in the Upper Klamath Basin.

Public Comment:

Bruce Topham, Flying T Ranch

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=3m35s>

Erika Norris, Flying T Ranch

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=21m10s>

Lisa Brown, Waterwatch

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=24m6s>

Kevin Newman, Sprague River Water Resource Foundation

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=26m28s>

Roger Nicholson, Fort Klamath Critical Habitat Owners

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=31m22s>

Hannah Secoy, Delta S

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=37m50s>

David Mosby, Mosby Family Ranch

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=40m21s>

Tom Mallams, Private Ag. Pumper & Oregon Cattleman's Association

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=44m11s>

Brandon Topham, Flying T

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1fsS2e-b00#t=55m29s>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ranstrom-Smith
Commission Assistant

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Oakley Brooks
Samantha Bayer
Erik Fernandez

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E. Discussion of Minutes

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=2m48s>

Tom Byler, Director, discussed the Department's new approach to meeting minutes. Commissioner Faught moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Corn. Voting in favor of the motion: Commissioners Baumgartner, Corn, Faught, Kihara, Moll, and Reeves. Abstaining, Commissioner Quaempts. Motion passed.

F. Commissioner Comments

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t8m0s>

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

G. Director's Report

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=33m0s>

Director Tom Byler updated the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues. Ken Stahr, Surface Water Hydrology Manager, discussed current water supply conditions

H. Legislative Update

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=53m29s>

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, provided an update on the 2019 Legislative Session.

I. Budget Update

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=84m31s>

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, provided an overview of the Governor's Recommended Budget.

J. Mitigation Bank Charter

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=118m11s>

Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, and Sarah Henderson, Flow Restoration Program Coordinator, presented the request for a mitigation bank charter for Arnold Irrigation District.

Commissioner Faught moved to approve Arnold Irrigation District's request for a mitigation bank charter. Seconded by Commissioner Quaempts. Voting in favor of the motion: Commissioners Baumgartner, Corn, Faught, Kihara, Moll, Reeves, and Quaempts. Voting in opposition: none. Motion Passed

Public Comment:

Kirk Maag, Stoel Rives LLP for Arnold Irrigation District

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=131m0s>

K. Strategic Planning update

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=136m30s>

Tom Byler, Director, and Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, gave an update on strategic plan implementation efforts.

L. Recommendation to Designate a Section of the Nehalem River as a State Scenic Waterway

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=164m25s>

Ken Stahr, OWRD Hydrographic Manager; Ryan Andrews, OWRD Hydrologist; and Chris Havel, Associate Director Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, presented information on the potential designation of a portion of the Nehalem River as a scenic waterway.

Commissioner Quaempts moved to approve the designation. Seconded by Commissioner Corn. Voting in favor of the motion: Commissioners Baumgartner, Corn, Faught, Kihara, Moll, Reeves, and Quaempts. Voting in opposition: none. Motion Passed

Public Comment:

Erik Fernandez, Oregon Wild

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=220m55s>

Oakley Brooks, Wild Salmon Center

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=224m56s>

Kimberly Priestley, Waterwatch

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=227m07s>

Clair Klock, American Rainwater Catchment System Association

Recording: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4BipZCTFp0?#t=231m10s>

M. Public Comment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jennifer Ranstrom- Smith
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