

**Water Resources Commission Meeting
Salem/Klamath Falls Teleconference
April 12, 2019**

WRC Present

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

WRD Staff Present

Tom Byler
Jennifer Ranstrom-Smith
Ivan Gall
Stephanie Prybyl
Michael Thoma
Dani Watson
Kyle Gorman
Jake Johnstone
Tom Paul
Matt Anderson
Michelle Angell
Garrett Steensland

Others

Mateusz Perkowski
Brad Parrish
Matt Pusateri
Hollie Cannon
Walt Lucas
Don Ricard
Rueben Garcia
Holly Dillemoth
Mariel Combs
Renee Moulun

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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=mcCatVEIqLo>

A. Request for Adoption of Rules Relating to Groundwater-Use Regulation to Protect Senior Surface Water Rights in the Upper Klamath Basin (Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 690, Division 025)

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Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator presented on the Department's rulemaking process. The Department proposed to repeal the existing Division 025 rules and adopt new, interim rules that govern the regulation of groundwater in the Upper Klamath Basin. The rulemaking proposed to repeal OAR 690-025-0010 in response to the termination of the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement, and to adopt OAR 690-025-0020, -0025, and -0040 to establish procedures for the control of groundwater uses to protect senior surface water rights in the Upper Klamath Basin, in lieu of regulating water use under OAR 690-009. The proposed rules expire on March 1, 2021, by which time more comprehensive rules are expected to be adopted after engagement and outreach with the water-user community and stakeholders in the basin. Commissioner Faught moved to adopt the Division 025 rules, Commissioner Baumgartner seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion; Commissioners Baumgartner, Corn, Faught, Kihara, Moll, Quaempts, and Reeves. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ranstrom-Smith
Commission Assistant