



**OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING**  
**November 21 & 22, 2019**

**Oregon Water Resources Department**  
**Conference Rooms 124A & 124B**  
**725 Summer Street NE, Suite A**  
**Salem, OR 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.*

*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). A public comment period will be provided as scheduled on Friday for issues not included on the agenda.*

*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/](http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff_reports/).*

**COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, November 21, 2019 (9:00 am-4:45 pm)**

**General Business (9:00 am-10:30 am)**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 5-6, 2019 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

**B. Commission Comments**

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

**C. Director's Report**

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

**D. Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule**

A tentative schedule of meetings for 2020 will be presented. *The Commission will be asked to approve the meeting schedule.*

**Break (10:30 am-10:45 am)**

**E. 100-Year Water Vision (10:45 am-11:45 am)**

Tom Byler, Director, Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update to the Commission on the 100-Year Water Vision effort and seek input from the Commission. *The Commission will be asked to provide feedback on the Water Vision.*

**F. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee (11:45 am-12:00 pm)**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, will present recommendations for appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee. *The Commission will consider approval of the proposed appointments.*

**Lunch (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)**

**G. Water Project Grants and Loans: Funding Recommendations and Awards (1:00 pm-2:30 pm)**

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, will present funding recommendations for the 2019 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. *The Commission will consider approval of the funding recommendations.*

**Break (2:30 pm-2:45 pm)**

**H. Legislative, Rulemaking, and Budget Report (2:45 pm-3:30 pm)**

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide an update on legislative and budget issues, as well as upcoming rulemaking. *The Commission will be asked to provide initial input on budget and legislative items for 2021.*

**I. Water Project Grants and Loans and Feasibility Study Grants Assessment Update (3:30 pm-4:15 pm)**

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, will present information on an assessment of the Feasibility Study Grants and Water Project Grants and Loans funding opportunities. *This is an informational report.*

**J. \*Subcommittee Recommendations on Issuance of Final Order In the Matter of Water Right Application R-87871 in the Name of East Valley Water District (4:15 pm-4:45 pm)**

Subcommittee members Bruce Corn, Joe Moll and Meg Reeves will present the subcommittee's recommendations regarding the consideration of exceptions made to the Director's Final Order. *This is an informational report.*

**COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, November 22, 2019 (9:30 am-12:00 pm)**

**\*K. \*Issuance of Final Order In the Matter of Water Right Application R-87871 in the Name of East Valley Water District (9:30 am-10:30 am)**

The subcommittee appointed to consider exceptions to the Director's Final Order will ask the Commission to issue a final order regarding Application R-87871. *The Commission will approve or deny exceptions filed to the Director's Final Order and issue its Final Order for Application R-87871.*

**L. Overview of the Process for State-Recognition of Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Plans (10:30 am-12:00 pm)**

Steve Parrett and Harmony Burright, Planning Coordinators, will brief the Commission on planning group progress, the Draft Planning Step 5 Guidance, and the role of the Commission in accepting a plan. Donna Beverage, Union County Commissioner; Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District; Tim Gross, City of Newport; and Rianne BeCraft, Harney Community-Based Water Planning will share updates on their respective planning efforts. *This is an informational report.*

**M. Public Comment and Other Issues (approximately 12:00 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. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commission member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

**\*Public Testimony and Written Comments:** 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.

Every attempt will be made to share with the Commission written comments that are delivered to the Director's Office or emailed to Nirvana Cook 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 during the meeting, please bring at least ten copies.

**Staff Contact:** If you have any questions about this agenda or the Commission's procedures, please contact Nirvana Cook at [nirvana.cook@oregon.gov](mailto:nirvana.cook@oregon.gov) or 503-986-0876. If special physical, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Nirvana Cook 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.*

Meg Reeves, Chair	Corvallis	West Side at Large	2020
Bruce Corn	Ontario	Eastern Region	2021
Bob Baumgartner	Tigard	Northwest Region	2021
Vacant	Vacant	Southwest Region	2021
Kathy Kihara	Bend	East Side at Large	2021
Eric Quaempts	Adams	North Central Region	2021
Joe Moll	Eugene	West Central Region	2021

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## **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING**

### **From I-5**

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