

**Water Resources Commission Meeting
Salem
November 21, 2019**

<u>WRC Present</u>	<u>WRD Staff Present</u>	<u>Others</u>		
Joe Moll	Tom Byler	Kim Ogren	Kimberly Priestley	Crystal Chase
Bob Baumgartner	Racquel Rancier	Ken Stahr	Brian Posewitz	Kirk Maag
Bruce Corn	Nirvana Cook	Lisa Snyder	Donovan Sippel	Glenn Goschie
Kathy Kihara	Doug Woodcock	Cindy Smith	Ken Yates	Duane Eder
Eric Quaempts	Dwight French	Steve Parrett	Genoa Ingram	Lauren Reese
Meg Reeves	Renee Moulun	Justin Iverson	April Snell	Joel Rue
	Becky Williams		Ken Lite	Clair Klock
	Rachel Weisshaar		Rachel Dean	Bruce Jaquet
	Rachel LovellFord		Janet Neuman	

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0>

A. Approval of Minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=29s>

The minutes of the September 5-6, 2019 meeting were presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Kihara moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair Corn. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, and Kihara. Abstained: Reeves. Motion passed.

B. Commission Comments

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=1m23s>

Commissioners reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on a variety of water resource topics. Chair Reeves proposed that Ken Stahr comment on water conditions during the Director's Report.

C. Director's Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=15m40s>

Tom Byler, Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. Ken Stahr spoke about water conditions throughout the state and weather patterns in the Pacific Northwest. Commissioner Quaempts commented on the marine environment relating to weather patterns in Oregon. Vice-Chair Corn and Chair Reeves commented on litigation. Doug Woodcock spoke about the Braymen litigation. Commissioner Quaempts commented on work in the Umatilla Basin and commended staff for their efforts.

D. Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=47m59s>

A tentative schedule of meetings for 2020 was presented for Commission approval. The Commission selected February 13, 2020 for a conference call meeting and April 16-17 for an April meeting. All other dates were accepted as presented. Vice-Chair Corn moved to approve the meeting schedule for 2020, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Corn, Kihara, Moll, Reeves, and Quaempts. Motion passed.

E. 100-Year Water Vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=54m18s>

Tom Byler, Director, Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director, and Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, provided an update to the Commission on the 100-Year Water Vision effort and sought input from the Commission. Chair Reeves commented on natural infrastructure and public support. Commissioner Moll commented on public support and what the public values. Commissioner Baumgartner commented on green infrastructure. Commissioner Kihara commented on wider community involvement in water infrastructure conversations. Commissioner Quaempts commented on natural infrastructure. Vice-Chair Corn commented on legislation around natural resources.

Public Comment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=118m36s>

Clair Klock of the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District and Klock Farm spoke as a conservationist and water user. April Snell, Executive Director, Oregon Water Resources Congress, spoke about community engagement in the 100 Year Water Vision.

F. Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=137m54s>

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, presented recommendations for appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee. Commissioner Quaempts moved to appoint Chad Courtney, Mark Owens, and Susan Baker to GWAC terms beginning December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Reeves, Corn, Moll, and Kihara. Motion passed.

G. Water Project Grants and Loans: Funding Recommendations and Awards

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=192m45s>

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, presented funding recommendations for the 2019 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. Vice-Chair Corn moved to approve funding recommendations for the 2019 cycle, seconded by Commissioner Baumgartner. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Reeves, Corn, Moll, and Kihara. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=251m40s>

Rachel Dean of Green Valley Farm and Logistics, LLC, commented on the application process.

H. Legislative, Rulemaking, and Budget Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=146m17s>

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Administrator, provided an update on legislative and budget issues, as well as upcoming rulemaking, and sought initial input from the Commission on budget and legislative items for 2021. Commissioner Quaempts commented on timing of funding requests in 2021 regarding basalt stabilization projects and groundwater levels. Commissioner Baumgartner commented on data modernization, data acquisition, and rulemaking. Chair Reeves commented on measurements and reporting. Commissioner Moll commented on an FTE around communications.

I. Water Project Grants and Loans and Feasibility Study Grants Assessment Update

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=258m31s>

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, presented information on an assessment of the Feasibility Study Grants and Water Project Grants and Loans funding opportunities.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoRmBvL4yg0#t=271m59s>

Chair Reeves opened the hearing record. Dwight French, Water Rights Services Division Administrator, and Rachel Weisshaar, Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice, provided background information to set up the Commission's discussion of Water Right Application R-87871. Chair Reeves summarized the subcommittee's recommendations to the full committee. Chair Reeves announced that the Commission meeting would close for the day and reconvene tomorrow at 8:30am for the purpose of hearing oral argument from the parties. The Commission will then recess for deliberations and reconvene to vote on issuing a final order. Chair Reeves closed the hearing record.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

Nirvana Cook
Commission Assistant

**Water Resources Commission Meeting
Salem
November 22, 2019**

<u>WRC Present</u>	<u>WRD Staff Present</u>	<u>Others</u>	
Joe Moll	Tom Byler	Adam Denlinger	Joel Rue
Bob Baumgartner	Nirvana Cook	Margaret Matter	Joe Eder
Bruce Corn	Doug Woodcock	Brian Posewitz	Ray Eder
Kathy Kihara	Ivan Gall	Anna Rankin	Kirk Maag
Eric Quaempts	Lisa Snyder	Bruce Jaquet	Ken Yates
Meg Reeves	Dwight French	Lauren Reese	Tim Gross
	Steve Parrett	Janet Neuman	April Snell
	Harmony Burrigh	Thomas Bishop	Chuck Eder
	Kim Ogren	Dorbina Bishop	Crystal Chase
	Cindy Smith	Fred Kaser	Gerald Otter
	Renee Moulun	Hannah Fatland	Betsy Otter
	Rachel Weisshaar	Rianne BeCraft	Roxann Nayar
		Genoa Ingram	

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Chair Reeves called the meeting to order and explained the process and purpose of the meeting. Chair Reeves re-opened the record on the contested case hearing for the purpose of hearing argument from the parties and then explained the logistics for the proceedings. Each party had 15 minutes to present their oral arguments to the Commission. No written material or new evidence of any kind was to be submitted to the Commission or into the record. Rebuttal argument was not allowed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS3FznAWhpg>

K. *Oral Arguments and Issuance of a Final Order In the Matter of Water Right Application R-87871 in the Name of East Valley Water District

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS3FznAWhpg#t=2m34s>

Oral argument was presented by Brian Posewitz, representing WaterWatch of Oregon. Oral argument was presented by Janet Neuman, representing Rue Protestants. Oral argument was presented by Kirk Maag and Crystal Chase, representing the East Valley Water District. At the close of oral argument Chair Reeves announced that the Commission would recess for deliberations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS3FznAWhpg#t=33m16s>

The Commission reconvened to vote on issuance of a final order regarding Application R-87871. Chair Reeves re-opened the record on the contested case hearing for the purpose of taking a vote on the final order. Commissioner Quaempts moved to accept the sub-committee's recommendation and issue a final order consistent with that recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Reeves, Corn, Moll, and Kihara. Motion passed. Chair Reeves closed the hearing record.

L. Overview of the Process for State-Recognition of Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Plans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS3FznAWhpg#t=35m48s>

Steve Parrett and Harmony Burright, Planning Coordinators, briefed 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; Hannah Fatland, Gilliam-East John Day Watershed Council; and Rianne BeCraft, Harney Community-Based Water Planning shared updates on their respective planning efforts.

M. Public Comment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS3FznAWhpg#t=139m06s>

Anna Rankin of the Pudding River Watershed Council spoke about the final order in the matter of water right application R-87871 in the name of East Valley Water District and the Commission's decision on the final order.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nirvana Cook
Commission Assistant