



**OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING  
AGENDA**

**May 1, 2020  
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Teleconference**

**Public Access:** Dial Toll-Free: 1-800-719-8139; Conference Code 306771

The Commission will participate in the meeting by teleconference. The public is invited to attend the teleconference.

**How to Join the Conference:** To join the teleconference, dial the toll-free call number 1-800-719-8139. When prompted, dial conference code 306771 on your telephone keypad. Upon joining the conference call, you will be asked to announce your name. To prevent background noise, all attendees will be muted.

*Please see the next page for how to submit public comment.*

*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 join the teleconference at the beginning of the meeting to avoid missing the item.*

*Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, will be on the Commission's website at [https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd\\_notice\\_view/Default.aspx?notice\\_id=41](https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=41)*

**COMMISSION MEETING: May 1, 2020 (8:30 AM – 11:30 AM)**

- A. Approval of Minutes (8:30 AM – 8:35 AM)**  
The minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*
- B. Director's Report (8:35 AM – 9:00 AM)**  
Tom Byler, Director, will provide an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report.*
- C. Legislative and Budget Update (9:00 AM – 10:00 AM)**  
Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the 2020 Legislative Session and discuss budget and legislative proposals for the 2021 Legislative Session. *Commissioners will be asked to provide feedback on budget and legislative items for 2021.*

**BREAK (10:00 AM – 10:15 AM)**

**\* D. Request for Adoption of Amendments to Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 509, Extending Reservations of Water for Economic Development in the Powder Basin Program (10:15 AM – 10:45 AM)**

Jason Spriet, Eastern Region Manager, Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, will present a request to amend the Division 509 Powder Basin Program rules. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

**\* E. Request for Adoption of Amendments to Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 522, Deschutes Basin Water Management (10:45 AM – 11:15 AM)**

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will present a request to amend the Division 522, Deschutes Basin Water Management rules. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

**F. Public Comment and Other Issues (Approximately 11:15 AM)**

**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.

**\*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.

Due to the challenge of managing virtual meetings, the public is highly encouraged to send written comments in lieu of oral comments.

Written Comments: To ensure full consideration by the Commission, written comments must be emailed by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29 to [nirvana.cook@oregon.gov](mailto:nirvana.cook@oregon.gov). A confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call Nirvana Cook at 503-986-0876. Note that the Commission cannot accept comments on items with an (\*), as the public comment period for those items has closed.

Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged so that Commissioners have sufficient opportunity to review materials prior to the meeting.

Oral Comments: 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. If you wish to make public comment, press 5\* on your telephone keypad, and this will signal the meeting host that you wish to address the Commission.

To help the meeting run efficiently and to prevent the need to call on participants by announcing their phone number, if you know in advance of the meeting that you intend or may intend to make public comment, please provide Nirvana Cook with your name and the telephone number from which you will be calling. Please submit this information to [nirvana.cook@oregon.gov](mailto:nirvana.cook@oregon.gov) by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29.

**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. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commission member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

**Special Accommodations:** If special accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Nirvana Cook (contact information below) as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**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.

### **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
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