



**OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
AGENDA**

**June 24, 2020
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

Videoconference

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Timing of Agenda Items: 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 videoconference at the beginning of the meeting to avoid missing the item.

Meeting Materials: Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, will be on the Commission's [website](#).

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, June 24, 2020 (8:30 AM – 2:00 PM)

- A. Approval of Minutes (8:30 AM – 8:35 AM)**
The minutes of the April 24, 2020 and May 1, 2020 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*
- B. Commission Comments (8:35 AM – 9:05 AM)**
Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.
- C. Director's Report (9:05 AM – 9:35 AM)**
Tom Byler, Director, will provide an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report.*
- *D. Consideration of the Exceptions and Issuance of Final Order in the Matter of the Proposed Cancellation of Water Right Certificates 2366 and 22086 (9:35 AM – 10:00 AM)**
Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Patricia McCarty, Protest Program Coordinator, will present a request to issue a final order cancelling portions of Certificates 2366 and 22086. *The Commission will be asked to issue a final order.*
- *E. Request for Adoption of Rules Relating to Dam Safety - Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 690, Division 20 (10:00 AM – 10:45 AM)**
Keith Mills, State Engineer, Tony Janicek, Dam Safety Program Coordinator, and Breeze Potter, Water Policy Analyst, and Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, will present a request to amend the dam safety program rules. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*
- F. Feasibility Study Grants: Funding Recommendations and Awards (10:45 AM – 11:45 AM)**
Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, will present the funding recommendations for the 2019-2020 funding cycle of Feasibility Study Grants. *The Commission will be asked to make funding decisions.*

BREAK (11:45 AM – 12:15 PM)

- G. Legislative and Budget Update (12:15 PM – 12:45 PM)**
Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Administrator, and Bryn Hudson, Water Policy Analyst, will provide an update on legislative and budget issues. *This is an informational report.*

- H. Harney Basin Groundwater Management Update (12:45 PM – 1:00 PM)**
Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager will give an update activities related to groundwater rights in the Harney Basin. Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, will be available for questions. *This is an informational report.*
- I. Funding Opportunity Assessment: Results and Next Steps (1:00 PM – 1:15 PM)**
Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, will report out on the results of the assessment of Feasibility Study Grants and Water Project Grants and Loans. *This is an informational report.*
- J. Water Resource Planning Assessment Scope of Work (1:15 PM – 1:30 PM)**
Steven Parrett and Harmony Burrigh, Planning Coordinators, will present the purpose, goals, and scope of work for conducting a water supply planning assessment that will include an evaluation of the pilot phase of Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning. *This is an informational report.*
- K. Public Comment and Other Issues (Approximately 1:30 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.

Public Testimony and Written Comments:** The Commission encourages public comment on any agenda item; however, public testimony is limited on items marked with an asterisk (*). Items marked with an asterisk are subject to 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 Monday, June 22 to nirvana.cook@oregon.gov. A confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call Nirvana Cook at (503) 798-3196. Note that the Commission cannot accept comments on items with an (*), as the public comment periods for those items have closed.

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

Oral Comments: Public comments may be limited to three minutes. 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 a public comment, you must notify nirvana.cook@oregon.gov by 5:00 PM on Monday, June 22.*** Please include your first and last name, and the agenda item or topic on which you wish to comment. If you are joining the meeting via telephone, please also include the phone number from which you will be calling.

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 or (503)798-3196.

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

(with city of residence, region represented, and year of term expiration)

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