

Water Resources Commission Meeting
Salem - Teleconference
May 1, 2020

WRC Present

Meg Reeves, Chair
Bruce Corn, Vice-Chair
Bob Baumgartner
Kathy Kihara
Joe Moll
Eric Quaempts

WRD Staff Present

Tom Byler
Nirvana Cook
Doug Woodcock
Lisa Snyder
Racquel Rancier
Ivan Gall
Dwight French
Sarah Henderson
Lisa Jaramillo
Deirdre Dooley
Marcy Osborn
Cindy Smith
Jason Spriet

Others

Tom Bishop
Whitney Collins
Reagan Desmond
Kimberley Priestley
Peggy Lynch
April Snell
Mike Faught
Janet Neuman
Matt Stayner
Adam Sussman
Margaret Matter
Stephanie Page
Maddy Do
Mark Landauer
Jan Lee
Ken Yates

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and on file at the Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-1271. Audio files, staff reports and PowerPoint presentations are available on the Department's [website](#).

Chair Reeves called the meeting to order, explained the process and purpose of the meeting, and took roll of the Commissioners present in the teleconference for the record. Nirvana Cook took roll of Department staff presenting for the record

https://youtu.be/tXD_sNg8-XQ?t=877

A. Approval of Minutes

https://youtu.be/tXD_sNg8-XQ?t=1168

The minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting were presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Kihara moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Baumgartner. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

B. Director's Report

https://youtu.be/tXD_sNg8-XQ?t=1277

Tom Byler, Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. Commissioners made comments and presented questions to Director Byler.

C. Legislative and Budget Update

https://youtu.be/tXD_sNg8-XQ?t=3698

Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, provided an overview of the 2020 Legislative Session and discussed budget and legislative proposals for the 2021 Legislative Session.

*** 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**

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Jason Spriet, Eastern Region Manager, Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, and Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, presented a request to amend the Division 509 Powder Basin Program rules. Vice Chair Corn moved to adopt the amendments to Division 509 rules, seconded by Commissioner Moll. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

*** E. Request for Adoption of Amendments to Rules – OAR Chapter 690, Division 522, Deschutes Basin Water Management**

https://youtu.be/tXD_sNg8-XQ?t=8875

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, presented a request to amend the Division 522, Deschutes Basin Water Management rules. Commissioner Kihara moved to adopt the amendments to Division 522 rules, seconded by Commissioner Quaempts. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

F. Public Comment and Other Issues

No member of the public sought to provide comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nirvana Cook

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Commission Assistant