

**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING**  
**SALEM - VIDEOCONFERENCE**  
**June 24, 2020**

**WRC PRESENT**

**WRD STAFF PRESENT**

**OTHERS**

Meg Reeves, Chair	Tom Byler	Rachel LovellFord	Nancy Chase
Bruce Corn, Vice-Chair	Nirvana Cook	Steve Parrett	Thomas Bishop
Bob Baumgartner	Doug Woodcock	Jason Spriet	Mary Anne Cooper
Kathy Kihara	Lisa Snyder	Tony Janicek	Guido Paparoni
Joe Moll	Racquel Rancier	Dorothy Mortenson	Jenner Banbury
Eric Quaempts	Breeze Potter	Harmony Burrigh	April Snell
	Dwight French	Shawn Ortiz-Turner	Clair Klock
	Bryn Hudson	Kim Ogren	Tamra Mabbott
	Keith Mills	Patricia McCarty	Jeff Stone
	Deirdre Dooley	Justin Iverson	Eugene Anderson
	Becky Williams	Renee Moulun	

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Chair Reeves called the meeting to order and explained the process and purpose of the meeting.

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=1>

**A. Approval of Minutes**

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=49>

The minutes of the April 24, 2020 meeting were presented for Commission approval. Vice-Chair Corn moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed. The minutes of the May 1, 2020 meeting were presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Kihara moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Quaempts. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

**B. Commission Comments**

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=203>

Commissioners reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on a variety of water resource topics.

## **C. Director's Report**

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=1443>

Tom Byler, Director, provided an update on Department business and late-breaking issues.

## **\* D. Consideration of the Exceptions and Issuance of Final Order in the Matter of the Proposed Cancellation of Water Right Certificates 2366 and 22086**

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=3362>

Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Patricia McCarty, Protest Program Coordinator, presented a request to issue a final order cancelling portions of Certificates 2366 and 22086. Commissioner Kihara moved to Issue the Final Order included as Attachment 7, cancelling the portion of Water Right Certificate 2366 located within Tax Lots 300 and 302, and cancelling the portion of Water Right Certificate 22086 located within Tax Lot 302, directing the Department to issue certificates confirming the portions of Certificate 2366 and 22086 not cancelled, seconded by Vice-Chair Corn. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

## **\* E. Request for Adoption of Rules Relating to Dam Safety - Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 690, Division 20**

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=5370>

Keith Mills, State Engineer; Tony Janicek, Dam Safety Program Coordinator; Breeze Potter, Water Policy Analyst; and Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, presented a request to amend the dam safety program rules. Commissioner Moll moved to adopt the final proposed amended rules OAR Chapter 690, Division 20 as contained in Attachment 9, seconded by Commissioner Baumgartner. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

## **F. Feasibility Study Grants: Funding Recommendations and Awards**

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=7774>

Kim Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, presented the funding recommendations for the 2019-2020 funding cycle of Feasibility Study Grants. Vice-Chair Corn moved to adopt the staff funding recommendations contained in Table 1, Section IV of the report, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Baumgartner, Quaempts, Corn, Moll, Reeves, and Kihara. Motion passed.

## **G. Legislative and Budget Update**

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=9840>

Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager; Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Administrator; and Bryn Hudson, Water Policy Analyst, provided an update on legislative and budget issues.

## H. Harney Basin Groundwater Management Update

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=12098>

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, gave an update on activities related to groundwater rights in the Harney Basin. Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, were available for questions.

## I. Funding Opportunity Assessment: Results and Next Steps

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=13173>

Kim Fritz-Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, and Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, reported out on the results of the assessment of Feasibility Study Grants and Water Project Grants and Loans.

### Public Comment:

Mary Anne Cooper, Oregon Farm Bureau

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=14080>

April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=14287>

## J. Water Resource Planning Assessment Scope of Work

<https://youtu.be/ev3fTsLrOOY?t=14992>

Harmony Burrig, Planning Coordinator, presented the purpose, goals, and scope of work for conducting a water supply planning assessment, which includes an evaluation of the pilot phase of Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning. Steven Parrett was available for questions.

## K. Public Comment and Other Issues

There was no further public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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