

**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
SALEM - VIDEOCONFERENCE
August 27, 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
Dwight French
Bryn Hudson
Becky Williams
Deirdre Dooley
Renée Moulun
Ivan Gall
Sarah Henderson
Tom Paul

OTHERS PRESENT

Gene Souza
Ken Yates
Mary Anne Cooper
April Snell
Tammy Dennee
Kathleen Sullivan
James Williams
Caylin Barter

Written material submitted at this meeting is part of the official record and is 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](#). The video is available on the Department's [YouTube](#) channel.

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

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=3>

A. Commissioner Comments

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=60>

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

B. Approval of Minutes

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=1162>

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

C. Director's Report

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=1235>

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

D. Delegation of Authority to Implement the Provisions of ORS 540.220 and OAR 690-250-0160 in the Klamath Basin

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=4279>

Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, Tom Paul, Special Assistant to the Director, and Renée Moulun, Department of Justice, presented a request to delegate authority to the Director to implement provisions of ORS 540.220, addressing payment of staff involved in the distribution of water under ORS 540.210 in the Klamath Basin.

Public comment:

Mary Anne Cooper, Oregon Farm Bureau

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=5746>

Gene Souza, Klamath Irrigation District

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=6362>

Commissioner Moll moved to approve the delegation, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Moll, Kihara, Quaempts, and Reeves. Voting against the motion: Corn and Baumgartner. Motion passed.

E. Field Services Division Activity

Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, reported on field regulation and enforcement activities.

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=7000>

F. Allocation of Funds Between the 2020 and 2021 Funding Cycles of Water Project Grants and Loans

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=7935>

Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator, presented options for the allocation of available funds between 2020 and 2021 funding cycles of Water Project Grants and Loans in light of reduced fund availability due to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Public Comment:

April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress

<https://youtu.be/I4qvSKRYdSw?t=10240>

Commissioner Moll moved to approve Option II, dividing the available funds between the 2020 and 2021 funding cycles, with no maximum award in either year, seconded by Chair Reeves. Voting in favor of the motion: Moll, Kihara, Quaempts, Reeves, Corn, and Baumgartner. Motion passed.

G. Public Comment and Other Issues

There were no requests for public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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