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WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
Videoconference
Thursday, February 18, 2021
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
AGENDA

HOW TO JOIN THE VIDEOCONFERENCE

The public is invited to participate in the videoconference in a number of ways:

YouTube Live Stream: You may view the meeting via YouTube live stream by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/Z8XLsYPNhKQ>. Public comment will not be accepted through this platform. Please note there may be a slight delay when streaming the meeting content. *In order to preserve bandwidth for presenters and individuals providing comment, the Department highly encourages those who are not presenting or providing comment to utilize this method to view or listen to the meeting.*

Join by Zoom via Videoconference: You may join the meeting by clicking on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82674378916?pwd=ckIvV3IxNlY1enI1TnhnQ1BldWN1Zz09>. You will be asked to register prior to joining. To prevent background noise, all attendees will be muted upon joining the meeting. To improve bandwidth during the meeting, only members of the Commission and Department staff will appear on video display. *Please see page 3 for instructions on how to submit public comment.*

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Timing of Agenda Items: If a specific time is indicated for an agenda item, every effort will be made to consider the item as close to the scheduled 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 on a specific item should join the videoconference at the beginning of the meeting to avoid missing the discussion.

Meeting Materials: Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, can be found on the Commission's website by clicking on the following link:
https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=41

COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, February 18, 2021 (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM)

A. Commissioner Comments (8:30 AM – 9:00 AM)

Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.

B. Approval of Minutes (9:00 AM – 9:05 AM)

The minutes of the November 19, 2020 and December 15, 2020 meetings will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

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.*

BREAK (9:35 AM – 9:45 AM)

D. Update on Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning (9:45 AM – 10:45 AM)

Harmony Burright and Steve Parrett, Planning Coordinators, will review the process for state recognition of a completed plan and discuss recent and future programmatic activities. Representative Mark Owens, House District 60; Donna Beverage, Union County Commissioner; Brenda Smith, Harney County Watershed Council; Holly Mondo, Project Manager for the Harney Basin Water Collaborative; Herb Winters, Gilliam County Soil and Water District Manager; Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District Manager; and Alexandria Scott, Project Manager for the Mid-Coast Water Partners, will share their progress and perspectives on place-based water planning. *This is an informational report.*

BREAK (10:45 AM – 10:55 AM)

E. Results of Audit of Hemp Operations in the Southwest Region During the 2020 Irrigation Season (10:55 AM – 11:55 AM)

Jake Johnstone, Southwest Region Manager, and Scott Prose, Assistant Watermaster, will present findings from the 2020 irrigation season audit of hemp production sites in the Southwest Region. Lauren Henderson, Assistant Director, and Sunny Summers, Cannabis Policy Coordinator and Special Projects, from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, will share their perspective on the project. *This is an informational report.*

F. Budget and Legislative Update (11:55 AM – 12:40 PM)

Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager; Bryn Hudson, Water Policy Analyst; and Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the Governor's Recommended Budget and an update on the 2021 Legislative Session. *This is an informational report.*

LUNCH (12:40 PM – 1:10 PM)

G. Walla Walla Subbasin Cooperative Basin Study (1:10 PM – 1:40 PM)

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, and Harmony Burright, Planning Coordinator, will provide an update on the development of a Plan of Study and a Public Engagement Plan for the Walla Walla Basin Groundwater Study. *This is an informational report.*

H. Update on Activities in the Klamath Basin (1:40 PM – 2:10 PM)

Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, will provide an update on water issues in the Klamath Basin. *This is an informational report.*

I. Public Comment and Other Issues (Approximately 2:10 PM)

MEETING PROCEDURES

Agenda items are generally taken in the order listed above. However, under 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. Note the Commission cannot accept comments on items with an asterisk, as the public comment period for those items is closed.

Written Comments: Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged so Commissioners have sufficient opportunity to review materials prior to the videoconference. *To ensure full consideration by the Commission, written comments must be emailed to nirvana.cook@oregon.gov by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 16.* A confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call Nirvana Cook at (503) 798-3196.

Oral Comments: Oral 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. *To make an oral public comment, you must electronically submit an Oral Public Comment Request Form, or notify Nirvana Cook by phone, by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 16.* Oral Public Comment Request Forms can be found on the Commission's website. To find the form, click on the following link, and scroll to the bottom of the webpage: www.oregon.gov/owrd/aboutus/Commission/Pages/default.aspx A confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email, or to submit an oral public comment request by phone, please call Nirvana Cook at (503) 798-3196.

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.

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