

**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
SALEM - VIDEOCONFERENCE
December 15, 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
Chris Kowitz
Phillip Marcy
Ben Scandella
Deirdre Dooley
Ivan Gall
Jen Woody
Josh Hackett
Breeze Potter
Justin Iverson
Steve Parrett
Renée Moulun

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Anne Cooper
Ken Yates
Brian Posewitz
JR Cook
Mateusz Perkowski
Genoa Ingram
Tammy Dennee
Christina Stella
Christine Ball-Blakely

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

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A. Request for Decision on Petition for Rule Amendment or Rulemaking

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Breeze Potter, Water Policy Analyst, and Tom Byler, Director, provided an overview of the Petition for Rulemaking the Commission received on October 5, 2020. The petition outlined a request for the Commission to initiate rulemaking to restrict exempt use of groundwater for stockwatering in the Ordinance Critical Groundwater areas. Vice Chair Corn moved to deny the petition in writing and direct Department staff to consider this issue in future priority-setting discussions, seconded by Commissioner Kihara. Voting in favor of the motion: Corn, Moll, Kihara, Baumgartner, Reeves. Commissioner Quaempts recused himself from this agenda item due to the appearance of a conflict of interest. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nirvana Cook

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