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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Water Resources Commission

**FROM:** Thomas M. Byler, Director

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item E, June 3, 2021  
Water Resources Commission Meeting

### **Securing Oregon's Water Future – Oregon Business Council Water Report**

#### **I. Introduction**

During this informational report, John Audley of John Audley Consulting, and Martin Doyle, Professor of Water Resources Management, Duke University, will present a recent Oregon Business Council report on Oregon's water challenges and opportunities.

#### **II. Background**

The Oregon Business Council is an association of more than 40 business community leaders focused on public issues that affect Oregon's life and future. OBC's mission is to mobilize business leaders to contribute to Oregon's quality of life and economic prosperity. Over the years, OBC has worked on issues as diverse as K-12 and higher education, health care, salmon and watershed health, a drug-free workplace, transportation, fiscal reform, and economic development. In recent years, OBC has focused on water as a part of its policy portfolio. OBC's April 2021 policy paper, *Securing Oregon's Water Future*, reports out its findings and recommendations based on research and interviews with people with varied interests and perspectives about water in Oregon. A link to the report follows:

[https://orbusinesscouncil.org/docs/archive/FINAL\\_Water\\_Paper\\_4.13.pdf](https://orbusinesscouncil.org/docs/archive/FINAL_Water_Paper_4.13.pdf)

Mr. Audley and Mr. Doyle will provide an overview of the report and be available to discuss questions from Commissioners.