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**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Videoconference**  
**Wednesday, August 25, 2021**  
**8:00 AM – 3:00 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/dfK6Ylb-u\\_4](https://youtu.be/dfK6Ylb-u_4). 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.***

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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](https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=41).

**COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)**

- A. Commissioner Comments (8:00 AM – 8:30 AM)**  
Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.
- B. Approval of Minutes (8:30 AM – 8:35 AM)**  
The minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*
- C. Director’s Report (8:35 AM – 9:15 AM)**  
Tom Byler, Director, will provide an update on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report.*
- D. Critical Groundwater Area Three Year Review (9:15 AM – 9:45 AM)**  
Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, will review conditions in the Butter Creek and Stage Gulch Critical Groundwater Areas, and the associated basin program rules in OAR 690-507-610 through 840, as per the review requirements of ORS 537.780(3). *This is an informational report.*

**BREAK (9:45 AM – 10:00 AM)**

- E. Oregon Water Futures Project (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)**  
Cheyenne Holliday, Verde NW; Lynny Brown, Willamette Partnership; and Taren Evans, Coalition of Communities of Color, will discuss the work of the Oregon Water Futures Project, which was formed to elevate water priorities from Oregon Communities. *This is an informational report.*
- F. Drought Update (11:00 AM – 11:40 AM)**  
Larry O’Neill, State Climatologist at Oregon State University; Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager; Rachel LovellFord, Surface Water Hydrology Program Manager; Ryan Andrews, Hydrologist; and Bryn Hudson, Water Policy Analyst, will provide an update on current drought conditions, coordination and communication efforts, and support available for water users. *This is an informational report.*

**LUNCH (11:40 AM – 12:10 PM)**

- G. Legislative Session and Budget Update (12:10 PM – 12:50 PM)**  
Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager; Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator; and Bryn Hudson, Water Policy Analyst, will provide an update on the 2021 Legislative Session and the 2021-2023 budget. *This is an informational report.*
- H. Division 77 Rulemaking Timeline (12:50 PM – 1:30 PM)**  
Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator, and Breeze Potter, Water Policy Analyst and Rules Coordinator, will present on the status of Division 77 rulemaking. *The Commission will be asked to decide the appropriate timeline for this rulemaking effort.*

**BREAK (1:30 PM – 1:45 PM)**

**I. State Recognition of Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Plans  
(1:45 PM – 2:45 PM)**

Steve Parrett and Harmony Burright, Planning Coordinators, and Kim Fritz-Ogren, Water Resources Development Program Manager, will provide information on state recognition of place-based integrated water resources plans. *This is an informational report.*

**J. Public Comment/Other Issues (Approximately 2:45 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](mailto:nirvana.cook@oregon.gov) by 5:00 PM on Friday, August 20.* 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 Friday, August 20.* 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](http://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 the 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](mailto:nirvana.cook@oregon.gov) or (503)798-3196.

**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION**

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Eric Quaempts	Adams	North Central Region	2021
Joe Moll	Eugene	West Central Region	2021
Julie Smitherman	Talent	Southwest Region	2025

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