

Governance Task Force Minutes
January 16, 2015, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Oregon Water Resources Department
North Mall Office Building
725 Summer St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE MEMBERS

David Filippi, Stoel Rives; Eric Quaempts, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (phone); Kimberley Priestley, WaterWatch; Gil Riddell, Association of Oregon Counties; Patrick Griffiths, City of Bend (phone); Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon; Janet Neuman, Tonkon Torp; Teresa Huntsinger, Oregon Environmental Council; April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress; Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries; Katie Fast, Oregon Farm Bureau; Tracy Rutten, League of Oregon Cities; Joe Furia, The Freshwater Trust (phone); Rob Kirschner, The Freshwater Trust (delegate for Joe Furia); Amanda Rich, The Nature Conservancy.

Absent: Chris Taylor, West Coast Infrastructure Exchange; Brad Taylor, Eugene Water and Electric Board.

FACILITATION TEAM

Richard Whitman, Office of Governor John Kitzhaber, Convener; Racquel Rancier, Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD); Nancy Salber, Governor's Natural Resources Office; Jon Unger, WRD; Josh Spansail, WRD.

OBSERVERS

Tim Hardin; Lauren Smith; Margaret Matter; Tom Byler; Brenda Bateman; Mateusz Perkowski; Said Amali.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- ~ Review task force report, rulemaking timelines, and 2015 Legislation
- ~ Finalize and approve Governance Task Force recommendations

Meeting materials for this and other Governance meetings are available on-line:
http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/SB_839_Governance_Task_Force.aspx.
Look under the specific meeting date.

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I. Introductions, Review of Agenda, and Minutes

II. Timelines for Rulemaking

Richard Whitman led discussion regarding the rulemaking that will need to occur to get the program off the ground. In order to adopt rules during the June Commission meeting the RAC would need to provide draft rules by early April. Alternatively, approval during the September

Commission meeting could be pursued. The group consensus was to start rulemaking as soon as possible with the intent to provide draft rules by early April.

III. Finalization of Governance Task Force Report

The group reviewed the draft task force report and provided recommended edits. Discussion around the draft Governance Task Force Report involved a number of topics such as:

- SB 839 is only one component of the broader Integrated Water Resources Strategy.
- The role of planning, including place-based planning.
- Minimizing discussion of mitigation banking in the report.
- Funding large projects.
- HB 2400 and recommended legislative changes.
- The application requirements for projects.
- The scoring and ranking scale.
- Items that should be addressed by the Rulemaking Advisory Committee.
- The conditioning of existing water right permits.

See the task force report and audio recording of the meeting for further details.

IV. Public Comment

Said Amali expressed hope that the rulemaking process moves quickly.

V. Closing Remarks and Adjourn