

## **Public Notice: September 5, 2014 Seasonally Varying Flows Task Force Meeting**

The Seasonally Varying Flows Task Force, established by Senate Bill 839 (2013), will hold its second meeting from 8:00 AM to noon at the Water Resources Department on Friday, September 5. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will include presentations and discussions on the Seasonally Varying Flow methodologies previously laid out in a report generated by a Science Subgroup, as well as economic considerations included in the Economic Subgroup report (see more information about the subgroups on our webpage below).

### **Background**

The *Seasonally Varying Flows (SVF) Task Force* will develop guidelines to determine which stream flows should be protected when public funds are used to support certain types of water storage projects. The Task Force will prepare and submit its report to the Governor, an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly, and the Water Resources Commission. Subsequently, the Water Resources Commission shall adopt rules to establish a methodology for use in determining the seasonally varying flows. This Task Force is currently scheduled to meet on September 5 and September 19. The meetings will take place from 8 AM to noon.

Senate Bill 839 also calls for the creation of a *Governance Task Force* to review the structure established for water development project loans and grants in SB 839. The Task Force will develop proposals related to: (a) the role of the state in providing loan and grant funding for multipurpose water resource development; and (b) the decision-making process for the allocation of newly developed water from projects for which the uses of the water were not specified in the funding application. The resulting report will be submitted to the Governor and an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly and may contain recommendations for legislation. The next meeting for this task force is scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2014 from 8 AM to noon.

This work represents a major initiative by Oregon to take a more active role in meeting instream and out-of-stream water needs, recognizing the challenges created by a growing population, drier and warmer seasons, and declining federal involvement.

For more information about the Task Forces (including meeting materials, schedules, and agendas) or the work of the Science and Economic subgroups, visit our website:

[http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/OWRD\\_Work\\_Groups.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/OWRD_Work_Groups.aspx) .

### **Directions to the Meeting**

#### **Meeting Location**

Oregon Water Resources Department  
North Mall Office Building  
725 Summer St. NE, Suite A  
Salem, Oregon 97301

#### **From I-5**

Take Exit 256 (Market Street). Heading west on Market, go approximately 2 miles to Summer Street. Turn left onto Summer Street. Go less than 1/2 mile to our building. Our building is located on your right between the Department of State Lands and the Employment Building.

**Parking**

Parking is located along Summer Street and also Winter Street (west side of building). Parking along Summer Street is metered. The parking along Winter Street has a 90 minute limit.

There are six 2-hour parking stalls located between our building and the Employment Building to our south. Parking is also available in the Yellow Lot which is located two blocks south of our building for a fee.

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