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PUBLIC NOTICE

Seasonally Varying Flows and Governance Task Force Meetings to be Held December 15, 2014

The Seasonally Varying Flows Task Force, established by Senate Bill 839, is expected to hold its final meeting on Monday, December 15 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The task force will consider approval of a SVF methodology.

The Governance Task Force, established by Senate Bill 839, will hold a meeting starting at 9:00 AM at the Water Resources Department on Monday, December 15. The agenda for the meeting will include a discussion of the intersection of seasonally varying flows with permitting and funding timelines, the role of the state in mitigation banking, scoring and ranking of projects, and the role of the state in funding large projects. The meeting will adjourn at 2:00 PM.

The meetings are open to the public.

Background

Senate Bill 839 (2013) 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. In addition to the meeting on December 1, a meeting of this task force is tentatively scheduled for December 15 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

In addition, SB 839 (2013), the *Seasonally Varying Flows 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 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 and subgroups (including meeting materials, agendas, and meeting times and locations), visit our website:

http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/OWRD_Work_Groups.aspx .

Meeting Location

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

Directions to the Meeting 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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