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PUBLIC NOTICE

Governance Task Force Meeting to be Held February 20, 2015

The Governance Task Force, established by Senate Bill 839, will hold a meeting on Friday, February 20, 2015, starting at 10:00 AM at the Labor and Industries Building, Basement Conference Room A. The Labor and Industries Building is at 350 Winter Street Northeast. During the meeting, members will discuss the conditioning of water right permits for seasonally varying flows. The meeting will adjourn at 11:00 AM.

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 may 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.

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 Force (including meeting materials, agendas, and meeting times and locations), visit our website: http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/OWRD_Work_Groups.aspx.

Meeting Location

Basement – Conference Room A
Labor and Industries Building
350 Winter Street Northeast
Salem, Oregon 97301

Directions to the Meeting from I-5

Take Exit 256 (Market Street). Heading west on Market, go approximately 2 miles to Winter Street. Turn left onto Winter Street. The building is located on your left.

Parking

Parking is located along Winter Street (west side of building). The parking along Winter Street has a 90 minute limit. Parking for a fee is also available in the Yellow Lot, which is located across the street, north of the building.

Staff Contact for Questions

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