Agenda

2025 Budget and Legislative Concept Development Oregon Water Resources Department Stakeholder Meeting March 13, 2024 10:00 AM-11:40 AM

Teams Meeting

- 1. Welcome, Agenda Review, Introductions to Budget and Legislative Team (Racquel Rancier 10 minutes)
- 2. Overview of the Budget Process (Bryn Hudson 15 minutes)
 - a. New to the process? See <u>Budget Process Overview</u> and View <u>Budget Instructions</u> (not available until March)
 - b. Agency Request Budget (Publish and Submit August 1)
 - c. DAS Analyst Recommended Budget and Appeal (Late Summer/Early Fall)
 - d. Governor's Recommended Budget (Published December)
 - e. Legislatively Adopted Budget
 - i. Public Hearing before Joint Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee
 - f. Agency working with Governor's Office to prioritize POPs for the ARB

3. Overview of the Legislative Development Process (Bryn Hudson - 15 minutes)

- a. Input on Legislative Concepts
- b. WRD approach efforts to refine/develop amendments
- c. Role of Governor's Office
- d. Key Dates
 - i. April 30 Legislative Concept Topics Due to DAS
 - ii. June 28 Legislative Concepts Due (Placeholders)
 - iii. One opportunity to review draft before filing Sept Deadline to request revision / or 14 days
 - iv. Dec. 13 Pre-session Filing
 - v. January 2025- Session starts New to the process? See how a Bill Becomes Law.

OWRD Considerations for Budget and Legislative Concepts (Bryn Hudson – 5 minutes)

- a. General considerations
 - i. Investments and policy should implement IWRS recommended actions and be aligned with 2019-2024 strategic plan priorities.
 - ii. Balancing realistic timelines and staff capacity given implementation of the new work from the 2021 and 2023 session.
 - iii. Potential impacts on diversity, equity and inclusion, environmental justice, and underserved communities.
 - iv. Improving core agency functions and deliverables (IT, admin, etc.) to enhance customer service and outcomes.
- b. LCs: urgent issues that need addressing before the end of the 2025 calendar year.

5. Legislative Concepts (Bryn Hudson - 30 minutes) [Handout: 2025 OWRD Potential LC Topics]

- a. WRD limited bandwidth to run many proposals
- b. Potential LC topics:
 - i. Program Sunset for Temporary Transfers and Leases in the Klamath
 - i. Harney Basin Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Other Fund Transfer
 - ii. Placeholder Water Right Efficiency Improvements
 - iii. Water Right Transaction Fees and Dam Safety Annual Fee Increases
 - iv. Well Construction Program Fee Increases

6. How to provide Input (10 minutes - Bryn Hudson) [Handout: 2025 OWRD Potential LC Topics_Feedback]

a. By April 2: Submit feedback worksheets to bryn.hudson@water.oregon.gov

- b. Other ways to provide input:
 - i. Written via email (bryn.hudson@water.oregon.gov)
 - ii. Request a meeting with us
 - iii. General Stakeholder Meetings
 - 1. April 9, 2024
 - 2. May 7, 2024

7. Other items and questions?

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