

2025-26 Water Rights Rulemaking

Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting 2
Salem/Zoom



Agenda

- Welcome
- Agenda Review
- RAC Meeting Summaries
- Schedule Update & November Poll Reminder
- Draft Rules
 - Div 305 (mapping)
 - Div 300 (definitions)
 - Div 2 (protests & contested cases)
- Public Comment
- Wrap and Next Steps



Rulemaking Timeline

RAC Meetings

Sep/Oct/Nov (TBD) 2025 Hybrid public hearing(s)

Jan 2026

Review of public comments

Effective date of final rules **April 1, 2026**















Notice of proposed rulemaking & ~30-day public comment period

Jan 2, 2026

Last day of public comment

early Feb 2026 WRC
Decision on
proposed
rule
adoption

March 2026



Updated Tentative RAC Meeting Schedule

- Sept 17 Divisions 52, 53, 54, 14, 320, 340, 325
- Sept 24 Divisions 305 (new), 2, 300
- Oct 14 Divisions 310, 18, 315
- Oct 15 Division 17, 380 (time allowing)
- Oct 21 Divisions 380
- Oct 29 (am) Division 382, 77
 - Draft Notice: Need, Racial Equity Impacts, Fiscal & Economic Impacts
- Oct 29 (pm) Division 77
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- Nov TBD Complete poll by COB 9/26



Rule Discussion



Other Divisions that Link to Division 305 (new) – General Map Criteria	Requirements Outside of Div 305 Apply
14 – Certified Water Right Examiners	Yes
18 – Allocation of Conserved Water	Yes
310 – Water Right Application Processing	Yes
320 – Water Right Permits	No
325 – Assignment of a Water Right Permit & Request for Issuance of	Yes
Replacement Permits	
340 – Water Use Authorizations	Yes*
380 – Water Right Transfers	Yes
382 – Groundwater Registration Modifications	Yes



*Existing Division 340 rules contain mapping requirements for road watering registrations that OWRD is not proposing to modify; limited license and expedited secondary application rules now refer to Division 305 and do not contain supplemental mapping requirements.

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Rule Discussion



Public Comment



Wrap Up/Next Steps



Wrap Up/Next Steps

- Next RAC Meetings (3 & 4)
 - Oct 14 310, 18, 315
 - Oct 15 17
- Provide Input/Feedback for RAC 2 Oct 8, 2025
 - Please email Laura Hartt (laura.a.hartt@water.oregon.gov)



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Thank you!

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