

2025-26 Water Rights Rulemaking

Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting 9
Salem/Zoom



Agenda

- Welcome
- Agenda Review; Schedule; Timeline
- Statement of Economic & Fiscal Impacts
 - Div 2 Protests/Contested Cases
 - Div 52, 53, 54 Hydroelectric
 - Div 310 Water Right Application Processing
 - Div 17 Cancellation/Forfeiture
 - Div 18 Allocation of Conserved Water
 - Div 380 Transfers
 - Div 77 Instream Water Rights
- Public Comment/Wrap Up



Remaining RAC Schedule

- Final RAC Input/Feedback prior to Filing (All Divisions)
 - No later than Dec 5 (sooner is better; or piecemeal as you complete reviews)
 - Input on any of the Proposed Rules
 - Input on Statements of Need, Racial Equity Impacts, Fiscal & Economic Impacts
 - Corrections for Draft Meeting Summaries (RACs 3-7; Div 2 Follow Up)
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Rulemaking Timeline

(9) RAC Meetings

Sept - Nov 2025 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking & First day of ~30-day Public Comment Period

Jan 2, 2026

Last Day of Public Comment Period

Early Feb 2026

WRC
Decision on
proposed
rule
adoption

March 19, 2026

















Last day for RAC prefiling input

Dec 5, 2025

Hybrid public hearing(s)

Late Jan 2026 Review of Public Comments

Feb/March 2026

Effective
Date of Final
Rules by
April 1,
2026



Statement of Economic & Fiscal Impacts



Fiscal & Economic Impacts - Discussion

- A. Fiscal & Economic Impact General
- B. Cost of Compliance Focused on Small Business
- (1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s).
- (2)(a) Effects on Small Businesses: Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s).
- (2)(b) Effects on Small Businesses: Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s);
- (2)(c) Effects on Small Businesses: Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

Rule Revision - Discussion



Public Comment/Wrap Up

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Thank you!

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