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### AGENDA

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#### WEDNESDAY

**Date:** November 17, 2021  
**Time:** 11:00 A.M.  
**Room:** Remote C

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#### **Organizational Meeting**

(11:00 am) Adoption of Committee Rules

#### **Informational Meeting**

*Invited testimony only*

(11:10 am) **2021 Drought**

Drought Status Update:

Larry O'Neill, State Climatologist, Oregon State University  
Ryan Andrews, Hydrologist, Water Resources Department

State Response:

Morgan Gratz-Weiser, Deputy Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Office of Governor  
Kate Brown  
Racquel Rancier, Deputy Director, Strategy and Administration, Water Resources  
Department  
Andrew Phelps, Director, Office of Emergency Management  
Andre Ourso, Administrator, Center for Health Protection, Public Health Division,  
Oregon Health Authority

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Drought Impacts:

Jonathan Saudau, Special Assistant to the Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture  
Chandra Ferrari, Water Program Manager, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Tricia M. Hill, Gold Dust & Walker Farms, Klamath Basin Farmer  
Denver Pugh, President, Pugh Seed Farm Inc./Ampac Seed Co.  
Kevin Richards, Fox Hollow Ranch  
Jessica Dorsey, Water Resource Manager, City of Hillsboro and Vice Chair, Oregon  
Water Utility Council

**(12:10 pm) Update on Local Community Water Systems Affected by 2020 Wildfires**

Jason Green, Executive Director, Oregon Association of Water Utilities  
Karl Morgenstern, Watershed Restoration Program Manager, Eugene Water and Electric  
Board  
Maryann Hills, Community Services Liaison, Marion County  
Greg Benthin, Public Works Superintendent, City of Gates  
Carl Tappert, Manager, Rogue Valley Sewer Services

**(1:10 pm) Framework for Conversations about Oregon's Water Future, 2021-2023**

Representative Mark Owens  
Representative Jeff Reardon  
Tom Byler, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

*Note change: A speaker has been added.*

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