

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Water Resources Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Janet Neuman of Portland

Term

October 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 536.022 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission has seven members, including:

- one from the Upper Northwest Region (the Lower and Middle Willamette, North Coast, and Sandy drainage basins and the Columbia River drainage basin below Bonneville Dam) (LEE);
- one from the Southwest Region (the Rogue, Klamath, Goose, and Summer Lakes drainage basins, the South Coast drainage basins south of the mouth of the Rogue River) (SMITHERMAN);
- one from the West Central Region (the Umpqua, Mid Coast, and Upper Willamette drainage basins, and the South Coast drainage basins north of the mouth of the Rogue River) (MOLL);
- one from the North Central Region (the Umatilla, John Day, Hood, and Deschutes drainage basins, and the Columbia River drainage basin above Bonneville Dam) (QUAEMPTS);
- one from the Eastern Region (the Owyhee, Malheur, Grande Ronde, Malheur Lake, Middle Snake, and Powder drainage basins) (WOLFE);

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#); [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 536.022 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- one from east of the Cascade Mountains (KIHARA); and
- one from west of the Cascade Mountains (**NEUMAN**).

Members serve four-year terms, limited to two consecutive terms. The Governor designates the chair.

Duties⁴

The commission establishes policies for the operation of the Water Resources Department. The commission must:

- maintain records of expenditures from the department's Hydroelectric Fund;
- adopt rules and standards;
- establish specified fees;
- appoint a ground water advisory committee;
- review and update the integrated state water resources strategy every five years;
- devise plans and programs to development water resources to encourage, promote, and secure the maximum beneficial use and control thereof;
- formulate and deliver statements from an integrated, coordinated program for the use and control of all water resources in this state;
- receive, review, and adjudicate notices of proposed exercise of power involving water resources; and
- adopt a schedule of civil penalties to be assessed for specified violations.

⁴ [ORS 536.017 to 536.910 \(2023\)](#).



Water Resources Commission

Agency: **Water Resources Department, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 536.022**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Board Admin: **Mindy Lane**

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Current Appointments

Mr Quaempts, Eric J

North Central

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021
9/26/2016 - 6/30/2017

Mr Wolfe, Woody S

Eastern Region

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **10/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

Ms Kihara, Katherine "Kathy" E

East of the Cascades

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
3/1/2018 - 6/30/2021

Neuman, Janet

West of the Cascades

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

Ms Lee, Janet "Jan" L

Upper NW Region

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025**

Ms Smitherman, Julie M

Southwest Region

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
3/1/2021 - 6/30/2021

Mr Moll, Joseph "Joe" P

West Central Region

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
2/14/2018 - 6/30/2021

Vacant Positions