

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: February 2, 2026
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

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

New Appointment

Adell Amos of Eugene
Travis Trumbull of Milton Freewater

Terms

April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 536.022 \(2025\)](#)

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) (**AMOS**);
- one from the North Central Region (the Umatilla, John Day, Hood, and Deschutes drainage basins, and the Columbia River drainage basin above Bonneville Dam) (**TRUMBULL**);
- 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 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 171.565 \(2025\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

³ [ORS 536.022 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) 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 \(2025\)](#).



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

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

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

7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

9/26/2016 - 6/30/2017

Trumbull, Travis

North Central Region

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **4/1/2026 - 6/30/2029**

Mr Wolfe, Woody S

Eastern Region

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

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

Ms Kihara, Katherine "Kathy" E

East of the Cascades

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

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

3/1/2018 - 6/30/2021

Neuman, Janet

West of the Cascades

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

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

Ms Lee, Janet "Jan" L

Upper NW Region

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

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

Ms Smitherman, Julie M

Southwest Region

Appointed By: Governor

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

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**2/14/2018 - 6/30/2021**

Amos, Adell Louise

West Central Region

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

4/1/2026 - 6/30/2029

Vacant Positions
