

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER POLICY

January 26, 1993 Hearing Room C 3:00 PM Tapes 02 - 03

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bill Dwyer, Chair Sen. Wes Cooley Sen. Bob Kintigh Sen. Tricia Smith Sen. Frank Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Zavala, Administrator Kus Soumie, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Department of Water Resources - AGENCY OVERVIEW Governor's Natural Resources Policy

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TAPE 2 SIDE A

006 CHAIR DWYER: Calls the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. - The committee will not meet Thursday. - Introduces Anne Squier.

015 ANNE SQUIER: Governor's Advisor for Natural Resource Policy, (introduces EXHIBIT A). Gives overview of EXHIBIT A, "Biennial Water

Management Program for Oregon." 031 - Notes 3 components to the Governor's focus on water.

083 CHAIR DWYER: What are some of the possible conflicts of this bill?

087 SQUIER: Whether the local watershed councils should have more authority or whether State agencies should have less authority.

108 SQUIER: Mentions Watershed Health Initiative.

122 CHAIR DWYER: Have these projects been identified?

140 SQUIER: Notes benchmark strategies.

184 CHAIR DWYER: Opens discussion.

185 SEN SMITH: Requests written information on Legislation.

218 MARTHA PAGEL: Director, Water Resources Department, (introduces EXHIBIT B). Provides overview of EXHIBIT B, "Oregon Water Resources Department, September 1992." 250 - Mission of the Water Resources Department.

290 CHAIR DWYER: What is the professional background of most of the personnel in your Department?

PAGEL: There are hydrogeologists, geologists, engineers, those with degrees in natural resource management, well drillers, and other skilled technicians.

315 SEN. SMITH: Do your regions coincide with the regions of other natural resource agencies?

PAGEL: No, they do not match; but that is being pursued, particularly with respect to field offices. - Proposed reorganization of the Department. 375 - Priorities for the Department. - Water right application backlog is at 3000 with a two-year waiting period.

400 CHAIR DWYER: Reduction of water right application backlog has not taken place as desired, rather the backlog has increased.

416 PAGEL: New rules have been adopted to clarify permit processing.

TAPE 3 SIDE A

002 PAGEL: Continues overview of EXHIBIT B.

007 CHAIR DWYER: Are there streams still available for appropriation?

PAGEL: Yes, there are some major waterways and streams still available.

017 CHAIR DWYER: Is there a geographical pattern to the backlogs?

PAGEL: Not of which I am aware. I will check.

PAGEL: Management concerns within the Department. 075 - Budget overview for Department of Natural Resources.

090 CHAIR DWYER: Adjourns meeting at 3:40 p.m.

EXHIBIT LOG:

A Biennial Water Management Program for Oregon, Anne Squier, 79 pages
B Oregon Water Resources Department, September 1992, Martha Pagel, 15 pages

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