

# **COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION**

## **MEETING AGENDA - January 13, 2015**

**Water Resources Education Center  
4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington**

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 9:05 a.m. County/City Welcome**
- 9:15 a.m. Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2014 Commission Meeting**
- 9:20 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission**  
As part of the Government to Government consultation process the Commission welcomes input from treaty tribe members on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 9:30 a.m. Public Comment \***
- 10:00 a.m. 2015-2016 Initial Discussion of Commission Goals/Priorities \***  
The Commission will hear recommendations from staff and begin discussing priorities for the Commission's staffing and resources in 2015 and 2016. The Commission will not make any decisions as part of this discussion item.
- 10:30 a.m. Air Quality/Visibility Update on Columbia River Gorge**  
The Commission will hear updates and a presentation about the Gorge Air Quality Strategy and air quality and visibility in the National Scenic Area from staff at Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Southwest Washington Clean Air Agency (SWCAA), and the Washington Department of Ecology (WA DOE).
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. 2015 Legislative Strategy \***  
The Commission will develop an outreach strategy for the 2015 legislative sessions in Oregon and Washington. Commissioners will be asked to make travel commitments for legislative outreach meetings in Salem, Oregon and Olympia, Washington.
- 1:40 p.m. NSA Manager's Report**
- 2:00 p.m. Director's Report**
- 2:20 p.m. Other Business**
- **Commission Ratification of 2015 Committee Membership**
  - **APA National Conference - Overview and update**
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn**

**NOTE:** The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.

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### **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please carefully and completely fill out a sign-up sheet clearly indicating which item or items in you wish to participate. Please respect the Commission meeting by handing your completed sheet and any written testimony or other documents to the Commission's Assistant prior to the start of the public comment on that item(s). The Commission's Assistant sits at the end of the side table closest to the audience.

**NOTE:** The chair reserves the right to not to hear comments if a comment sign-up sheet is incomplete or illegible.

#### **Be courteous and professional.**

Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone.  
Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

#### **Effective use of public comment time.**

All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits in order to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

#### **Submitting written comments.**

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please bring a printed original for the record. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 printed copies to the meeting. Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

***Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.***