

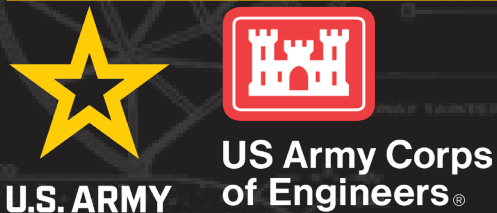
FUTURE OF FEDERAL HYDROPOWER IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SYSTEM

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS

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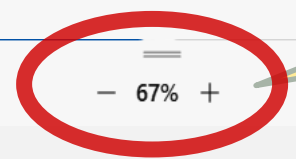
SESSION PURPOSE AND PROCESS

- This meeting is one of three listening sessions to gather your perspectives and opinions on **potential** deauthorization of hydropower as a purpose across the Corps' Willamette Valley System of dams.
 - This input could include your questions or concerns about benefits and impacts of deauthorization.
- Your verbal input will be transcribed by a contracted court reporter for inclusion in an appendix to the Willamette Valley Hydropower Deauthorization Report to Congress.
- Your written input will be included in the appendix too.
- Will provide more detail shortly on this input process.

Viewing Cynthia Fowler's screen

WEBEX ORIENTATION

ZOOM
Can enlarge/reduce the window



SWITCH AUDIO

- TIP: Switching to the phone will keep you connected if Wifi fails
- From pull-down, select 'Switch Audio,' enter your Ph# and Webex will call you

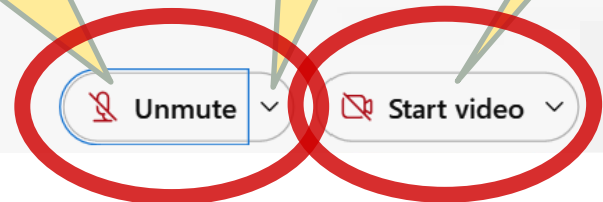
VIDEO
Keep Video OFF until your turn to speak (optional)

AUDIO
All Participants are on MUTE until the Public Input segment

PARTICIPANTS List

CHAT

CLOSED CAPTION



Layout

Participants (2)

Eileen Takata Me

Hunter Merritt Host

Chat

from Eileen Takata to everyone: 3:40 PM
Welcome to the meeting!

To: Everyone

Enter chat message here

Participants Chat





GOOD TO KNOW

- Please stay on MUTE with VIDEO OFF until the input portion of this meeting.
- If you have a question to help clarify points in the presentation, please enter it into CHAT and our CHAT monitor will get our attention.
- Specific instructions on how to provide public input will follow this brief presentation.
- Verbal input is limited to 3 minutes.
- Questions or comments provided in CHAT will not be included in the meeting transcript or addressed during the meeting.
 - Your questions will be provided to the project team for their awareness. If you would like a follow-up to your question, please reach out to WVHWRDA22@usace.army.mil.



THE HYDROPOWER CONTEXT

- Hydropower is one of multiple authorized purposes including flood risk management, navigation, fish and wildlife, water supply, water quality, irrigation, and recreation.
- Changes to the Corps' dams and their operations to meet Endangered Species Act requirements has impacted the hydropower purpose over the past decade, with additional impacts to costs and the amount of power generation expected in the future.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers was tasked in the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 to prepare a Report to Congress on the future of federal hydropower in the Willamette Valley.



HYDROPOWER ASSESSMENT

- Preparing the Report to Congress requires us to assess
 - Whether and how discontinuing hydropower production at one or more of the eight dams in the 13-dam Willamette Valley System would affect how all dams would operate to meet their other authorized purposes.
 - What would be the impact to costs for operating and maintaining the system if hydropower is deauthorized at one or more dam?
 - The impacts of discontinuing hydropower production on dam safety and compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

We hosted public information sessions on this topic in September 2023.

- Meeting recordings are available at: www.nwp.usace.army.mil/WRDA22-Report/.



WHAT FOLLOWS...

- An informational Report to Congress will be submitted to USACE Headquarters by May 2024
 - Public input included as an appendix.
- This Report will not result in recommendations to modify our operations of the Willamette Valley System.
- The Report may result in further direction by Congress to complete a Disposition Study or take some further action.
- There is currently no schedule for public release of the Report.



INPUT

- Public input for inclusion in the Report's appendix must be related to the continued production or potential deauthorization of hydropower in the Willamette Valley System.

Ways to provide input to the Report to Congress:

1. Verbal input at two ***virtual sessions***, NOV 13, 2023.
2. Verbal and/or written input at the ***in-person session*** NOV 14, 2023 (Input form will be available at front table)
3. Written input by ***online form***, available ***through this Friday, NOV 17, 2023***
 - Send email for a link to the form: WVHWRDA22@usace.army.mil.



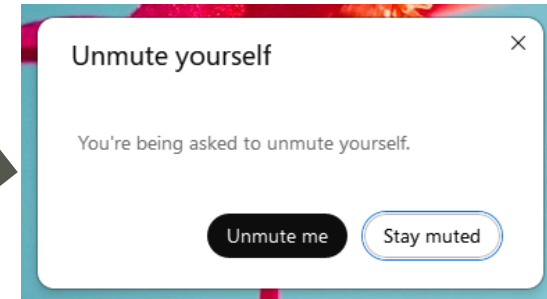
VERBAL INPUT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING THE VERBAL INPUT 'QUEUE'

1. Type your name into CHAT to let us know you wish to provide input.
2. Host will announce each name in the order received in CHAT.

3. When your name is called:

- a) **UNMUTE** yourself (see pop-up box)
- b) **CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME**
- c) **BEGIN YOUR INPUT**

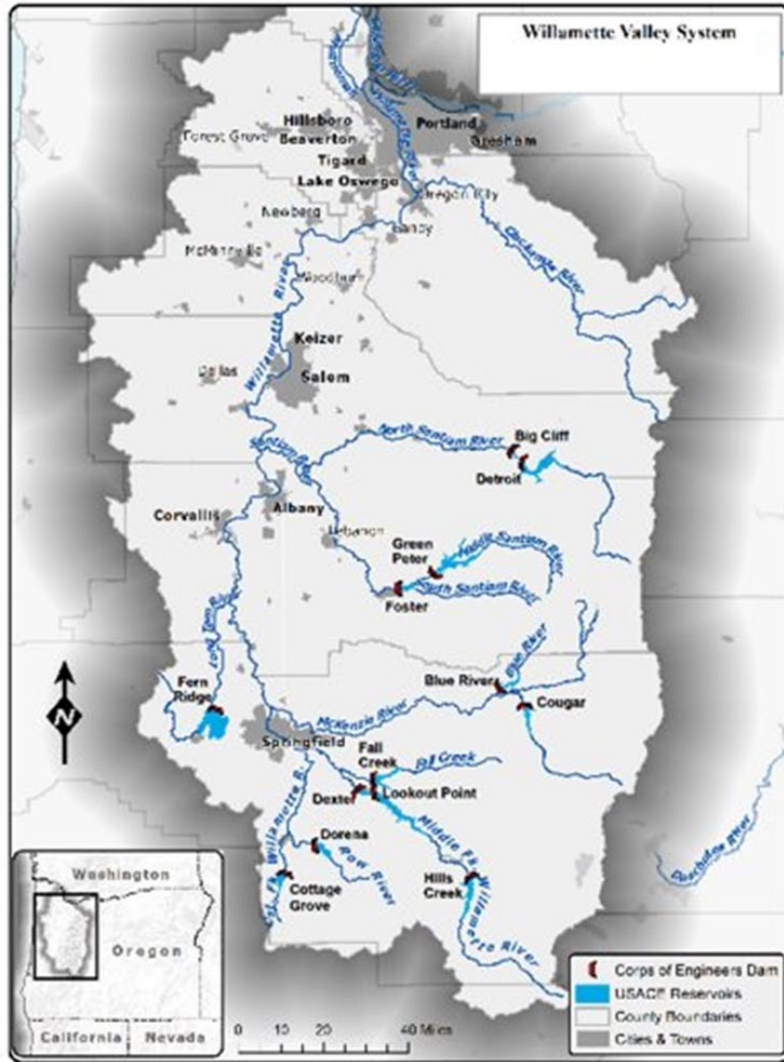


4. A visual 3-minute timer will show how much time is left (**green for 3 minutes remaining** – **yellow for 2 minutes remaining** – **red for 1 minute remaining**)

** If necessary, host may mute your line after time has expired.*

REMEMBER

- Please frame your input as a statement, not a question.
- Verbal input is limited to **3 minutes**.
- Comments or questions in CHAT will not be included in the meeting transcript.



Willamette Valley Hydropower

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Recording in Progress

0:00 Remaining
 Comment Concluded



WRAP UP

Remained informed through the project website:
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