# Trump wants to cut red tape, hasten water projects

### Memo covers work in Oregon

By DAN ELLIOTT and JONATHAN J. COOPER Associated Press

**DENVER** President Donald Trump on Friday ordered the government to speed up environmental reviews and streamline regulations that he says are hindering work on major water projects in California and other Western states.

Trump signed a memorandum aimed at helping the Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project in California, the Klamath Irrigation Project in Oregon and California and the Columbia River basin system in the Pacific Northwest.

'We will resolve the issues blocking the completion of the Central Valley project," Trump said in Arizona during a swing through Western states. "I hope



An irrigation canal stands dry on the Klamath Reclamation Project near Klamath Falls in 2010.

you enjoy the water that you're going to have.

The Central Valley Project is a federally managed water storage and delivery system that primarily benefits agricultural users in California's rich farming country in the center of the state.

The State Water Project serves agricultural and urban water users, including Los Angeles and much of sprawling Southern California.

The announcement is a boost for endangered Republican lawmakers in California's Central Valley facing tough challenges from Democrats looking to take control of the U.S. House. Trump signed the memo alongside Central Valley GOP Reps. Kevin McCarthy, Devin Nunes and Jeff

But it is likely to inflame an ongoing battle in California over divvying up water between cities, farms and environmental needs like the protection of fish.

Farming interests have long pushed to raise Shasta Dam, which holds back California's largest reservoir as part of the Central Valley Project, by more than 18 feet. The project is opposed by environmentalists who say it would harm threatened fish species and by the Winnemem Wintu tribe, which says it would flood sacred sites.

Several other dams are proposed including Sites Reservoir near Sacramento and Temperance Flat Dam north of Fresno.

A state water board has pro-

posed increasing the amount of water allowed to flow through the Lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries to protect habitat for fish in the delta. The proposal, which is up for consideration next month, has sparked protests from farmers and Central Valley politicians from both parties who call it a "water grab." State officials say the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta east of the San Francisco Bay is an ecosystem in crisis.

"This order stems from ignorance and election year pandering to wealthy Central Valley agribusiness interests,' said John Buse, legal director with the Center for Biological Diversity.

Buse said Trump does not understand complex water issues and ignores the need to protect the environment as well as farming and cities.

"Trump's view that water is wasted if not used by agriculture or urban users is just idiotic," he said.

Among things, other Trump's memorandum orders separate federal agencies to consolidate their environmental reviews of California water projects and the Klamath Irrigation Project.

"From our standpoint, it's really encouraging and we feel like we're being listened to,' said Dan Keppen, executive director of the Family Farm Alliance in Klamath.

Trump also set a 2020 deadline to finish an environmental review underway in the Columbia River basin.

The president has long promised to boost water deliveries to California farmers, who have struggled to get by with less during years of drought.

'Today's action might be the most significant action taken by a president on Western water issues in my lifetime," said Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt. He said Trump is making good on his promise to take a "more coordinated and thoughtful approach" to managing water while eliminating what he called unneeded burdens.

The memorandum also called for better use of technology in forecasting water supplies and hydropower production, and for exploring desalinization and water

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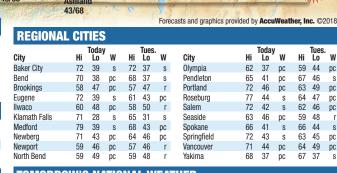
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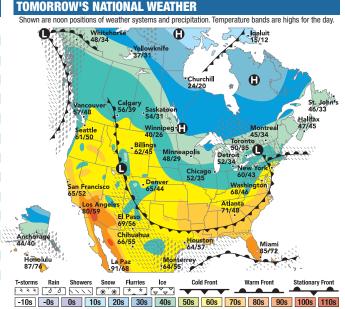
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Boston	53	43	S	56	43	sh
Chicago	61	38	pc	52	35	S
Denver	70	43	pc	65	44	С
Des Moines	65	34	pc	53	33	S
Detroit	57	40	рс	52	34	рс
El Paso	75	60	рс	69	56	sh
Fairbanks	45	27	pc	43	33	i
Honolulu	87	76	S	87	76	S
Indianapolis	62	40	S	56	35	S
Kansas City	69	41	рс	61	36	S
Las Vegas	79	61	pc	81	60	S
Los Angeles	78	58	pc	80	59	рс
Memphis	66	46	S	71	45	S
Miami	84	73	рс	85	72	sh
Nashville	66	42	S	69	40	S
New Orleans	76	64	рс	73	63	r
New York	53	47	рс	60	43	рс
Oklahoma City	70	47	рс	69	50	рс
Philadelphia	55	47	pc	63	43	S
St. Louis	71	44	S	61	37	S
Salt Lake City	67	50	С	67	47	рс
San Francisco	63	50	рс	65	52	рс
Seattle	61	45	pc	61	50	pc
Washington, DC	59	47	рс	68	46	S

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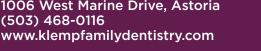






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# Mega Millions players would spend \$1.6B on bills, charity

Associated Press

CHICAGO — With the Mega Millions lottery jackpot at a record \$1.6 billion, people are snapping up tickets across the U.S.

The Powerball jackpot also has climbed. It's up to an estimated \$620 million for Wednesday's drawing. That would make it the fifth-largest jackpot in U.S. history.

But much of the focus has been on Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing and what would be the largest jackpot prize in U.S. history.

York, people are dreaming of how they would spend the money should they beat the astronomical odds of winning. Nathan Harrell was in

From San Diego to New

downtown Chicago for work Saturday when he stopped in at a 7-Eleven and handed the clerk two \$20 bills — one for 10 Powerball tickets at \$2 each and the other for 10 Mega Millions at \$2 each. It's been a few years since he's spent anything on the lottery.

"It's gotta be in the news for me to think about it," the 36-year-old, who works in finance and lives on the city's North Side, said.

He said he and his wife have talked over the years about what they'd do if they won, and she said she'd keep working. "So she probably wouldn't want me to quit my job," he

Harrell said that as he rode the train to work, he had thought about what else he would do. He figures he'd set up a trust fund for his two children.

'We wouldn't sweat the small stuff anymore," said. "Nothing crazy, but who knows."

## Free water quality workshop Friday

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a free water quality workshop, "Local Impacts to Water Quality — How You Can Make a Difference," from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday at nity Center, 1225 Avenue A. Guest speakers are from

the state agriculture, fish and wildlife and state lands departments, and the Necanicum Watershed Council. Topics include local salmon fisheries, agricultural practices to improve water quality, state requirements for working

the Seaside osprey nest and environmental enhancement projects in the Necanicum watershed.

Refreshments will be served, and native pollinator seed mix will be available for purchase. Register in advance by calling 503-325-4571, or emailing cswcd@clatsopswcd.

## Coast Guard to hold marine safety trainings

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The Coast Guard will host marine safety and survival trainings along the Oregon Coast this fall that are designed for commercial

The two-day Astoria training will begin Nov. 27 at the Barbey Maritime Center. Fishermen will practice using emergency equipment and procedures like man overboard retrieval, abandoning ship, firefighting and flooding control.

Those interested can contact the Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Safety Division at 503-240-9337.

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**MONDAY** Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**TUESDAY Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4**  to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430

**Clatsop Care Health District** Board, 5 p.m., special session, Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 Dolphin Ave., Warrenton. Astoria Library Board, 5:30

p.m., Astoria Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave. **Astoria Planning Commission,** 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane

### LOTTERIES

#### **OREGON** Sunday's Pick 4: **1 p.m.:** 0-6-7-5

**4 p.m.:** 7-3-0-1

**7 p.m.:** 8-8-0-7

**10 p.m.:** 5-7-7-6 Sunday's Lucky Lines: 3-8-9-

16-20-24-25-30 Estimated jackpot: \$16,000

Saturday's Pick 4: **1 p.m.:** 2-9-8-9

4 p.m.: 9-7-4-9

**7 p.m.:** 5-6-6-5 **10 p.m.:** 3-0-7-9

Saturday's Lucky Lines: 1-8-

11-14-19-24-28-31 Estimated jackpot: \$14,000 Saturday's Megabucks: 5-14-

22-36-39-44 Estimated jackpot: \$1 million Saturday's Powerball: 16-54-57-62-69, Powerball: 23 Estimated jackpot: \$620 million

Friday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 9-5-9-4

4 p.m.: 2-6-1-5

**7 p.m.:** 1-8-6-9 10 p.m.: 0-1-1-0

Friday's Lucky Lines: 2-7-9-15-18-21-25-31 Estimated jackpot: \$13,000

Friday's Mega Millions: 15-23-53-65-70, Mega Ball: 7 Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 billion

WASHINGTON Sunday's Daily Game: 1-4-8 Sunday's Keno: 03-06-08-09-11-12-21-26-29-33-35-42-5053-57-71-72-73-74-77 Sunday's Match 4: 08-12-20-

Saturday's Daily Game: 5-9-7 Saturday's Hit 5: 09-21-34-36-39

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Saturday's Keno: 04-09-10-18-20-23-29-30-31-36-37-40-42-54-60-61-62-66-74-80 Saturday's Lotto: 10-16-20-

26-28-29 Estimated jackpot: \$4.5 million Saturday's Match 4: 05-16-

20-21 Friday's Daily Game: 6-6-1 Friday's Keno: 04-06-11-12-

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Friday's Match 4: 01-14-20-23

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