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Hi Will,

Here are some panel ideas pursuant to our commission discussion.

Matt

Planning Commission – Panel Ideas

Water

1. Kyle Gorman – water resources consultant
 - Experience
 - 30+ years with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)
 - Currently a Water Resources Consultant with [GSI Water Solutions, Inc.](#)
 - Contact – 503-239-8799
2. Ken Lite – senior hydrogeologist
 - Experience
 - 30+ years with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)
 - Currently a Senior Hydrogeologist with [GSI Water Solutions, Inc.](#)
 - Contact – 503-239-8799
3. Jim Newton – principal engineer and geologist
 - Experience
 - 20+ years as an engineer and a geologist
 - Currently a Principal Engineer & Geologist with [Cascade Geoengineering, LLC](#)
 - Contact – 360-907-4162
4. Elizabeth Howard – Oregon water law attorney
 - Experience
 - 20+ years as a water law attorney
 - Currently a water law attorney and shareholder with [Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt](#)
 - Contact – 503-796-2093, ehoward@schwabe.com
5. [Deschutes River Conservancy](#)
 - Mission
 - Nonprofit dedicated to restoring streamflow and improving water quality in the Deschutes River Basin
 - Team
 - Kate Fitzpatrick (executive director)
 - Lisa Seales (program manager)
 - Contact
 - Kate Fitzpatrick – 541-382-4077 x118, kate@deschutesriver.org
 - Lisa Seales – 541-382-4077 x114, lisa@deschutesriver.org
6. Leif Karlstrom – Researcher and earth scientist
 - Experience
 - Currently an earth scientist at the [University of Oregon](#)
 - His research was published in a [January 2025 article](#) regarding the giant aquifer discovered beneath the Central Oregon Cascades
 - Contact – 505-977-3482, leif@uoregon.edu

7. Gordon Grant – Research Hydrologist
 - Experience
 - Decades as a research hydrologist with the [United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#)
 - Currently working with the USDA's Pacific Northwest Research Station
 - Contact – 541-750-7328, Gordon.Grant@usda.gov

8. [Perfect Balance USA](#)
 - Mission
 - Nonprofit dedicated to educate the community on how our food gets from farm to table, and how to collectively preserve water for our ecosystems, endangered species, and farmland.
 - Team
 - Jeremy and JoHanna Symons (Founders)
 - Contact – 541-410-3855

Mule Deer

1. Andrew Walch – Biologist
 - Experience
 - Currently a District Biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)
 - Served as a spokesperson for ODFW's recent mule deer overlay expansion
 - Contact – 541-388-6229, Andrew.j.walch@odfw.oregon.gov

2. Dr. Wendy Wente – Ecologist and wildlife biologist
 - Experience
 - 20+ years specializing in fish and wildlife surveys, wildlife habitat assessment, and mitigation design and implementation
 - Currently an ecologist and wildlife biologist with [Mason, Bruce, & Girard](#)
 - Assisted Deschutes County with the recently proposed mule deer overlay expansion
 - Contact – 503-224-3445, wwente@masonbruce.com

3. Brian Cyrus – Wildlife specialist
 - Experience
 - Currently a wildlife specialist in Deschutes County with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Contact – 541-408-1654, brian.cyrus@usda.gov

4. Randy Windlinx – Private landowner
 - Experience
 - Decades of managing merchantable timber operations in Central Oregon and enjoys researching wildlife
 - Contact – 541-410-0191, rwindlinx@empnet.com

Destination Resorts

1. [Economic Development for Central Oregon \(EDCO\)](#)
 - Team
 - Jon Stark (CEO)
 - Experience
 - Decades as an economic and business development expert
 - Contact – 541-388-3236 x1, jon@edcoinfo.com
2. [Central Oregon Builders Association \(COBA\)](#)
 - Team
 - Morgan Greenwood (Vice President, Government Affairs)
 - Contact – 541-389-1058, morgang@coba.org
3. [Sunriver Resort](#)
 - Team
 - Lindsay Borkowski (Director of Sales and Marketing)
 - Contact – 541-593-4832, Lindsay.borkowski@sunriver-resort.com
4. [Black Butte Ranch](#)
 - Team
 - Kyle Cummings (CEO)
 - Experience
 - 20+ years in accounting and management
 - Contact – 541-595-1505, bbra@blackbutteranch.com
5. Linda Swearingen – government relations and land use consultant
 - Experience
 - 20+ years as a land use consultant with The Swearingen Group LLC
 - Past Deschutes County Commissioner (1997-2001)
 - Contact – 541-350-6012
6. Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt – land use attorneys
 - Team
 - [Ken Katzaroff](#) – land use attorney & industry group leader
 - 10+ years as a land use attorney
 - Contact – 206-405-1985, kkatzaroff@schwabe.com
 - [Tia Lewis](#) – land use attorney and shareholder
 - 22+ years as a land use attorney
 - Contact – 541-749-4048, tlewis@schwabe.com
 - [Adam Smith](#) – land use attorney and shareholder
 - 13+ years as a land use attorney
 - Previously served as an Assistant Legal Counsel for Deschutes County
 - Contact – 541-749-1759, asmith@schwabe.com