



PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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GWAC Members:	WRD Staff:	Others:
Chair Ken Masten Vice Chair Marshall Gannett Susan Baker Phil Brown Trent Castner Chad Courtney Mark Owens Floyd Sippel Richard Smith	Justin Iverson Kris Byrd Bryn Hudson Nirvana Cook Dorothy Mortenson Racquel Rancier Ben Scandella Lisa Jaramillo Sarah Henderson	Paige Haxton-Evans Smita Mehta Peggy Lynch

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Masten called the meeting to order and began with introductions of the meeting participants. (Video recording malfunction until Legislative Update item)

Approval of Meeting Summary

The meeting summary from the June 1, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Mark Owens motioned to approve the summary, Richard Smith seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update

Bryn Hudson, Water Policy Analyst, provided an update on the 2021 Legislative Session, focused on groundwater and well construction related bills.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=3>)

(Bill Summary: [Budget and Legislation Summary](#))

Committee Comments and Discussion

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=459>)

Statewide Groundwater Recharge Project

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, presented an updated USGS concept proposal for estimating groundwater recharge for all major basins in the state.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=813>)

Committee Comments and Discussion

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=1161>)

Deschutes Mitigation Program Review (9:45 to 10:15)

Sarah Henderson, Flow Restoration Program Coordinator provided a summary presentation of the most recent 5-year review of the Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program as required by Oregon Revised Statute 540.155.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=1905>)

Committee Comments and Discussion

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=3182>)

Groundwater Critical Area Review

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, reviewed conditions in the state's Critical Groundwater Areas as per the requirements of ORS 537.780(3).

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=4673>)

Committee Comments and Discussion

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=5863>)

Committee Member Updates

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IueLiXgKWlc?t=6174>)

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

This meeting summary was prepared by Justin Iverson