



PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 15, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:30 AM

OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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GWAC Members:	WRD Staff:	Others:
Chair Ken Masten Vice Chair Marshall Gannett	Justin Iverson Kris Byrd	Dr. Maria Isabel Zamora Re, OSU
Floyd Sippel Susan Baker Phil Brown Chad Courtney Richard Smith Mark Owens	Bryn Hudson Nirvana Cook Carlos Ortiz-Turner Becky Williams Travis Kelly	Nolan Smith Ken Yates, OWRC Paige Haxton-Evans, DEQ

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Masten called the meeting to order and began with introductions of the meeting participants.

(Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDedMq5M4uc>)

Approval of Meeting Summary

The meeting summary from the August 24, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Marshall Gannett motioned to approve the summary, Phil Brown seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting summary from the October 30, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Richard Smith motioned to approve the summary, Phil Brown seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=215>)

Legislative Update

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, provided a summary of groundwater-related issues from the 2021 second Special Legislative Session, the 2022 Legislative Session, and an overview of the 2023 budget and legislative development process. Committee questions and comments interspersed throughout.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=377>)

Well Construction Program Modernization Update (HB-2145)

Travis Kelly, Well Construction Compliance Coordinator, provided an update on the Department's work to implement HB 2145

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=1747>)

Committee Comments and Questions

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=3252>)

Klamath Basin Drought and Groundwater Update

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, provided an overview of groundwater conditions in the Klamath Basin and the continuing effects of and response to drought conditions.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=4293>)

Committee Comments and Questions

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=5491>)

Update on the Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund

Becky Williams, Grant Program Coordinator provided an update on the implementation of the Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=6550>)

Committee Comments and Questions

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=7314>)

Groundwater Allocation – Proposed Action Plan

Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director of Water Management and Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, discussed the Department's proposed plan of action to modernize management of Oregon's groundwater resources.

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=7785>)

Committee Comments and Questions

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=9658>)

Committee Member Updates

(Video Link: <https://youtu.be/QDedMq5M4uc?t=11134>)

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

This meeting summary was prepared by Nirvana Cook and Justin Iverson