

Greater Harney Valley – Groundwater Study Advisory Committee Wrap Up & Next Steps

WELCOME!

Hybrid Meeting

October 12, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm

Oregon Water Resources Department



Introductions & Announcements

Everyone in the room and online introduce yourself and make announcements of interest to the group.

Water Resources Department Announcement: November 3rd in-person meeting to engage community members in the Harney basin around the groundwater study and the Department's next steps in the basin. Meeting will take place from 5pm – 8pm at the Harney County Community Center in Burns.



Meeting Agenda

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| 6:15pm - 6:45pm | Key Study Findings |
| 6:45pm - 7:05pm | Q & A around Key Study Findings |
| 7:05pm – 7:15pm | 10-Minute Break |
| 7:15pm - 7:45pm | Key Takeaways Document Discussion |
| 7:45pm - 7:50pm | Next Step: Opportunity to Join the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) |
| 7:50pm - 7:55pm | Department Update on the GWSAC TA Request from 2019 |
| 7:55pm - 8:00pm | Concluding Remarks |
| 8:00pm - 8:05pm | 5-Minute Public Comment Opportunity |



Refresher on Key Study Findings

**Presentations from Amanda Garcia & Stephen Gingerich
from the U.S. Geological Survey**

Discussion & Questions on Study Findings

Identify and discuss any outstanding areas of concern, confusion, or disagreement about the study findings

10-Minute Break



Key Takeaways Document Discussion

As a group re-visit the “key takeaways” document from 2019.

Does the group agree that the overarching concepts still hold true now that the study is complete?

Next Step: Invite to Join the RAC

Review Division 512 Rules relating to formation of a RAC within a year of study being published

Technical Assistance Request Update

At the last meeting of the Harney Basin Groundwater Study Advisory Committee on December 13, 2019, committee members requested the following information:

- **Delineation of groundwater decline areas**
- **Amount of groundwater level decline in those areas (rate of decline and magnitude of decline)**
- **Estimated groundwater evapotranspiration (ET) and pumpage for irrigation use in those areas**

OWRD produced two products:

- **A memo describing magnitude and rates of groundwater declines in various parts of the basin**
- **A memo describing irrigation water use across the basin**

Concluding Remarks

Everyone will have an opportunity to provide closing remarks



5-Minute Public Comment Period

Does anyone from the public have questions or comments?

THANK YOU!!!