



# Groundwater Advisory Committee Appointments

**Oregon Water Resources Commission**  
**November 17, 2022**

**Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager**

- Nine Member Committee
- Three Year Terms
  - Two Term Limit
- Members Represent Various Interests, Expertise, and Regions
  - Three Members Active in the Well Drilling Industry

- Advise Commission on:
  - Rules related to groundwater
  - Licensing and examination of well drillers
- Review expenditures of the start card fund



# Expiring Terms

- Susan Baker, Medford, Local Government
  - 1st term
- Chad Courtney, Pendleton, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
  - 2nd term
- Mark Owens, Crane, Groundwater Irrigator
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> term



# Process

- Rolling application process
- Department also solicits candidates each fall
  - GWAC and Commission email lists
  - Website
  - Distributed to members of professional and trade organizations
- Three applications and one letter of support were received in 2022
- Staff reviewed application materials



# Nominations for Term Extending Dec. 1, 2022 to Nov. 30, 2025

- Susan Baker, Medford, Local Government
  - 2nd term
- Ken Bentz, Crane, Groundwater Irrigator
  - 1st term
- Brandon Brown, Umatilla, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
  - 1st term

# Alternatives

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