



MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 21, 2023
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OWRD 3rd Floor Rogue Conference Room, Salem, Oregon
with Online Video/Phone Conference Option (Recording Links Below)

Attendance:

GWAC MEMBERS	OWRD STAFF	OTHERS
Ken Bentz	Kris Byrd	
Brandon Brown	Darrick Boschman	
Phil Brown	Laura Hartt	
Trent Caster	Justin Iverson	
Marshall Gannett	Kelly Meinz	
Ken Masten	Alexandria Scott	
Floyd Sippel	Kristi Seyfried	
Richard Smith	Tim Seymour	

A. Call to Order

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B. Introductions

Kelly Meinz, Laura Hartt and Alexandria Scott

<https://youtu.be/8xKet6aYx08?t=560>

C. Approval of Nov 15, 2022 Meeting Summaries

Marshall Gannett moves to approve the meeting minutes. Ken Bentz seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

<https://youtu.be/8xKet6aYx08?t=891>

D. Selection of Chair and Co-Chair for 2023

Marshall Gannett nominates Phil Brown to be GWAC Chair for 2023. Ken Bentz seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

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Ken Bentz nominates Ken Masten as vice chair. Several seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

E. Rulemaking Update: Critical Groundwater Area Process (Division 10)

Kelly Mainz, Water Policy Analyst and Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Manager, provide an update on Division 10 rulemaking and the process to designate critical groundwater areas (CGWAs), currently under review.

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More info at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/policylawandrules/OARS/Pages/Critical-Groundwater-Areas.aspx>

F. Rulemaking Update: Well Construction (Multiple Divisions)

Kris Byrd, Well Construction Section Manager, and Laura Hartt, Water Policy Analyst, provide an update on the well construction rulemaking in progress to implement sections of House Bill 2145 (2021), House Bill 3030 and Senate Bill 688 (2019), and House Bill 4061 (2022).

<https://youtu.be/8xKet6aYx08?t=2746>

More info at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/policylawandrules/OARS/Pages/Well-Construction.aspx>

G. Rulemaking Previews: Groundwater Allocation (Multiple Divisions) and Harney Basin Program (Division 512)

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, Laura Hartt, and Kelly Mainz provided a preview of several groundwater-related rulemaking efforts scheduled to begin before the next meeting of the Committee, and request Committee input on how they wish to provide input on proposed rule changes in future meetings. The Committee agreed to have a separate meeting to provide input on the Well Construction and Division 10 rulemaking during the open public comment period in May 2023.

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More info at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/policylawandrules/OARS/Pages/ProposedRulemaking.aspx>

H. Klamath Project Area Groundwater Update (10:45 to 11:00)

Justin Iverson provides an update on groundwater conditions in the Klamath Basin and indicates the Department does not plan to issue emergency use drought permits in



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portions of the Klamath Basin where significant dry-well complaints have been received in the past few years.

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I. **Public Comment** - No comments

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Adjourn

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