

OREGON



**WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT**

Item A - Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

Oregon Water Resources Commission

November 17, 2023

- 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

- Floyd Sippel, Salem, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
 - 1st term
- Richard Smith, Hillsboro, Domestic Well Owner
 - 1st term
- Marshall Gannett, Portland, Hydrogeologist
 - 2nd term
- Susan Baker, Medford, Local Government
 - 2nd term (resigned due to out-of-state move)

Process

- Rolling application process
- Department solicits candidates each fall
 - Website
 - Distributed to members of professional and trade organizations
- Four applications were received in 2023
 - Note: See Addendum to Staff Report
- Staff reviewed application materials



Nominations for Term Extending Dec. 1, 2023 to Nov. 30, 2026

- Richard Smith, Hillsboro, Domestic Well Owner
 - 2nd term
- Lance Lindow, Klamath Falls, Local Government
 - 1st term
- Chuck Fobert, Hubbard, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
 - 1st term
- Zach Freed, Bend, Hydrologist
 - 1st term

Alternatives (See Addendum)

- Alternatives:

1. Appoint Lance Lindow, Richard Smith, Zach Freed, and Chuck Fobert to GWAC terms beginning December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2026.
2. Direct staff to return to the next Commission meeting with another slate of appointments, which reflects a different set of interest categories and/or geographic locations.



Director's Recommendation

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