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**PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, May 21, 2024**

**OWRD 3rd Floor Rogue Conference Room, Salem, Oregon
With Online Video/Phone Conference Option**

Meeting Recording: [Groundwater Advisory Committee Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cWuReoyUWc)

Summary

A. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Phil Brown called the meeting to order, Committee and OWRD staff introductions, Justin Iverson provides brief updates and announcements.

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Phil Brown, Co-Chair Zach Freed, Chuck Fobert, Ken Masten, Lance Lindow, Richard Smith, and Trent Castner.

B. Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking – Public Comments

The Committee heard public comments from the Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO) and Water Watch of Oregon

Public Comments: <https://youtu.be/8cWuReoyUWc?t=407>

C. Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking – Advice to the Water Resources Commission

Committee members drafted the following advice to the Commission regarding the proposed groundwater allocation rules (Divisions 300, 8, 9, and 410).

Richard motioned to adopt the advice (copied below, page 2), Zach seconds, unanimous approval.



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GWAC Advice to the Commission

RE: Groundwater Allocation Rulemaking

- Need for rulemaking is clear (supports domestic water supply and public health, existing users)
- Forward looking rules affecting future applications, won't affect existing users
- Robust rulemaking process with diverse RAC, significant assessment, and significant public outreach
- Acknowledge and don't minimize that there will be impacts to future users, but rules thoughtfully developed, including ability to re-define rule thresholds through basin program rules (with considerations of impacts to existing wells, GDEs and long-term sustainability)
- Sound technical basis for definition of RSWL and SW/GW interactions across the state
- Encourage engagement and coordination with neighboring states to align policies for managing interstate aquifers
- Overall, GWAC supports the proposed rules."

Committee discussion: <https://youtu.be/8cWuReoyUWc?t=1340>

Adjourn