

OREGON



**WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT**

Item G - Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

Oregon Water Resources Commission

December 13, 2024

- 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

- Phil Brown, Beavercreek, Hydrogeologist
 - 2nd term
- Kenneth Masten, Bonanza, Groundwater Irrigator
 - 2nd term
- Lance Lindow, Klamath Falls, Local Government
 - resigned
- Trent Castner, Portland, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
 - 2nd term

Process

- Rolling application process
- Department solicits candidates each fall
 - Website
 - Distributed to members of professional and trade organizations, email distribution lists
- Six applications were received in 2024
- Staff reviewed application materials and interviewed applicants



Nominations for Term Extending Dec. 13, 2024 to Nov. 30, 2027

- Robyn Cook, Portland, Hydrogeologist
 - 1st term
- Dave Noble, Klamath Falls, Groundwater Irrigator
 - 1st term
- Steven Patten, Milton-Freewater, Local Government
 - 1st term
- Eric Schneider, St. Paul, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
 - 1st term

Alternatives (See Addendum)

- Alternatives:

1. Appoint Robyn Cook, Dave Noble, Steven Patten, and Eric Schneider to GWAC terms beginning December 13, 2024 through November 30, 2027.
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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