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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

FROM: Phillip C. Ward, Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item E, November 30, 2007
Water Resources Commission Meeting

Commission Approval of Appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee

I. Issue Statement

The nine-member Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC) has three members whose terms expire on November 30, 2007. OAR Chapter 690, Division 235 rules describe a process for soliciting candidates. Staff used this process to generate a list of candidates for the three positions.

II. Background

The Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee is appointed and charged with certain duties pursuant to ORS 536.090. These duties include: (1) advice on all matters relating to rules for the development, securing, use and protection of ground water; (2) licensing and examination of well constructors; and (3) review of the proposed expenditures of start card fee revenue. The Committee consists of nine members who represent a range of interests and expertise, with at least three of the members actively engaged in some aspect of the water supply or monitoring well drilling industry.

The Commission's rules under OAR Chapter 690, Division 235 provide a process to identify GWAC candidates, prescribe categories of expertise which may be represented on GWAC, and allow appointments for up to three years. The rules result in expiration of three terms each year, thus staggering membership. Any mid-term vacancy is filled for the remainder of the term. Each year, staff seek Commission action on GWAC appointments and/or reappointments.

In accordance with the rule process, GWAC has three positions that must be filled. In order to comply with the GWAC statute, a person who is active in the well construction industry must fill one of the positions. The other two positions represent other interests or expertise. Current GWAC membership is listed in Attachment 1.

Recruitment for GWAC candidates included reviewing recommendations from individuals, organizations, and Department staff, as well as letters of interest from current members wishing to continue to serve. Notice of the recruitment was sent to individuals on the GWAC mailing list maintained by the Department. The notices advised interested parties of the committee vacancies and asked that those wishing to be considered for a position on GWAC to notify the Director.

III. Discussion

A total of six individuals expressed interest in filling the three vacant positions. The candidate pool was impressive. The recommended candidates include one new member appointment and the reappointment of two members. The Department recommends the new appointment of Terry Daugherty as a drilling industry representative and reappointments of Marilyn Reeves in the Environmental Category and Tim Smith in the Groundwater User Category. Terms for these three members would begin on December 1, 2007 and continue through November 30, 2010.

Terry Daugherty is a well constructor and owner of Riverside Drilling. Mr. Daugherty lives in Adrian and has been a licensed well constructor in Oregon since 1989. He is also licensed in Idaho and Nevada. His company primarily constructs larger irrigation water supply wells. Mr. Daugherty has a strong background in well design, construction, and pump installation. He has served on both the Continuing Education and the Technical Committees for the department.

Marilyn Reeves is just completing her first GWAC term. She lives in Amity and is retired, but remains active on public policy issues. She has more than 25 years of board and committee experience for non-profit organizations, specializing in education and advocacy to conserve and manage natural resources. Ms. Reeves has served as a member and chair of the Hanford Advisory Board. During her first term on GWAC, she attended most meetings and actively participated on issues before the Committee.

Tim Smith is a consulting geologist with TKS Consulting Ltd. He is also just completing his first term. He lives on a ranch in Harney County with irrigation water rights from ground water. He is a registered geologist in Oregon and California. Mr. Smith has a strong technical background and is locally involved, currently serving as chair of the Harney County Watershed Council. During his first GWAC term, he attended most meetings and was an active participant in Committee discussions.

IV. Alternatives

The Commission may consider the following alternatives:

1. Appoint Terry Daugherty and reappoint Marilyn Reeves and Tim Smith to terms beginning December 1, 2007 and expiring on November 30, 2010.
2. Direct staff to return to the next Commission meeting with another slate of appointments to GWAC which reflects a different set of interest categories and/or candidates.

V. Recommendation

The Director and staff recommend that the Commission follow Alternative 1 and appoint the recommended slate of candidates for the stated terms.

Attachment: Current GWAC Membership

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**OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Through 11/30/2007**

Paul Christensen Christensen Well Drilling Eugene, OR	Chair Serving in Monitoring/Water Well Industry Category Term Expires 11/30/07
Tim Smith Burns, OR	Vice-Chair Serving in Groundwater User Category Term Expires 11/30/07
Bob Jones Medford Water Commission Medford, OR	Serving in Multiple Backgrounds Category Term Expires 11/30/09
Nitin Joshi City of Salem Salem, OR	Serving in Local Government Category Term Expires 11/30/08
Greg Kupillas Pacific Hydrogeology Inc. Mulino, OR	Serving in Hydrogeologist Category Term Expires 11/30/08
Jim Mack Sr. Bandon Well & Septic Company Bandon, OR	Serving in Monitoring/Water Well Industry Category Term Expires 11/30/08
Lynne Paretchan Perkins Cole LLP Portland, OR	Serving in Multiple Backgrounds Category Term Expires 11/30/09
Merilyn Reeves Amity, OR	Serving in Environmental Category Term Expires 11/30/07
John Stadeli Arrow Drilling Co. Newberg, OR	Serving in Monitoring/Water Well Industry Category Term Expires 11/30/09

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