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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, December 15, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Conference Room 124b (First Floor)
North Mall Office Building
725 Summer St. NE, Ste A
Salem, Oregon

TENTATIVE AGENDA
order subject to change
(approx. item length in minutes)

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| I. | Call to Order | Christensen |
| II. | Introduction of New GWAC Members (10) | Christensen |
| III. | Welcome to New GWAC Members (5) | Ward |
| IV. | Approval of Minutes for the 9/22/06 Meeting (10) | Christensen |
| V. | Legislative, Budget, Commission and Rulemaking Update (60) | Colbert |
| VI. | Water Right Forfeitures Process (30) | Pandian |
| VII. | Issues Involved with Water Right Splitting to Ownership (30) | Water Right Staff |

Public Comment - Items not on the Agenda

Individuals from the public have two different ways to comment at the meeting. On agenda items, they should submit a request to comment sheet to the committee chair for comment during the agenda item. On non-agenda items, they may respond to the chair's invitation at the scheduled public comment time.

The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties at that location; if special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

December 11, 2006

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SALEM-- The Water Resources Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC) will meet on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. The GWAC will meet in Conference Room 124b, North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer St NE, Salem.

Introduction of New GWAC Members

The Water Resources Commission recently appointed Lynne Paretchan and Bob Jones to GWAC. Lynne is an attorney with Perkins Coie LLP of Portland, Oregon, where she works with water rights, land use, and other matters. Bob Jones is a hydrogeologist with the Medford Water Commission, providing technical assistance. Both will serve three-year terms through November 2009.

Welcome to New GWAC Members

Phillip Ward, Water Resources Department Director, will welcome new members to the committee. He will also be available to speak briefly to GWAC on water matters of concern to members.

Legislative, Budget, Commission, and Rulemaking Update

Debbie Colbert, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide a brief update on draft legislation, the Department's proposed budget, Water Resources Commission activities, and agency rulemaking.

Water Right Forfeiture Process

Juno Pandian, Enforcement Manager, will present the process for the forfeiture of a water right. In Oregon law, a water right may be forfeit if it undergoes several years of non-use. At the last GWAC meeting, the committee asked for more information about forfeiture. The topic arose in the context of a Department sponsored fee bill that relates to the subject.

Issues Involved with Water Right Splitting to Ownership

Water rights staff will discuss this issue that was raised by GWAC member, Greg Kupillas, at the last meeting. At issue are the water right problems that occur under the existing structure when landownership splinters to multiple owners. These include water right perfection issues, extension issues, and additional work for the Department and landowners.