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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE  
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Friday, June 22, 2007  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**Rogue Conference Room (Third Floor)**  
**North Mall Office Building**  
**725 Summer St. NE, Ste A**  
**Salem, Oregon**

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

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| I.    | Call to Order   | Christensen |
| II.   | Approval of Minutes for the 3/23/07 Meeting (5)   | Christensen |
| III.  | Legislative, Budget, Commission and Rulemaking Update (60)  | Colbert     |
| IV.   | Clarification and Discussion of Well Construction Policy on Casing Extensions (30)  | Christensen |
| V.    | Issues Involved with Water Right Splitting to Ownership (30)  | Kupillas    |
| VI.   | Consideration of Special Area Well Construction Standards for Pete's Mountain, Clackamas County (60)                                    | Woodcock    |
| VII.  | Consideration of a Special Water Management Problem Area (SWMPA) Designation for Eola Hills Ground Water Limited Area, Polk County (60) | Woodcock    |
| VIII. | 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. Access to the Rogue Conference Room may be made with the assistance of the receptionist.*

June 14, 2007

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SALEM-- The Water Resources Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC) will meet on Friday, June 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The GWAC will meet in Rogue Conference Room, North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer St NE, Salem.

**Legislative, Budget, Commission and Rulemaking Update**

Debbie Colbert, Senior Policy Coordinator, will provide an update on water legislation, agency budget discussions, Commission activities, and agency rulemaking. Her presentation will also discuss the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative which is before the legislature.

**Clarification and Discussion of Well Construction Policy on Casing Extensions**

Paul Christensen, GWAC Chair, will present this issue. Some well constructors have reportedly been told by the Department that when they extend a casing above land surface they are responsible to bring the entire well up to standards. This can be undesirable for a number of reasons and has prompted some constructors to decline owner requests for casing extension. Well construction personnel will be asked to clarify this issue.

**Issues Involved with Water Right Splitting to Ownership**

GWAC will continue the discussion of this issue that was raised by GWAC member, Greg Kupillas. 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. Greg will offer a re-drafted recommendation letter for GWAC discussion. A finalized letter would likely be addressed to the agency Director and urge him to seek legislative changes in the future. Tim Wallin, Water Rights Program Manager, will provide agency input on the topic.

**Consideration of Special Area Well Construction Standards for Pete's Mountain, Clackamas County**

Doug Woodcock, Manager of the Ground Water Section, will present the issue. The Pete's Mountain area is typified by deep wells and deep water levels. Minimal well construction in the area often precludes access to water level measurements. Repeated calls to address water concerns and subsequent difficulty in collecting adequate information on water level sustainability has resulted in proposed rules that, among other requirements, equip wells with dedicated measuring tubes.

**Consideration of a Special Water Management Problem Area (SWMPA) Designation for Eola Hills Ground Water Limited Area (GWLA), Polk County**

Doug Woodcock, Manager of the Ground Water Section, will present the issue. Classified uses in the Eola Hills GWLA are restricted to irrigation and rural fire protection, both of which operate under renewable five-year permits, and those uses exempt from permitting. Well owners in the Eola Hills GWLA have petitioned the Water Resources Commission to further restrict ground water development. The Water Resources Commission directed the Department to hold a hearing to determine whether a serious water management problem exists in the area.