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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE  
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Friday, July 27, 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  
(approximate item length in minutes)

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| I.   | Call to Order   | Christensen |
| II.  | Approval of Minutes for the 3/23/07 and 6/22/07 Meetings (15)   | Christensen |
| III. | Commission and Rulemaking Update (15)   | Grigsby     |
| IV.  | Clarification and Discussion of Well Construction Policy on Casing Extensions (45)  | Christensen |
| V.   | Consideration of Special Area Well Construction Standards for Pete's Mountain, Clackamas County (90)                                    | Woodcock    |
| VI.  | Consideration of a Special Water Management Problem Area (SWMPA) Designation for Eola Hills Ground Water Limited Area, Polk County (60) | Woodcock    |
| VII. | 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.*

July 18, 2007

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SALEM-- The Water Resources Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC) will meet on Friday, July 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The GWAC will meet in Rogue Conference Room, North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer St NE, Salem.

### **Commission and Rulemaking Update**

Kim Grigsby, Policy Analyst, will provide an update on Commission activities and agency rulemaking.

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

Paul Christensen, GWAC Chair, will again present this issue. Some well constructors have 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. Juno Pandian, manager of the Enforcement Section, will be available to explain the Department's position on this issue and enforcement generally.

### **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 levels has resulted in proposed rules that, among other requirements, equip wells with dedicated measuring tubes. The Department seeks GWAC comments on draft rules that will go to the Commission. A public hearing is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **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 this informational report. 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. If that problem is determined, rulemaking would likely follow. A hearing is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>.