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## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, November 16, 2007 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

## **Teleconference Call**

Hosted from the
Detroit Conference Room (First 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)

I. Call to Order Christensen

II. Approval of Minutes for the 9/28/07 (5)

Christensen

III. Update on Consideration of a Special Water Management Problem Area (SWMPA) Designation for Eola Hills Ground Water Limited Area, Polk County (60)\*

Woodcock

IV. Public Comment - Items not on the Agenda\*\*

- \* This agenda item is for the purpose of providing an update to the GWAC and the public. The hearing record is closed and no additional comments can be accepted.
- \*\* Individuals from the public 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 Detroit Conference Room may be made with the assistance of the receptionist.

SALEM-- The Water Resources Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC) will meet by **teleconference call** on Friday, November 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The GWAC meeting will be hosted from the Detroit Conference Room, North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer St NE, Salem. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting at the conference room.

## Update on 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. It serves as a follow-up to testimony at the August 1<sup>st</sup> hearing, subsequent written comments, and staff analysis of the record. Allowable new 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 responded by directing the Department to hold a hearing to determine whether a serious water management problem exists in the area. Department staff will present a report for Commission action at the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. If the Commission makes that determination, rulemaking would likely follow to facilitate data collection.

Since the public comment period is now closed, no new comment will be taken on this item.