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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, August 15, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PDT
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

TENTATIVE AGENDA

order and estimated duration subject to change

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| I. | Call to Order | Smith |
| II. | Approval of Minutes for the 1/11/08 and 5/2/08 Meetings | Smith |
| III. | Update on Start Card Fee Increase (30 min.) | Rodgers |
| IV. | Update on the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative (30 min.) | Norris/Rice |
| V. | Update on Well Construction Rule Change Activities (30 min.) | Pandian |
| VI. | Attorney General Opinion on WRD Authority over Pump Installers (15 min.) | Pandian |
| VII. | Community Ground Water Level Monitoring – Fellowship Overview (30 min.) | Brown |
| VIII. | Ground Water Section Activities (30 min.) | Woodcock |
| IX. | 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.

August 8, 2008

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SALEM-- The Water Resources Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC) will meet on Friday, August 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. PDT. The GWAC will meet in the Rogue 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 Start Card Fee Increase

Jerry Rodgers, Administrator for the Technical Services Division, will present this item. At its last meeting GWAC requested additional information on the impact to the 2009-11 budget if the Start Card Fee remained at the current \$125. The Department will present information on reductions needed to balance expenditures with revenue. In addition, the Department will brief GWAC on the Water Resource Commission discussion on this topic at their May 30th meeting.

Update on the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative

Barry Norris, State Engineer, and Bob Rice, Grant Specialist, will present this item. Funded during the 2007 Legislative Session, the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative (OWSCI) represents the initial data gathering and grant-making steps the Department will use to build its first state-wide water supply plan. The Department has both a private contractor and internal staff working to complete components of the initiative.

Update on Well Construction Rule Change Activities

Juno Pandian, Manager of the Well Construction and Compliance Section, will present this item. Staff have been working with a Rules Advisory Committee to craft proposed changes to rules that address several well issues including alteration of wells.

Attorney General Opinion on WRD Authority over Pump Installers

Juno Pandian, Manager of the Well Construction and Compliance Section, will also present this item. The department sought advice from the Attorney General's Office that concluded that the department does not have statutory authority over well pump installers.

Community Ground Water Level Monitoring – Fellowship Overview

Abigail Brown, Oregon State University Sea Grant Fellow, will present this item. This year the Department has partnered with Oregon Sea Grant to fund and support a one-year Fellowship for a Master's student from Oregon State University to develop a pilot ground water level monitoring program for the Eola Hills Ground Water Limited Area to: 1) provide detailed, engaging, and accurate ground water education, and 2) equip community members with the tools and knowledge necessary to measure and evaluate ground water levels in their wells. Program participants will have the option to compile their ground water level measurements in an online database available to the public. This central database will assist long-term evaluation of ground water supplies in Oregon. Ground water education and outreach efforts through this program will provide community members with a sense of stewardship for their ground water supplies, improve participants' understanding of ground water conservation measures, and increase available scientifically-sound ground water level data usable by the public.

Ground Water Section Activities

Doug Woodcock, Manager of the Ground Water Section, will present this item and share the major activities of the section. Doug will explain current work priorities and the outlook for future efforts. He will also provide information on staffing in the section.