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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, February 13, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

TENTATIVE AGENDA

(order subject to change - approximate item length in minutes and start time)

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| I. | Call to Order (9:00) | Smith |
| II. | Introduction of New Members (5) (9:00) | Smith |
| III. | Director's Welcome and Comments (10) (9:05) | Ward |
| IV. | Approval of Minutes for the 11/07/08 Meeting (5) (9:15) | Smith |
| V. | Legislative Update (20) (9:20) | Bateman |
| VI. | Rulemaking Update (20) (9:40) | Woodcock/Wilke |
| VII. | Procedures & Protocols of State Appointed Committees (30) (10:00) | Hendricks |
| Break (10:30 to 10:40) | | |
| VIII. | Exempt Use Work Group (20) (10:40) | Woodcock |
| IX. | Construction of Down-hole Heat Exchange Wells (geotechnical holes) (30) (11:00) | Stadeli |
| Lunch Distribution to Members (11:30 to 11:35) | | |
| X. | Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative (OWSCI) Website and Umatilla Recharge Update (75) (11:35) | Norris |
| XI. | Setting Meeting Schedule for 2009 (5) (12:50) | Smith |
| XII. | 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.

February 5, 2008

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SALEM-- The Water Resources Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee (GWAC) will meet on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Introduction of New Members

The Water Resources Commission recently appointed Rob Turkisher and Kevin Gill to GWAC and re-appointed Greg Kupillas. All will serve three-year terms through November 2011.

Legislation Update

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, will update the committee on water bills of interest in the current legislative session.

Rulemaking Update

Doug Woodcock, Ground Water/Hydrology Section Manager, will discuss the ground water rules that the Water Resources Commission adopted at its November meeting. Laura Wilke, Flow Restoration Program Coordinator, will discuss the current rulemaking in Division 382 that includes a ground water registration modification. Specifically, requirements for applicants to provide lien holder information for ground water registration modifications (transfers) may be eliminated.

Procedures & Protocols of State Appointed Committees

Tammy Hendricks, Trainer at the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, will discuss procedures and protocols that apply to statutorily-created committees like GWAC and their members. GWAC was created by ORS 536.090.

Exempt Use Work Group

Doug Woodcock, Manager of the Ground Water/Hydrology Section, will present the results of the work group that was formed by Rep. Dingfelter. The group looked at possible changes to ORS 537.545 which defines the uses of ground water that are exempt from permitting requirements. Although exempt uses of ground water are small volumes individually, they represent the majority of ground water users in Oregon.

Construction of Down-hole Heat Exchange Wells (geotechnical holes)

John Stadel, GWAC member, will introduce the issue and his concerns. Construction of these kinds of wells may pose a threat to ground water quality. Oversight of these geotechnical holes may be inadequate under current rules.

Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative (OWSCI) Website and Umatilla Recharge Update

Barry Norris, State Engineer, will provide a walk-through of the Department's new website feature for the OWSCI. There are several components that include ground water storage sites identification, conservation opportunities, and grants. Barry will also share the contractor's research progress in assessing the feasibility of artificial recharge in the Umatilla Basin.