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**PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY  
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, June 10, 2025  
9:00 to 12:00**

**Rogue Conference Room, Oregon Water Resources Department, Salem, OR  
with Online Video/Phone Conference option**

**AGENDA**

**A. Call to Order and Introductions**

<https://youtu.be/BOeDXLQpCoE?t=5>

Richard Smith called the meeting to order.

- Brandon Brown Present Online
- Chuck Fobert Absent
- Dave Noble Present
- Eric Schneider Present
- Ken Bentz Absent
- Richard Smith Present
- Robyn Cook Present
- Steven Patten Absent
- Zach Freed Absent

**B. Approval of March 2025 Meeting Summary**

<https://youtu.be/BOeDXLQpCoE?t=96>

Dave made a motion to approve the March 2025 meeting summary.

Seconded by Eric, the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Richard Smith – yes**
- **Brandon Brown - yes**
- **David Noble – yes**
- **Robyn Cook – yes**
- **Eric Schneider – yes**

**C. Committee Reimbursement Options**



<https://youtu.be/BOeDXLQpCoE?t=153>

Linda Ray, Assistant to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, presented reimbursement options available to members engaged in committee work.

## **D. Division 512 (Harney Basin Critical Area) Rulemaking Update**

<https://youtu.be/BOeDXLQpCoE?t=563>

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, and Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, presented on how the proposed amendment to the Division 512 rules will address declining groundwater levels in the Harney Basin. The Division 512 rules are currently in the public comment period and the Committee decided to schedule an additional meeting in July to develop advice to the Commission on this topic.

### **Rulemaking webpage:**

<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/WaterRights/WRIS/Pages/default.aspx>

(Secretary of State submittal, draft rule language for public comment, and much more.)

Questions and comments by GWAC members:

<https://youtu.be/BOeDXLQpCoE?t=3624>

## **E. Public Comments**

**No public comments**

## **F. Staff Comments**

GWAC's role in legislation

<https://youtu.be/BOeDXLQpCoE?t=6007>

Legislative update:

<https://youtu.be/BOeDXLQpCoE?t=6292>

## **G. Adjourn**