

OREGON



WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT

Item C - Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

Oregon Water Resources Commission

December 11, 2025

- Nine Member Committee
- Three Year Terms
 - Two Term Limit
- Members Represent Various Interests, Expertise, and Regions
 - Three Members Active in the Well Drilling Industry

- Advise Commission on:
 - Rules related to groundwater
 - Licensing and examination of well drillers
- Review expenditures of the start card fund

Expiring Terms

- Brandon Brown, Umatilla, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
 - 1st term
- Ken Bentz, Crane, Groundwater Irrigator
 - 1st term

Process

- Rolling application process
- Department solicits candidates each fall
- No new applications received in 2025
 - Two still pending from 2024
- Staff reviewed application materials and interviewed applicants



Nominations for Term Extending Dec. 11, 2025 to Nov. 30, 2028

- Brandon Brown, Umatilla, Monitoring/Water Well Industry
 - 2nd term
- Ken Bentz, Crane, Groundwater Irrigator
 - 2nd term

Alternatives

- Alternatives:
 1. Appoint Brandon Brown and Ken Bentz to GWAC terms beginning December 11, 2025 through November 30, 2028.
 2. Direct staff to return to the next Commission meeting with another slate of appointments, that reflect a different set of interest categories and/or geographic locations.

Director's Recommendation

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