



# Item C - Commission Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

Oregon Water Resources Commission  
December 11, 2025



# Authority

ORS 536.090

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



# GWAC Responsibilities

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- 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
  - 1<sup>st</sup> term
- Ken Bentz, Crane, Groundwater Irrigator
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 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



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# Nominations for Term Extending

Dec. 11, 2025 to Nov. 30, 2028

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