

MEETING MINUTES
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)
Friday October 22, 2010
Rogue Conference Room (Third Floor)
North Mall Office Building,
725 Summer St. N.E., Suite A
Salem, Oregon 97301

<u>GWAC Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Others</u>
Greg Kupillas	Doug Woodcock	
Merilyn Reeves	Tracy Louden	
Bill Blair	Juno Pandian	
Kevin Gill	Kris Byrd	
Rob Turkisher	Arla Heare	
Lynne Paretchan (on phone)	Tom Paul	
Terry Daugherty (on phone)	Brenda Bateman	
	Ruben Ochoa	

A: Call to Order – Chair Greg Kupillas

Chair Kupillas calls meeting to order and takes roll call. Reflected for the minutes that members Kevin Gill, Bob Jones, Tim Smith, & Terry Daugherty are not present nor attending meeting via phone conference. However, Terry Daugherty did conference in on the phone briefly to say good-bye to the committee as this was his last meeting.

B: Approval of Minutes for May 7, 2010 Meeting

Chair Kupillas requests grammatical errors in minutes to be corrected, after which minutes should be approved. There are no objections, Chair Kupillas proceeds to opens up motions for approval of minutes, Merilyn Reeves motions to approve the minutes, Lynne Paretchan seconds the motion. Minutes approved.

C: Budget Update

Tracy Louden, Administrator for Administrative Services, presents information to the committee members regarding updates on the 2011-2013 biennium. Handouts given to the committee reflecting that not many changes have taken place since the last update presented to the committee in May. To date from the Department's 22.4 million dollar general fund budget, a 1.6 million dollar reduction has been requested which is approximately 8%. Revenues from Start card fees, exempt use well fees and geo-tech hole fees are down and the Department will continue to look for other opportunities to save money. Currently the Department does have 17 positions vacant and is keeping them vacant in an attempt to cost save on those positions. Due to an 18% deficit in the state's 2011-2013 budget, there has been a 25% proposed reduction in general fund requested from each state agency.

D: Integrated Water Resource Strategy Update

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, presents updates to the committee members regarding the IWRS and proposed legislation for 2011. Brenda presents to the committee a brief overview of Legislative Concept LC-497, LC-499, LC-502, LC-503, LC-504 & LC-506.

F: Delegation of Authority

Tom Paul, Deputy Director, presents an update on the Delegation of Authority and associated Department internal guidance. Committee members were distributed copies of the Department's internal guidance document regarding Delegation of Authority.

G: Rulemaking

Ruben Ochoa, Water Policy Analyst, presents information on current rulemaking activities regarding HB 3369 which provides loans to help with water development projects in the Umatilla Basin through the Columbia River Loan Program.

H: Klamath Groundwater Update

Doug Woodcock, Groundwater Manager, presents a power point presentation to the committee to provide an update on the groundwater management for the 2010 irrigation season around the Klamath Project.

I: General Committee Discussion

Committee members acknowledge and thank the committee members whose terms are ending.

K: Items not on the Agenda – Bill Blair asks about an ASR well having salt water contamination. Doug Woodcock suggest following up with Bill regarding this issue after the meeting.

On a separate issue Greg Kupillas explains to committee members about the appropriateness of presenting new business that may pertain to the committee members personal agenda. Doug explains that any new ideas should be sent to the committee chair and then discussed regarding appropriateness.

L: Public Comment

Meeting adjourned

Audio-files of the meeting are available