

MEETING MINUTES
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)
Friday January 21, 2011
Teleconference hosted at Deschutes Conference Room
North Mall Office Building,
725 Summer St. N.E., Suite A
Salem, Oregon 97301

| <u>GWAC Members on phone</u> | <u>Staff Present</u> | <u>Others</u> |
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| Greg Kupillas | Doug Woodcock | |
| Bob Jones | Ken Smith | |
| Kevin Gill | Brenda Bateman | |
| Bill Blair | Kris Byrd | |
| Rob Turkisher | Arla Heare | |
| Jim Carlton | | |
| Lynne Paretchan | | |
| Garry Zollman | | |
| John Messner (In person) | | |

A: Call to Order – Chair Greg Kupillas

Chair Kupillas calls meeting to order. All committee members are present by phone or in person.

B: Approval of Minutes

Chair Kupillas acknowledging no objections opens up motions for approval of minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

C: Member Introductions

Chair Kupillas recognizes there are three new committee members and asks that all members introduce themselves.

D. Electronic Well Log Submission Re-engineering

Ken Smith, Information Services Manager, presents to the committee information regarding the options for future well log data entry. Ken explains that the software the Department is using is becoming outdated and very expensive to use. The Department has implemented a website that provides well constructors with the ability to enter information regarding well logs, upload maps, and have a work area on the site where work can be saved for later. Some committee members gave feedback regarding their use of the website.

E. Legislative Updates

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, presents to the committee updates of the 2011 legislative session and reviews OWRD legislative bills. None of the Department's originated bills are specifically related to ground water. Brenda also presents information to the committee regarding 3rd party bills, including bills that would combine the natural resource agencies. The two bills most related to ground water are SB 549 regarding the Metolius areas of critical concern, and HB 2867 regarding The Deschutes Mitigation Program that would remove the sunset and 200 cfs cap from the program. Brenda also reviews the latest on the Integrated Water Resource Strategy. Greg requests an update regarding legislation at the next GWAC meeting.

F. Items not on the Agenda

Rob Turkisher presents to the committee that Benton County has begun to locate wells relating to septic by GPS, and are currently working with Linn-Benton Community College to develop a program where students will go out with the property owner's permission and GPS new wells and add it to Benton County's database. Currently the program is already live in Benton County.

Kevin Gill requests information on Ground Source Heat Pump rules. Doug Woodcock explains that the Department is working on putting together a Rules Advisory Committee, developing some draft rules and taking those to hearing. Rules probably will be sometime in the fall.

Doug Woodcock also informs the committee that there will be some new administrative rules being drafted pertaining to the Walla Walla sub basin, which is part of the Umatilla Basin, in regards to the ongoing ground water declines in the alluvial aquifer. Draft rules will be presented to GWAC for comment later this year.

Greg Kupillas requests that Doug explain to the members their role as a GWAC committee member and the appropriate manner to submit topics for discussion at upcoming meetings. Doug explains to the members their role as a committee member and how to submit topics and questions through their chair person. The chair will assess whether the topic is committee business and work with the Department on adding it to the agenda.

G. Public Comment

None given

H. Election of Officers

Committee members request to delay election of new Vice-Chair until the next GWAC meeting.

Jim Carlton motions to adjourn, Bill Blair seconds, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned

Audio-files of the meeting are available