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**PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, December 9, 2025**

9:00 to 11:00

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

A. Attendance

GWAC members

Zach Freed, Chair
Richard Smith
Dave Noble
Robyn Cook
Steve Patten

OWRD staff

Justin Iverson
Tim Seymour
Jason Spriet
Kelly Meinz
Annette Liebe
Kris Byrd
Laura Hartt
Linda Ray

Attendees

Harmony Burrigh
Ken Bierly
Denice C.

Call to Order and Introductions

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMlqQs?t=1>

Approval of Meeting Summaries

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMlqQs?t=289>

Richard Smith made a **MOTION** to approve the September 9th and October 28th, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Steven Patten the committee unanimously approved.

Review of 2026 GWAC Meeting Dates

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMlqQs?t=331>

Justin Iverson shared the proposed meeting dates for 2026 with GWAC members. Laura Hartt noted that the Water Rights rulemaking public comments would close on February 6th, 2026 and staff would like an opportunity to bring an update to GWAC members prior to that date. WRD staff will send out a doodle poll to find a date that works for GWAC members to meet for this non-standing scheduled meeting. The regular quarterly meeting dates for 2026 are:

- a. February 24, 2026
- b. June 9, 2026
- c. September 8, 2026
- d. December 8, 2026



Legislative Update

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=913>

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, presented a summary of groundwater-related issues from the 2025 Legislative Session.

Discussion: <https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=1842>

Static Water Level Measurement and Reporting:

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=2483>

Due to the delayed meeting start and time constraints, Justin Iverson will provide a brief update on enforcement activities related to water right conditions requiring static water level measurement and reporting at the February 2026 meeting.

Division 512 Harney Basin Groundwater Proposed Rules

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=2561>

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager, Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, and Kelly Meinz, Water Policy Analyst, updated the Committee on the recommended Division 512 rules with revisions.

Discussion: <https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=5416>

Update on Voluntary Agreement Draft Guidance:

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=6709>

Jason Spriet, East Region Manager and Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager provided a brief update on the Draft Voluntary Agreement Guidance.

Discussion: <https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=6980>

Public Comment:

<https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=7011>

- Harmony Burrigh: <https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=7028>
- Ken Bierly: <https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=7409>
- Harmony Burrigh: <https://youtu.be/pYMWluMIqQs?t=7706>

Final public comment led to discussion regarding public awareness of and opportunity for public input to GWAC. Gov delivery data on how many people are receiving informational emails about GWAC meetings is attached below.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.



Attachment: Summary of Gov Delivery listserv email used to advertise this meeting

