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MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, February 2, 2026
9:00 to 12:00
Hybrid (Salem NMOB/Zoom)

ATTENDANCE

GWAC members

Zach Freed, Chair
Richard Smith
Robyn Cook
Steve Patten
Eric Schneider

OWRD staff

Justin Iverson
Racquel Rancier
Laura Hartt
Lisa Jaramillo
Annette Liebe
Kris Byrd
Linda Ray

Attendees:

Call to Order and Introductions, <https://youtu.be/MWG9eFfFNU?t=2>

Groundwater-Related Summary of Updates to Water Rights, Contested Case, and Forfeiture Rulemaking. <https://youtu.be/MWG9eFfFNU?t=446>

Katie Ratcliffe, Water Right Services Division Administrator, Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, Laura Hartt, Rule Coordinator, and Racquel Rancier, Deputy Director, provided an overview of the effort to update rule divisions related to water right transactions, contested cases, and forfeiture. ([Click here for meeting materials](#))

Public Comment Regarding the Proposed Rule Changes,

<https://youtu.be/MWG9eFfFNU?t=2809>

No public comments were given

Committee Discussion Regarding the Draft Rule Changes,

<https://youtu.be/MWG9eFfFNU?t=2852>

No formal recommendation will be sent to the Water Resources Committee on the water right rulemaking changes.

<https://youtu.be/MWG9eFfFNU?t=6328> Committee members voted to decline making a formal recommendation:

Zach – No
Steven – No
Robyn – No
Eric – No
Richard - No

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.