

MEETING MINUTES  
GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)  
January 25, 2013  
Rogue Conference Room  
North Mall Office Building,  
725 Summer St. N.E., Ste. A  
Salem, Oregon 97301

GWAC Members Present		Staff Present	Others
Rob Turkisher	Said Amali	Ivan Gall	Arla Heard
Rod Rice	Kevin Kelty (phone)	Kris Byrd	Doug Woodcock
Kevin Gill	Garry Zollman (phone)	Brenda Bateman	
Michael Campana		Tracy Loudon	

**A. Call to Order** - Chair Rob Turkisher calls meeting to order and performs role call.

**B. Member Introductions**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

Michael Campana moves to approve minutes, Kevin Gill seconds the motion. Minutes approved.

**D. Election of Officer**

Michael Campana nominates Kevin Gill for Vice-Chair of Committee, Garry Zollman seconds motion. Motion carries unanimously.

**E. Integrated Water Resources Strategy and Legislative Update**

Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator, provides members with handouts and shares information with the committee members regarding the Oregon Integrated Water Resources Strategy. The Strategy provides a blueprint for understanding and meeting Oregon's water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem needs now and into the future. Using a process that involved extensive public outreach, the Strategy identifies the most critical water related challenges facing communities throughout Oregon. Brenda also provides a brief legislative update to committee members.

**F. Groundwater Advisory Committee Bylaws**

Groundwater Manager Ivan Gall provides handouts to committee members and reviews information regarding GWAC rules and statutes.

**G. Unhydrated Bentonite Abandonment of Water Wells**

Kris Byrd, Well Construction Specialist, presents a slide show to committee members and provides a status report on the use of unhydrated bentonite in the abandonment of water wells and OAR 690-220-0115.

**H. Items not on the Agenda**

Committee member Kevin Gill makes a request to have information on the process of how to obtain a drillers license presented to the committee and how to navigate the groundwater portion of the Department's website. Groundwater Manager Ivan Gall presents information to the committee about a new well inspector hired in the North Central region. Ivan also explains an ongoing land use pilot project the Department is working on with DLCD for Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties.

**I. Public Comment**

Groundwater Manager Ivan Gall presents public comment to committee members regarding a land owner who is having issues with a neighboring well. He explains he and his staff are working with the two landowners.

Next meeting set for April 26, 2013

Meeting Adjourned