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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

FROM: Thomas M. Byler, Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item L, November 21, 2014
Water Resources Commission Meeting

Approval of Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee

I. Introduction

The nine-member Groundwater Advisory Committee (GWAC) has three members whose terms expire on November 30, 2014. The Water Resources Commission is responsible for appointing GWAC members. OAR Chapter 690, Division 235 rules describe a process for soliciting candidates (Attachment 1). Staff used this process to generate a list of candidates for the three positions.

II. Background

The Commission's Groundwater Advisory Committee is charged with duties relating to groundwater pursuant to ORS 536.090 (Attachment 1). These duties include: (1) advising on rules relating to the development, securing, use, and protection of groundwater; (2) licensing and examination of well constructors; and (3) reviewing proposed expenditures of start card fee revenue. The Committee consists of nine members who represent a range of interests and expertise, with at least three of the members actively engaged in some aspect of the water supply or monitoring well drilling industry.

The Commission's rules provide a process to identify GWAC candidates, prescribe a range of categories of expertise that may be represented on GWAC, and allow appointments for up to three years. The rules result in the expiration of three appointments each year, thus staggering membership. Any mid-term vacancy is filled for the remainder of the term. Each year, staff seek Commission action on GWAC appointments and/or reappointments. It is Commission direction that appointments be limited to two terms (six years).

III. Discussion

The terms for Rob Turkisher, Kevin Gill, and Michael Campana expire on November 30, 2014. Mr. Campana is completing his first term and would like to serve a second term. Mr. Turkisher and Mr. Gill are completing their second terms, and are stepping down from GWAC. Mr. Turkisher is an environmental health specialist for Benton County. Mr. Gill is a water well and monitoring well driller in Southern Oregon. Both Mr. Turkisher and Mr. Gill have provided their experience and expertise to the Department and the Commission during their tenures on GWAC. The Department appreciates their commitment and contributions.

In accordance with the rules, GWAC has three positions that must be filled. One of the positions must be filled by a person who is actively engaged in some aspect of the water supply or monitoring well drilling industry. The other two positions would represent other interests or expertise, which can include “hydrogeologist” and “environmental background” as represented by the candidates below. Current GWAC membership is listed on Attachment 2.

John Stadel is a third generation water and monitoring well driller in the Willamette Valley. Mr. Stadel is an active member of the Oregon Ground Water Association (OGWA). He has recently served on a rules advisory committee for updating the well construction rules, and continues to serve on a technical committee with Department staff to evaluate water well construction rules for Oregon.

Michael Campana expressed interest in remaining on GWAC for a second three-year term. Mr. Campana is a professor of Hydrogeology and Water Resources in the Department of Geosciences at Oregon State University. Mr. Campana has been a practicing hydrogeologist for almost 40 years. Mr. Campana has worked in Nevada, New Mexico, and Oregon since 2006, as well as performing service work on several national science and technical committees. Mr. Campana has a Bachelor of Science in Geology, a Master of Science in Hydrology, and a PhD in Hydrology.

Scott Kruger has been a Registered Environmental Health Specialist with the Benton County Environmental Health Department for 10 years. Mr. Kruger holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health and Safety, and maintains the service contract for the Oregon Health Authority’s Drinking Water Services Program. This requires Mr. Kruger to monitor all of the public drinking water groundwater supply systems in Benton County. Scott also manages the service contract for the Food Borne Illness Prevention Program in Benton County.

The Department recommends the appointment of John Stadel, Michael Campana, and Scott Kruger to fill the vacated positions. The terms for these three members would begin on December 1, 2014, and continue through November 30, 2017.

IV. Alternatives

The Commission may consider the following alternatives:

1. Appoint Michael Campana, Scott Kruger, and John Stadel to GWAC beginning December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2017.
2. Direct staff to return to the next Commission meeting with another slate of appointments, which reflects a different set of interest categories and/or candidates.

V. Recommendation

The Director recommends that the Commission follow Alternative 1 and appoint the recommended slate of candidates for the stated term.

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Attachments:

1. ORS 536.090 and OAR 690-235
2. Current GWAC Membership

Attachment 1

536.090 Ground water advisory committee; duties; qualification; term; expenses.

(1) In carrying out the duties, functions and powers prescribed by law, the Water Resources Commission shall appoint a ground water advisory committee to:

(a) Advise the commission on all matters relating to:

(A) Rules for the development, securing, use and protection of ground water; and

(B) Licensing of well constructors, including the examination of such persons for license.

(b) Review the proposed expenditure of all revenues generated under ORS 537.762(5). At least once each year, and before the expenditure of such funds on new program activities, the Water Resources Department and the ground water advisory committee shall develop jointly a proposed expenditure plan for concurrence by the Water Resources Commission. The plan may be modified, if necessary, upon the joint recommendation of the department and the ground water advisory committee with concurrence by the commission.

(2) The committee shall consist of nine members who represent a range of interests or expertise. At least three of the members shall be individuals actively engaged in some aspect of the water supply or monitoring well drilling industry. Members shall serve for such terms as the commission may specify.

The committee shall meet at least once every three months and at other times and places as the commission may specify.

(3) A member of the committee shall not receive compensation, but at the discretion of the commission may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred, subject to ORS 292.495.

Oregon Administrative Rules

690-235-0005 Ground Water Advisory Committee: Appointments, Terms, and Qualifications

(1) There is created the Ground Water Advisory Committee consisting of nine members appointed by the Commission: Three of whom shall be individuals actively engaged in some aspect of the water supply or monitoring well drilling industry. Members shall be residents of Oregon.

(2) Each member shall be appointed for a term of up to three years. When a vacancy occurs before the expiration of a term, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term only. Terms shall be staggered. Three of the terms shall expire each year.

(3) The Commission shall consider geographic representation, population representation, as well as a range of interests and expertise in the selection of members. The committee shall be

composed of individuals with expertise in and representing interests of one or more of the following: well drilling industry, hydrogeology, irrigation, local government, Indian Tribes, environment, public health, industry, commerce, water project development, watershed enhancement, instream flow, agriculture, well pump installation, exempt ground water users, any other category with a ground water interest. The Commission shall give consideration to individuals with multiple category backgrounds.

(4) Officers of Committee: The Committee shall select one of its members as Chair and another as Vice-Chair. Maximum terms of officers shall be two years for each position within six consecutive years.

(5) Meetings of the Committee: The Committee shall meet at least once every three months at locations specified by the Director.

(6) Members may receive travel expenses subject to [ORS 292.495](#).

(7) The Department shall solicit candidates for the committee in anticipation of an appointment. The Department shall mail notice seeking candidates to all persons and organizations which have filed with the Department a written request to be included on the mailing list maintained for the Ground Water Advisory Committee. Appointments to the committee are not limited to individuals submitted for consideration as a result of the solicitation process set forth above.

690-235-0020 Ground Water Advisory Committee Duties

The Committee shall consider and advise the Commission on all matters relating to:

(1) Rules, legislation, and public policy for the development, securing, use, and protection of groundwater.

(2) Licensing of well constructors, including the examination of such persons for license.

(3) Review the proposed expenditure of all revenues generated under [ORS 537.762\(5\)](#). At least once a year, and before the expenditure of such funds on new program activities, the Water Resources Department and the Committee shall develop jointly a proposed expenditure plan for concurrence by the Water Resources Commission. The plan may be modified, if necessary, upon the joint recommendation of the Department and the Committee with concurrence by the Commission.

Groundwater Advisory Committee Members	
Kevin Kelty Soil Solutions Portland, Oregon	Serving in Monitoring/Water Well Industry Category Chair 1st Term Expires 11/30/2015
Said Amali Integral Consulting Inc. Portland, Oregon	Serving in Multiple Backgrounds Category 1st Term Expires 11/30/2015
Michael Campana Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon	Serving in the Hydrogeologist Category 1st Term expires 11/30/2014
Jim Carleton Merrill, Oregon	Serving in the Groundwater User Category 2nd Term Expires 11/30/2016
Kevin Gill Clouser Drilling Grants Pass, Oregon	Serving in Monitoring/Water Well Industry Category Vice-Chair 2nd Term Expires 11/30/2014
Chris Hyatt Hyatt GeoSciences LLC Portland, Oregon	Serving in Environmental Background Category 1st Term Expires 11/30/2016
Tom Pattee Oregon Health Authority Springfield, Oregon	Serving in Multiple Backgrounds Category 1st Term Expires 11/30/2015
Rob Turkisher Benton County Health Department Corvallis, Oregon	Serving in Local Government Category 2nd Term Expires 11/30/2014
Garry Zollman Zollman's Larry Burd Well Drilling, LLC Pendleton, Oregon	Serving in Monitoring/Water Well Industry Category 2nd Term Expires 11/30/2016