



MEETING MINUTES
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)

June 30, 2017

Rogue Conference Room, Third Floor
North Mall Office Building,
725 Summer St. N.E., Ste. A
Salem, Oregon 97301

GWAC Members Present/Phone

Michael Campana (Chair)
Scott Kruger
Chad Courtney
Chris Hyatt
Mark Owens
Tom Pattee

Staff Members Present

Justin Iverson, GW Manager
Brenda Bateman, TSD Administrator
Samantha Phillips, TSD Administrative Assistant
Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator
Joel Jefferies, Well Construction Coordinator

Guests

Jakob Wiley, OSU Masters's Candidate

Aurora Bouchier

Ben Scandella

- A. Call to Order** – Michael Campana called meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- B. Introductions** – A brief introduction was made by each committee member.
- C. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were reviewed from the March 24, 2017 meeting. Mark Owens motioned to accept the minutes as presented; Chad Courtney seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous. No opposition. No abstentions. 6-0-0
- D. Presentation, “Aquifer Governance by Contract”** – Jakob Wiley, Master's Candidate at OSU and a law student at UO presented his research on a proposed approach to aquifer and groundwater management. A request for the references used in the presentation was made.
- E. IWRS Update** – Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Program Coordinator, walked the group through the updates made in the 2017 version of IWRS. Alyssa outlined the objectives of IWRS and pointed out the updates in this version, which are captured on a summary sheet outlining the nine new recommendations and revised actions in the 2017 IWRS revision. Alyssa directed the committee's attention to the new section on groundwater protection in Chapter 4 pages 126 and 127. GWAC input was sought, either collectively or individually during the public comment period. The final draft will be presented to commission in December.
- F. Division 215 Rulemaking** – Joel Jeffery, Well Construction Program Coordinator, presented information regarding Division 215 rulemaking associated with back siphon prevention devices and in-well water treatment. Changes to OAR 690-215-0017 update backflow device standards for small systems. Joel encouraged each member to read through and provide input during the public comment

period that ended June 30. Water districts, pump installers, well contractors, agencies and counties have also been asked to provide input. A final revision will be presented to the Commission in August. Mark Owens made a motion to support the proposed changes to Division 215 rules as presented to GWAC on 6/30/2017. Tom Pattee Seconded motion

Vote: Unanimous. No opposition. No abstain. 6-0-0

G. Walla Walla Subbasin Rulemaking – Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, updated the committee regarding the adopted revisions to the Walla Walla Subbasin section of the Umatilla Basin Rules. After reviewing the public comments and recommended changes offered by GWAC, the RAC, and other interested individuals, the Walla Walla Subbasin rule revision was moved forward to the Commission for approval without making the recommended changes suggested by GWAC committee. Next steps include continued engagement from all the stakeholder's; continued groundwater level data collection; and implementing the new use measurement and reporting requirements.

H. Groundwater Update – Justin Iverson, GW Manager presented the following Groundwater update:

- Harney Basin Study: The study continues with public input at quarterly meetings, quarterly water level monitoring, new observation well installation, and geologic mapping by DOGAMI.
- Walla Walla Subbasin: Interference testing has been successful this spring. Plan to repeat the process next spring at additional wells.
- Database Migration: the new SQL server linked to the website apps are able to provide additional well site and water level data to the public. A new on-line water level plotting tool is being tested
- Justin will present on the groundwater application technical review process at the August Commission meeting.

I. Committee Members Update

- Chair, Michael Campana is involved with the Yakima Storage Research Grant Program; has provided input to the Harney Basin place-based planning group; and will be teaching OSU's introductory hydrogeology class for the next two years.
- Mark Owens provided a brief update on the Harney place-based planning process
- Scott Kurger is involved with gathering groundwater data from public water system wells
- Tom Pattee is involved in a DEQ-OHA project to provide an interactive mapper of public water system source areas and potential contaminant source locations from various databases. The interactive map viewer is here:

<http://deq14.deq.state.or.us/Html5viewer261/?viewer=drinkingwater>

J. Public Meeting Comments –

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned 1:15 p.m. Next meeting: Friday October 13, 9:00am - 2:00pm. With option to call in.