

Greater Harney Valley – Groundwater Study Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:00am – 5:00pm



Harney County Community Center - 484 N Broadway, Burns, OR

Advisory Committee Members
Allison Aldous, The Nature Conservancy
Brandon Haslick, Burns Paiute Tribe
Brenda Smith, High Desert Partnership (not present)

Dan Nichols, County Commissioner and Landowner

(not present)

Erin Maupin, Citizen/Landowner
Fred Otley, Citizen/Landowner
Herb Vloedman, Citizen/Landowner
Gary Ball, US Fish and Wildlife Services

JR Johnson, Oregon Water Resources Department Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council

Mark Owens, Citizen/Landowner Wayne Evans, Citizen/Landowner

Steve Rickman, Landowner/Business Owner

Groundwater Study Team
Darrick Boschman, OWRD
Jerry Grondin, OWRD
Justin Iverson, OWRD

Steve Gingerich, US Geological Survey (USGS)

Terrence Conlon, USGS Hank Johnson, USGS, Esther Pischel, USGS Amanda Garcia, USGS Nick Dosch, USGS

Others

Harmony Burright, OWRD (Facilitator)

Dally Swindlehurst, OWRD

Ivan Gall, OWRD
Jason Spriet, OWRD

Timing	Agenda Topic	Objective	Supporting Materials
11:00 – 11:05	Introductions	Allow everyone in the room to introduce themselves	
11:05 – 11:50	USGS Presentation	Provide an overview of the USGS approach for past completed studies in other basins and the timeline and approach for the Harney study	 PowerPoint presentation
11:50 – 12:00 (More time as needed)	Questions/comments	Solicit thoughts and questions from the public to inform the afternoon work session	
12:00 - 12:15	Break		
12:15 – 12:45 (Working lunch provided for individuals listed)	Round table	Provide an opportunity to provide updates and things to be aware of as well as discuss interests/concerns	
12:45 – 1:00	Agenda review	Walk through the agenda to make sure we are covering the topics that are most important to the SAC	
1:00 – 1:15	Advisory Committee Composition	Discuss proposed addition to the SAC membership	
1:15 – 1:30	Purpose/Objectives and Charter	Review, discuss, and reach agreement on the purpose/ objectives of the SAC as well as the membership and meeting protocols (i.e. charter)	SAC input/shared goalsDraft Charter



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1:30 – 2:15	Work Plan	Provide a more detailed overview of the Work Plan, discuss study questions and methods, solicit feedback	•	Work Plan
2:15 – 2:30	Break			
2:30 – 3:45	Initial Observations and Well Network	Share PRELIMINARY water elevation map and discuss initial observations Provide an update on the well network and activities, identify areas where additional information is needed, and solicit input on placement of additional paired wells	•	Map of well network
3:45 – 4:00	Sub-Committee Update	Provide an update from the sub-committee working the local monitoring/data collection efforts		
4:00 – 4:30	Local Data Collection and Sharing	Begin to develop an agreed upon framework and process for collecting, submitting and using locally collected data for water levels and water use		
4:30 – 4:45	Observations and Questions	Provide an opportunity for SAC members to talk about issues that weren't already covered in the agenda		
4:45 – 5:00	Wrap Up and Next Steps	Look ahead to the next few months, confirm action items, schedule the next meeting and identify future discussion topics		