



MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)
November 11, 2018
Rogue Conference Room
North Mall Office Building,
725 Summer St. N.E., Ste. A
Salem, Oregon 97301

GWAC Members Present/Phone

John Stadel, Chair
Marshall Gannett
Scott Kruger
Tom Pattee, Vice Chair
Mark Owens
Chad Courtney

Staff and Public Members Present

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager
Kris Byrd, Well Construction and Compliance Manager
Samantha Phillips, TSD Administrative Assistant

- **Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair John Stadel called the meeting to order at 9:04. A brief introduction was made by each committee member and those in attendance and on the phone.

- **Approval of Minutes**

The June 12, 2018 meeting minutes were presented and approved as corrected.

The September 4, 2018 meeting minutes were presented and approved as corrected.

Approved meeting minutes are available on the GWAC website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/GWWL/GW/Pages/Groundwater-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

- **Membership Transition**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager updated the committee on the recruitment of new GWAC members. Three current members will retire at the end of 2018, Said Amail, Ryan Galbreth, and Tom Pattee.

Six candidates submitted applications for appointment to the committee in 2018. After a review of the letters of interest and letters of support, three were recommended to the Commission for appointment, including Trent Castner, a licensed and bonded monitoring well driller, Kenneth Maston, an irrigator from Klamath County, and Phil Brown a consulting hydrogeologist. If the Commission approves the recommendation then they will begin their term on November 30, 2018.

- **2019 Meeting Dates and Process Review**

The process that is currently being used for bringing issues to the Committee was reviewed. Currently, the Committee meets the Tuesday prior to Water Resources Commission meetings. The Committee is briefed on pending Commission agenda items related to groundwater and provided the opportunity to draft advice to the Commission. Any written advice is drafted by the Committee and moved for approval by a vote of the Committee. This advice is then presented by Department staff at the upcoming Commission meeting. Committee members may also provide public comment during the Commission meeting.

The proposed 2019 Committee meeting schedule is based on next year's proposed Commission meeting dates. Suggested 2019 Committee meeting dates are:

February 19, 2019

June 11, 2019

September 10, 2019

November 19, 2019

All those in attendance approved of these dates. However, the dates may be adjusted if the Commission changes their meeting dates for 2019.

The Committee recommended that an agenda item at the next meeting hold time for committee members to discuss their priorities and concerns for 2019.

- **Groundwater Updates**

Groundwater Budget: At the June 12 meeting a motion was made that the Department assess the resources necessary to produce basin-wide groundwater balance estimated state-wide. A draft scope of work and budget prepared by the USGS Oregon Water Science Center was shared with the committee. Although this study option is not part of a formal 2019 legislative package, it is on the priority list if additional funding is received.

Strategic Plan: A draft of the Department's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan was shared with the commission. Once approved, the Groundwater Section is likely to be tasked with developing a plan to identify groundwater priorities.

Basin Updates: The committee received brief updates regarding the Mosier, Walla Walla, Harney, and Klamath basins.

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned 11:20 a.m.

This meeting summary was prepared by Samantha Phillips and Justin Iverson