



MEETING SUMMARY  
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)  
February 19, 2019  
Rogue Conference Room  
North Mall Office Building,  
725 Summer St. N.E., Ste. A  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**GWAC Members Present/Phone**

Marshall Gannett - Chair  
John Stadeli, - Vice Chair  
Scott Kruger  
Mark Owens  
Chad Courtney  
Ken Maslen  
Phillip Brown  
Kris Hyatt (phone)

**Staff and Public Members Present**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manger  
Kris Byrd, Well Construction and Compliance Manager  
Ivan Gall, Field Services Administrator  
Lisa Snyder, Administrative Service Administrator  
Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator  
Samantha Phillips, TSD Administrative Assistant

Donovan Sipple, OGWA  
Greg Kupillus, PHG and OGWA  
Genoa Ingram, OGWA

- **Call to Order and Introductions and Selection of 2109 Chair and Vice Chair**

Justin Iverson called the meeting to order at 8:45. A brief introduction was made by each committee member and those in attendance and on the phone.

John Stadli nominated Marshall Gannett to be 2019 GWAC chair and volunteered to take on the role of Vice Chair. After a brief discussion a motion to appoint the slate of nominated candidates was unanimously approved. GWAC 2019 Chair, Marshall Gannett; Vice Chair, John Stadli.

- **Approval of Minutes**

The November 13, 2018 meeting minutes were presented and unanimously approved.

Approved meeting minutes are available on the GWAC website:

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

- **Legislative Update**

Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator updated the committee on groundwater-related bills introduced to date during the 2019 Legislative session.

- **Start Card Fee Update**

Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, provided the annual Start Card fee summary report. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was requested and made available to the committee and those in attendance.

- **Well Construction and Compliance Section Update**

Kris Byrd, Well Construction and Compliance Section Manager, presented a summary of startcard filings received and well inspections conducted during 2018.

- **Klamath Basin Rulemaking (Division 25)**

Ivan Gall, Field Services Administrator, presented the proposed Division 25 rules concerning regulation of groundwater rights in favor of senior surface water calls in the Upper Klamath Basin.

Ken Masten, Division 25 Rules Advisory Committee member, reported on the January 15, 2019 rules advisory committee meeting held in Klamath Falls.

Following discussion and committee input on recommendation language, Ken Masten moved to provide the following recommendation to the Commission:

“The Groundwater Advisory Committee recognizes the need for these interim rules in order to engage the community to develop long-term water management policy. To that end GWAC recommends that the Commission adopt these rules with the following additions:

- Include “Upper Klamath Basin” in rule -0040(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
- Add to -0040(1) that “there is a wide range in the timing and magnitude of surface water impacts from groundwater pumping from wells.””

The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Harney Basin Groundwater Update**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, provided a progress update on the cooperative USGS/OWRD Harney Basin Groundwater Study.

- **Committee Member Priority Discussion**

The committee discussed ideas related to proactive groundwater management.

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 2:00 PM

This meeting summary was prepared by Samantha Phillips and Justin Iverson