



MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)

June 11, 2019

Conference Call-in-Meeting
Rogue Conference Room
North Mall Office Building,
725 Summer St. N.E., Ste. A
Salem, Oregon 97301

GWAC Members Present on phone

Marshall Gannett - Chair
John Stadel, - Vice Chair
Scott Kruger
Mark Owens
Chad Courtney
Ken Masten
Phillip Brown
Chris Hyatt

Staff and Public Members Present

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manger
Samantha Phillips, TSD Administrative Assistant

- **Call to Order and Introductions**

John Stadel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

- **Approval of Minutes**

The February 19, 2019 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>

- **Klamath Basin Rulemaking Follow-up**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, shared that the Commission adopted revised Division 25 rules governing groundwater regulation in the Klamath Basin at a special Commission meeting April 12, 2019. The rules went into effect immediately. The clarifying recommendations that the committee recommended were included in the final version of the rules. The Department is discussing its next steps in the basin. Recommendations were shared that community and members of the committee should be involved or invited to be a part of the internal discussions in order to build trust.

- **Groundwater Update**

Justin Iverson shared information about the Department's 2019-2021 Budget, which had moved out of Ways and Means Committee onto the house floor. The Budget package includes a Groundwater Study Package, reduced from previous incarnations but still including 6 new staff to help conduct studies, \$400k for cooperative cost-share studies with USGS and others, and \$400k to drill observations wells

and install other equipment in the areas of study. This package would allow the Department to conduct two groundwater basin studies concurrently.

Walla Walla Update - SWAMPA rules for metering are now being enforced. Data is being collected in preparation for a future basin study.

Harney Study Update – The OWRD/USGS cooperative study team is analyzing data collected over the past few years of the study. The study team is presenting near-final figures, graphs, and maps to the local Groundwater Study Advisory Committee (GSAC) to receive their feedback on the analysis products.

Mosier Project Wrap up – The 2015 Legislature allocated \$1M to repair or replace comingling basalt wells in the basin. The goal is to repair/replace 15 priority wells. To date 11 wells have been addressed, with another 2-3 wells scheduled to be completed by June 30 when the contract ends. Data is being collected to assess the impact of the repair/replacement project on the aquifer.

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 10:00 AM

This meeting summary was prepared by Samantha Phillips and Justin Iverson

An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.