

MEETING SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)

February 16, 2021

Video Conference Meeting 9:05am -10:49am

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GWAC Members:	WRD Staff:	Others:
Richard Smith Phil Brown Mark Owens Chad Courtney Susan Baker	Raquel Rancier (policy manager) Lisa Snyder (ASD Administrator) Justin Iverson Kris Byrd Harmony Burright Deidre Dooley Carlos Ortiz-Turner	Peggy Lynch

A. Call to Order

Justin Iverson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

B. Introductions and Selection of 2021 Chair and Co-Chair

0:00:46 Introduction of new member Richard Smith (On YouTube video, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=46>)

0:04:45 Mark Owens made a motion for continuation of Ken Masten as Chair and Marshall Gannett as Vice Chair, with a second from Phil Brown. Unanimous approval. (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=280>)

C. Approval of Meeting Summary

0:08:09 Phil Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020, Mark Owens second the motion. Unanimous approval. (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=489>)

D. Overview of 2021

0:08:46 Justin provided an Overview of issues expected to come before the Committee in 2021 (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=527>)

Committee Comments and discussion

0:18:19 (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=1099>)

E. Walla Walla Basin Update

0:21:54 Justin Iverson and Harmony Burrigh, Planning Coordinator, provided an update on the development of a Plan of Study and a Public Engagement Plan for the Walla Walla Basin Groundwater Study. (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=1314>)

Link to commission staff reports referenced during this update.

[Item G - Walla Walla Subbasin Cooperative Basin Study](#)

Committee Comments and discussion

0:33:11 Mark Owens question and comment during presentation (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=1991>)

0:47:08 Additional committee comments and discussion (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=2828>)

F. Legislative Update

0:54:02 Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, provided an overview of the 2021 legislative session, focused on items relating to groundwater management in Oregon. (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=3242>)

Links to commission staff reports referenced during this update.

[Item F - Budget and Legislative Update](#)

There were no Committee comments or questions

G. Start Card Fee Update

1:24:25 Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, presented the annual Start Card fees update to the Committee. (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=5065>).

1:36:59 Committee discussion (On YouTube, <https://youtu.be/uvNhwy78LaE?t=5819>)

H. Public Comment

No public Comment

Adjourn (Approx.10:49 a.m.)