

MEETING SUMMARY

GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GWAC)

June 1, 2021

Video Conference Meeting 9:00 AM – 10:50 AM

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GWAC Members:	WRD Staff:	Others:
Chair Ken Masten Vice-chair Marshall Gannett Susan Baker Phil Brown Trent Castner Chad Courtney Mark Owens Floyd Sippel Richard Smith	Justin Iverson Kris Byrd Ben Scandella Deirdre Dooley Carlos Ortiz-Turner Phil Marcy Halley Barnett	Hollie Cannon Genoa Ingram

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Ken Masten called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 AM
(Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHi4bOmS33s>)

Approval of Meeting Summary

0:05:43 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=343>)

Approval of the June 1, 2021 meeting summary.

Richard Smith motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Marshall Gannett. Voting in favor of the motion: Masten, Gannett, Brown, Castner, Courtney, Owens, Sippel, Smith.

Groundwater Concern Assessment (9:10 to 10:15)

0:06:52 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=412>)

Ben Scandella, Groundwater Data Chief, and Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager presented a recent statewide evaluation of groundwater resource concerns.

0:51:21 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=3081>)

Committee Comments and discussion

Associated Commission staff report:

[Item H - Groundwater Resource Concerns Assessment – 2021](#)

Groundwater Update

1:21:43 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=4903>)

Justin provided brief updates regarding current groundwater-related issues throughout the state.

1:29:23 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=5363>)

Committee Comments and discussion

Committee Member Updates

1:29:23 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=5754>)

Ken Masten provided an update on drought impacts in Klamath County

1:41:48 (video recording <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=6108>)

Richard Smith urged the Department to modernize the public notification methods for in-process water right transactions, perhaps similar to county land use changes that require direct notification of adjacent property owners.

1:44:37 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=6277>)

Chad Courtney requested a status update regarding rule making to address split seals in unconsolidated formations.

Public Comment (none)

1:48:14 (video recording, <https://youtu.be/eHi4bOmS33s?t=6494>)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50AM.

This meeting summary was prepared by Justin Iverson.