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Subject: RE: [OWRC_Agenda-Min] August 25, 2021 WRC Videoconference Meeting Agenda - Revised #1
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Hi Nirvana,

I'd like to submit below comment to Commissioners for the August meeting. Are you able to submit this appropriately? I had planned on not making a statement, yet feel compelled to express my concern.

Thank you,

Karen

Hello Commissioners,

I am concerned with the level of groundwater noncompliance occurring with Hemp and Marijuana farms in southern Oregon--at a time when rural farms are experiencing low well yields. It would seem wise to place a moratorium on well permit application--even temporarily--for the duration of 2021, possibly 2022. I realize Water Resource staff has been challenged in regulatory compliance at this time (entirely understandable with years of low funding). In this period of severe drought + abuse of well water during a drought + challenges in oversight + relatively unknown future area drought information, a Permit moratorium is a logical, prudent approach until more monitored well data is generated. There is simply a lack of data to support the existing Permit practice. My husband and I appreciate that our Water-master and OWRD have been receptive to monitoring our well in the Ashland area. We look forward to viewing additional well data in Jackson County as it becomes available (currently, the closest one is eight miles away).

A mildly related concern, that may underscore absence of data--

I've recently learned of friends in the Jackson/Josephine County area who are utilizing their wells for agricultural purposes--without the OWRD emergency well use authorization.

I appreciate your judicious utility, and urge care under the current conditions with well water in southern Oregon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Revised #1

Good Afternoon,

There has been a revision to the August 25, 2021 WRC meeting agenda. The description for agenda Item E has been revised. You can find the revised agenda at the following link:

https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/Default.aspx?notice_id=22

Please let me know if you encounter any problems accessing the agenda.

Thank you,

Nirvana Cook

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