

## MEETING NOTES

Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area Committee  
Benton Plaza Meeting Room, Corvallis, Oregon  
November 4, 2004 9:00 AM

**PRESENT:** Annabelle Jaramillo (Benton County Commissioner), Cliff Wooten (Linn County Commissioner), Dennis Boeger (Poage Engineering), Don Hampton (Lane County Commissioner), Frank Wright (Citizen and Small Business Representative), George Pugh (Linn County Farmer), Karen Strohmeyer (Cascade Pacific RC&D), Lanny Zoeller (Realtor), Pat Straube (Citizen and CAFO Representative), Rich Margerum (Long Tom Watershed Council), Roger Haffner (Wilbur-Ellis Farm Supplements), Tim Bunnell (City Public Water Supply Operator), Mike Warner (Marathon Coach), Audrey Eldridge (Staff – DEQ), Denise Kalakay (Staff – LCOG), Gail Glick Andrews (Staff – OSU Extension), Kathi Wiederhold, (Facilitator - LCOG).

**ABSENT:** Jerry Marguth (Lane & Benton County Farmer), Judy Volta (Mayor of Coburg), Linda Modrell (Benton County Commissioner - alternate present), Travis Williams (Willamette Riverkeepers).

**OTHER ATTENDEES** – See attached sheet

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audrey shared information regarding the current 319 non-point source grant opportunities, and encouraged committee members to think about how these funds could be used by their organizations to help protect groundwater quality in the Groundwater Management Area (GWMA). Gail mentioned that she would be explaining the list-serve and asking for feedback later in the meeting.

There was no public comment.

### DRAFT GROUND RULES

*Kathi Wiederhold,*

*Facilitator, Lane Council of Governments*

Kathi led the discussion on the draft Ground rules, which were drafted based upon Committee input and decisions at the September meeting. The Committee agreed upon the following revisions:

- Insert the word “voluntary” in the first sentence in the Committee Purpose section, to read as follows: “The purpose of the Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area Committee, hereafter referred to as the

Committee, is to provide guidance and input from stakeholders in determining *voluntary* ways nitrate could be reduced in the groundwater.....”.

- Revise the first bullet on page 3, in the section on Committee Decision-Making. The revised language will indicate that the Committee, if unable to reach consensus, will take a super-majority vote to make the decision. If unable to reach super-majority, the item will be placed on the agenda again for the next meeting. Before the next meeting, staff will provide more information to the Committee about the item under discussion. This information could be presented at a special interim meeting focused on the issue, which could be held by conference call. If unable to reach consensus at the next meeting within the time allotted on the agenda, the Committee will make the decision by a simple majority vote.
- Revise the fifth bullet in the Participation section to reflect that absent members are expected to brief themselves on the meeting they missed before the next meeting.

The Committee requested that they be involved if there is a need to move beyond voluntary actions. Audrey recommended inserting a statement to this effect in the Action Plan.

## **GROUNDWATER MONITORING ISSUES**

*Gail Andrews,*

*OSU Extension – Wellwater Program Coordinator*

Gail presented some of the difficult monitoring questions that she and Glenn Mutti (OSU Graduate Student) have been dealing with this past summer. Currently, there is no ongoing baseline groundwater monitoring conducted, but there is a need to determine how we are going to measure baseline conditions and improvements. Gail asked the Committee how much they wanted to be involved in the final decisions. Overall, there was consensus from the Committee that this is an area they need to be involved, and should help in the final decisions of how many locations to be sampled and how to measure success. The Committee indicated their desire for sub-regions to be a focus for monitoring.

Gail also brought up the List-serve that she is hosting. The Committee decided to keep all communication on the list-serve between the Committee Members open and free flowing, but any outside emails will need filtering by Gail.

## **GEOGRAPHIC SKETCH – OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT AREA**

*Scott Shine, Resource Assistance to Rural Environments (RARE) Planner, LCOG*

Due to time constraints, this topic was postponed to the next meeting.

## **CASE STUDIES: LOWER UMATILLA AND NORTHERN MALHEUR GWMA's.**

*Phil Richersen, Pendleton*

*DEQ GWMA Project Coordinator*

Phil presented background and monitoring information for the two GWMA's he is coordinating. Improving the groundwater conditions in those GWMA's appear to be a long-term undertaking. His experience in the Eastside GWMA's were supplemented with his recommendations that those Best Management Practices (BMP) [a.k.a. Conservation Enhancement Practices (CEP)] that are being implemented should be captured now, in order to track the success of the Action Plan. Phil also recommended using the Seasonal Kendall approach to evaluate groundwater monitoring trends.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, January 27, 2004 8:00 – 10:00AM

Location: Scandinavian Festival Hall, Junction City

**SWV GWMA COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMEBR 4, 2004  
BENTON PLAZA MEETING ROOM**

FROM THE SIGN-IN SHEET

Scott Shine	(LCOG – Rare Planner)
Frank Ossiander	(Citizen – Benton County)
Ron Smith	(Benton County – Env. Health)
Steve Hopkins	(Lane County Government)
Craig Costello	(Coburg Public Works)
Jeremy Craner	(OSU Grad. Student)
Rick Partipilo	(Linn County – Env. Health)
Irene Rolston	(OSU)
Glenn Mutti	(OSU Grad. Student)
Phil Richerson	(DEQ – GWMA Proj. Coord.)
Dan Moreno	(Benton County – Env. Health)
Bill Emminger	(Benton County – Env. Health)
Paul Measeles	(ODA – Hydrogeologist)