

## MEETING NOTES

Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area Committee  
City Council Chambers, Harrisburg City Hall, Harrisburg, Oregon  
September 23, 2004 8:30 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 [EVA], George Pugh (Linn County Farmer), Jerry Marguth (Lane & Benton County Farmer), Judy Volta (Mayor of Coburg), Lanny Zoeller (Realtor), Dave Dickson (Large Business Representative [Marathon Coach]), 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), Audrey Eldridge (Staff – DEQ), Denise Kalakay (Staff – LCOG), Gail Glick Andrews (Staff – OSU Extension), Patti Gentiluomo (Staff – ODA); Tom Pattee (Staff DHS); Kerri Nelson (DEQ); Kathy Jacobson (DEQ).

**ABSENT:** Karen Strohmeier (Cascade Pacific RC&D), Linda Modrell (Benton County Commissioner - alternate present), Mike Warner (Marathon Coach - alternate present), Travis Williams (Willamette Riverkeepers).

**OTHER ATTENDEES** – See attached sheet

### KICK-OFF

*Kerri Nelson,*

*Western Region Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

Kerri re-emphasized how important the groundwater resource is in Oregon, where 70% of us drink groundwater. High levels of nitrate are a concern and must be addressed. The real question is – how do we work together to solve this problem? That is something for the Groundwater Management Area (GWMA) Committee to decide.

The Action Plan will focus on voluntary actions, and there may be a call for some Community based solutions. It will be important that the GWMA Committee members get the viewpoints of their constituency. In addition, the public will need to be educated.

### OVERVIEW

*Audrey Eldridge,*

*Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Study Coordinator, DEQ*

Audrey gave a talk on the recent environmental history of the SWV groundwater and why we are now in a GWMA, and included mention of potential nitrate sources.

*Denise Kalakay,*

*Senior Planner, Lane Council of Governments*

Denise gave a talk on where we are going, some possible timeframe, and how the various committees and State agencies will interact.

## **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

*Kathi Wiederhold,*

*Senior Planner, Lane Council of Governments*

Kathi facilitated a couple of sessions which asked for decisions to two questions:

One question was “What decision making process does this Committee want to use?” It was decided that Consensus might work best for this Committee, with Majority as a backup.

Another question was “What type of structure is best for this Committee?” The Committee decided that for now, the GWMA will have both a Chair and a Facilitator. The same Facilitator should be used at least for the next 6-8 meetings. During the next few meetings, the Committee will decide on a Chair, which allows the members to get to know each other.

Two other decisions were made. It was determined that the appointed GWMA Committee members should attend all meetings, and not send proxies to take their place (note: due to their heavy work load, two Benton County Commissioners were appointed for one slot on this Committee.) Finally, Thursdays from 9-11 will be the targeted dates for all future GWMA Committee meetings.

Kathi will write up ground rules for next meeting, plus roles of the Chair and Facilitator

## **GROUNDWATER BASICS – Training**

*Tom Pattee*

*Hydrogeologist, Oregon State Department of Human Services*

Tom provided information about basic groundwater hydrology, emphasizing groundwater characteristics in the Willamette Valley. Tom talked about the potential influence of both geology and land uses to susceptibility of the aquifers to contamination.

## **REQUESTS FROM GWMA COMMITTEE**

A list of Acronyms

Provide a sign-up sheet for public comment

List of participants and attendees

## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 4, 2004, 9:00 – 11:00AM

Location: Basement Meeting Room, NW 4<sup>th</sup> and Monroe, Corvallis

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FROM THE SIGN-IN SHEET

Jerry Schwartze	(Resident – Coburg)
Dave Ballard	(City Councilor – Monroe)
Tom Mendes	(Eugene, Wastewater Treatment Plant)
Frank Ossiander	(Citizen – Benton County)
Todd Jarvis	(OSU Center for Water & Env. Studies)
Jennifer Boudin	(DEQ- Outreach & Communications)
Stephanie Schultz	(Lane County Government)
Steve Hopkins	(Lane County Government)
Craig Costello	(Coburg Public Works)
Donald Nelson	(SOV Group, Coburg)
Ross Penhallogon	(Lane County Extension)
Didi Mararkey	(DEQ Environmental Quality Commission)
Carolyn Kinnan	(Save Our Valley)
Kevin Seifert	(Linn Soil & Water Tech.)
Jeremy Craner	(OSU Student)
Michael Mattick	(Oregon Water Resources – WaterMaster)