

**Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area (GWMA)
March 30, 2006 Committee Meeting – Harrisburg City Hall**

Present: Dennis Boeger*, Tim Bunnell*, Roger Haffner*, Sue Lurie*, Rich Margerum*, Jerry Marguth*, Linda Modrell*, George Pugh*, Faye Stewart*, Pat Straube*, Karen Strohmeier*, Judy Volta*, Lanny Zoeller*, Audrey Eldridge, Denise Kalakay, Laura Moscovitz, Mike Powers, Scott Shine

Absent: Annabelle Jaramillo*, Mike Warner*, Cliff Wooten*, Frank Wright*

Chair Tim Bunnell opened the meeting with announcements and introductions. Scott Shine gave a brief review of the committee decision making ground rules and the meeting agenda.

Jerry Marguth gave a brief review of regional farming data that highlighted changes in production and management that have occurred because of extrinsic factors. He updated the committee on the recent activities of the Agricultural Working Group. Mike Powers of Oregon Department of Agriculture then provided an overview of the Final Draft Agricultural Working Group Report and asked for feedback. Questions were addressed regarding the time-lag in nitrate concentration, differing contributions by crop type, and future land use projections. Scott Shine called for a vote to approve the final draft of the working group report goals, strategies, and actions, and measurements of effectiveness, and the committee unanimously endorsed both items.

Following a short break, Audrey Eldridge of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality presented an overview of the Commercial and Industrial Working Group's considerations and Draft Action Plan. Sue Lurie then reviewed the goals and strategy recommendations. The committee requested that all acronyms be defined in the beginning of the report. Chair Tim Bunnell asked how often the committee would meet after the action plan was approved and Audrey Eldridge suggested that the group reconvene at least once in the next 2-3 years. Pat Straube raised the question of who the lead agency was. Audrey Eldridge stated that the Oregon DEQ is the lead agency but noted that this designation could change according to funding. Linda Modrell said that it would be useful to have additional funding resources outlined. Denise Kalakay informed the committee that LCOG is funded to put together a matrix of potential funding opportunities to assist local governments in pursuing improvement projects. The committee suggested that the working groups adopt a consistent approach and universal timeline for action plan review. It was recommended that the committee meet on logical check-in dates to assess all actions to date. Sue Lurie noted that the action plan must be user friendly. A vote was called to approve the final draft of the working group report goals, strategies, and actions, and measurements of effectiveness. All members voted in favor.

Audrey Eldridge explained the proposed groundwater monitoring network and baseline data requirements. Pat Straube suggested that supplementary data be collected on factors that may affect groundwater nitrate concentrations. She also questioned whether monitoring data could incorporate results of certified water test that are voluntarily submitted by landowners for recoding purposes. Discussion suggested that it would not be statistically valid to use this supplementary data. Judy Volta questioned the use of quasi-random sampling and whether focusing on areas with vulnerable soil was an option. Audrey Eldridge responded that random sampling was not possible given monitoring objectives and right-of-way limitations. The discussion of how to measure success and the basis for rescinding the GWMA designation will be had at a later date.

The next GWMA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2005 at 8:00 am in Harrisburg City Hall.