



Harney County Community-Based Water Planning
--Water Availability Work Group session--
September 20, 2017
5:00– 8:00PM
Harney County Community Center

Overall Process Purpose: *The overall purpose of this planning process is to engage a broad, representative group of stakeholders and other interested members of the public to begin the process of developing a long-term integrated water resources strategy that will meet the needs of Harney County. In the near term, the process will fulfill the requirements of the **Community-Based Water Planning** grant awarded to Harney County Watershed Council by the Oregon Water Resources Department.*

Today's Work Group Session Purpose:

- Approve the Collaborative ***Working Agreements and Work Plan***
- Continue discussion on ***Groundwater Management and Conservation Strategies and Options***, focusing on legal and policy considerations, as well as models from other areas.
- A sub-committee will be asked to meet over the coming weeks to develop a summary with strategy recommendations for groundwater management and conservation. These recommendations will be later reviewed by the full Collaborative for approval.

5:00 Welcome & Introductions, Frame for the Day, Discussion Protocols (*Robin Harkless, Oregon Consensus Facilitator*)

5:15 Working Agreements Review (*Facilitator and Work Group Review for Approval*)

5:45 Work Plan of the Collaborative (*Co-Conveners and Work Group Discussion*)

- Review process to-date, and the approach to understanding Harney County water availability issues.
- Discuss how issues might be addressed through recommended management strategies.

6:05 Break

6:15 Groundwater Conservation Policies, Rules & Options (*Martha Pagel, Water law attorney*)
-Former OWRD and ODSL Director will speak on the context of water law and policies in Oregon.
Q &A on how policies either support groundwater conservation or act as disincentives/barriers.

7:00 Case Example: Idaho Groundwater Management (*Lynn Tominaga, Exec Dir of Groundwater Appropriators Association & Idaho Groundwater Association*)
-Lynn will give a presentation on a groundwater management model that has worked in Idaho.
There will be time for Q&A.

7:45 Wrap Up/Next Steps

8:00 Adjourn



***SUGGESTED DISCUSSION PROTOCOLS**

For effective communication and participation

- Be willing to bring your best intentions of helping to plan for the water needs of Harney County.
- Approach the discussion with a spirit of curiosity and a willingness to learn something new
- Be willing to say what is most important to you, and listen to what is important to others
- Be willing to disagree – without being disagreeable
- Try to stay on topic
- Share the air time with everyone else
- Limit side conversations to breaks or outside the room
- Limit cell phone use (calls, texts, vibrations) to emergencies
- Other Protocols that will be helpful for participation in this process?