

Notice of Public Meeting

Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program

BACKGROUND:

In 2008, the Department began an evaluation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Program as required by HB 3494 (2005 Oregon Laws). By January 31, 2009, the Department is required to report to the Legislature on the implementation and operation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation and Mitigation Bank programs. HB 3494 directs the Department to consult with Deschutes River Basin water users and organizations.

To implement this effort, the Department formed a Deschutes Work Group composed of stakeholders and local water users representing a wide range of interests. This group met during 2008 to provide input on areas where the program is working and to help identify areas for improvement. More information about the work group and a copy of the report, when available, can be accessed on the Department's website at:

http://www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/Deschutes_five_year_eval.shtml

The purpose of this public meeting is to provide information on the draft report, recommendations from the Deschutes Work Group, and general information about the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Program.

DATE: December 10, 2008
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Deschutes Services Building
Barnes/Sawyer Room
1300 NW Wall Street
Bend, Oregon

PRESENTATIONS:

Opening Remarks	Paul Hoobyar	10 Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of meeting		
Presentation on Deschutes Workgroup	Kyle Gorman	20 Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results and Recommendations		
Questions and Answers	Paul Hoobyar	30 Minutes

INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS:

These informational booths are designed for the public to learn one-on-one with Department Staff and others about the mitigation program in a setting conducive to interactive dialog.

Topics for the informational booths may include:

- Science – Ground water hydrology
- Science – Surface water hydrology
- Water Rights Permitting/Water Bank
- Draft Report/Workgroup Recommendations

Adjourn 8:00 PM

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