

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDUSTRIES**

Friday June 29, 2012
Portland, Oregon

1) Call to Order:

Chair Larry Givens called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

2) Introductions:

Board Chair Larry Givens, Vice Chair Douglas MacDougal and Board Members Steve Macnab, Charles Vars and Lisa Phipps were present.

DOGAMI Staff in attendance:

Vicki McConnell, State Geologist

Bob Houston, Energy Resources Geologist

Rachel Lyles, Project Operations Manager

Carol DuVernois, Executive Assistant

Others:

Linda Gilbert, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Office

Jeff Weber, DLCD

1 **3) Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2012 meeting and April 23, 2012 teleconference**
2 **meeting: (Board) *Action Item***
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4 **Motion: Macnab moved and Phipps seconded motion to approve minutes as**
5 **written. Motion carried.**
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7 **4) 2012 Legislative Assembly Update: (Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist)**

8 **a. Key Performance Measure 11 – Governance. Board members will**
9 **receive self-evaluation materials for updating their performance measure**
10 **in preparation for Agency Annual Performance Measure Report: *Update***
11 ***and Action Item***

12 Board members reviewed self-evaluation materials and agreed to submit
13 completed Best Practices Self-Assessment forms by July 31, 2012.
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15 **5) State of the Agency: (Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist)**

16 **a. Update of Agency activity by State Geologist: *Update Item***

17 McConnell briefed the Board on recent agency activity, including new
18 projects, completed projects, meetings and conferences attended by staff,
19 staffing changes and agency synergy.

20 Board member Phipps noted that the public response to agency tsunami
21 evacuation outreach has been overwhelmingly positive and the maps have been

22 well received. Board member Vars said that the tsunami outreach program
23 showed a phenomenal fulfillment of strategic plan goals.

24 McConnell showed the Board recent maps published by the agency,
25 including Open File Report O-12-02, the Lidar-based Surficial Geologic Map of
26 the Greater Portland area; and IMS-36, map of the Missoula Flood features in
27 the Portland area. The maps were so admired by the Board that they suggested
28 we investigate the possibility of publishing a coffee table book of our maps.

29 **b. Update on Recruitment for DOGAMI Assistant Director - Geologic**
30 **Survey and Services Program: *Update Item***

31 Recruitment for a new Assistant Director is in progress. Interviews will be
32 held in the near future, and hopefully an offer will be made by early August.

33 **c. Discussion of potential revisions to Oregon Administrative Rule 632**
34 **Division 5 - Tsunami Inundation Zone: *Information Item/Action Item***

35 McConnell outlined the potential revisions to the current Tsunami
36 Inundation Zone maps using current digitizing capabilities and what that would
37 entail. She requested permission to develop a workshop to discuss potential
38 revisions with stakeholders.

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40 **Motion: Vars moved to approve staff recommendation to develop a workshop**
41 **to discuss potential revisions to SB 379 Tsunami Inundation Maps with**
42 **interested parties and stakeholders. Phipps seconded the motion. Motion**
43 **carried.**

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45 **6) Break:**

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47 **7) Regulatory Issues: (Robert Houston, Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation**
48 **Program)**

49 **a. Status of rulemaking for aggregate, oil and gas, geothermal laws.**
50 **The agency and AAG will update Board on geothermal and oil and**
51 **gas programs rules status: *Update Item***

52 Rulemaking for Divisions 10, 15, and 20 are all with the Assistant Attorney
53 General for review of the proposed draft rule language. We are anticipating that
54 the draft rules will be ready to submit to the Board for approval at the next
55 meeting.

56 **b. Summary of operational and enforcement activities for surface**
57 **mining and oil and gas and geothermal regulatory programs: *Update***
58 ***Item***

59 There are no enforcement actions at this time. There are no new oil and
60 gas well permits and one new geothermal well permit since the last update. US
61 Geothermal (Neal Hot Springs – Vale) is drilling the last two injection wells and
62 has already identified partial injection volume to proceed with the construction
63 of the pipelines, turbines, power lines and related infrastructure. Projected start
64 test date on the turbines is July 2. US Geothermal is planning a dedication
65 ceremony of the field in early fall. Chair Givens and Director McConnell agreed

66 to attend the dedication ceremony. Staff will extend invitations the Governor
67 and his Natural Resource Policy Advisors.

68 Additionally, Surprise Valley Electric (Paisley – Lake County) has identified
69 an economic geothermal resource (temperature and volume) that merits the
70 exploration for sufficient injectivity this year. Other notable exploration
71 activities include: Adel – Lake County (Crump Geothermal), Glass Buttes – Lake
72 County (ORMAT), Olene Gap - Klamath County (Kodali), and Newberry Volcano –
73 Deschutes County (Davenport, Davenport-Alta Rock, ORMAT).

74 The revised Notice of Intention to File a Consolidated Application has
75 been received from Calico Resources for the Grassy Mountain mine site and
76 approved by the Agency. Public outreach activities prescribed by the Division 37
77 rules have commenced. A site visit for state agencies and local government was
78 conducted on June 8th. The first Project Coordinating Committee meeting is
79 scheduled for August 14 and a public site visit scheduled for August 15. Chair
80 Givens and Director McConnell will attend.

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82 **8) Agency Request Budget, 10 Year Strategy Budget, Legislative Concept (Vicki S.**
83 **McConnell, State Geologist)**

84 **a. Update on the Agency Request Budget process: *Update Item***

85 McConnell briefed the Board on the policy option packages, and told the
86 Board they would need to schedule a teleconference for early August to adopt
87 the Agency Request Budget, which is due at the end of August. She made a note
88 that there will be no appeal process this year.

89 **b. Update on the 10 Year Strategy Budget process: *Update Item***

90 McConnell outlined work done by agency Directors to help develop the
91 Outcomes Based Budgeting process and described the outcome groups
92 assembled by the Governor’s office. Geologic Survey & Services has been
93 mapped to the Safety group, and Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation has
94 been mapped to Healthy Environments. Each program submitted Program Bid
95 Forms to the Program Funding Teams and we are waiting for feedback.

96 **c. Update on the status of the draft Legislative Concept 63200/001**
97 **Modifications to Metal Mining Statutes: *Update Item***

98 A placeholder Legislative Concept Request was submitted to DAS in early
99 June. The Agency has until July 13th to submit substantive draft legislative
100 concept language. We are on track to meet that deadline. Once submitted, DAS
101 has until July 30th to approve the LC for submittal to Legal Council for bill
102 drafting. An approval from DAS does not imply that Governor Kitzhaber will fully
103 support the legislation.

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105 **9) Set Time and Date for next meeting: (Board)**

106 The next meeting will be in Eastern Oregon, on September 27 and 28,
107 2012. Details to be determined.

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109 **10) Additional Public Comment:** (three minutes limit per person unless otherwise
110 specified at the meeting by the Chair)
111 There was no public comment.
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113 **11) Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm**
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115 **Action Items:**

- 116 1. Send a link to the Governor’s outcome groups’ webpage to the Board. Done.
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118 2. Carol will transcribe work session minutes from March 20, 2012.
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Larry Givens, Chair

Douglas MacDougal, Vice Chair

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Charles Vars

Lisa Phipps

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Steve Macnab

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