

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

Friday, July 12, 2013
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 Lisa Phipps, Charles Vars, and Dennis Luke were present.

DOGAMI Staff in attendance:

Vicki McConnell, State Geologist

Gary Lynch, Assistant Director, MLRR

Seay Johnson, Chief Fiscal Officer

Yumei Wang, Geotechnical Engineer

Rachel Smith, Project Operations Manager

Peter Ovington, Geologic Hazards Outreach Specialist

Carol DuVernois, Executive Assistant

Others:

Larry Tuttle, Center for Environmental Equity

Edward Wolf, Member of Oregon Resilience Plan Advisory Committee

Jeff Weber, DLCD

1 **3) Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2013 Portland Meeting Minutes: (Board) *Action***
2 *Item*

3 **Motion: MacDougal moved and Luke seconded motion to approve minutes as**
4 **written. Motion carried.**

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6 **4) Board Business:**

7 **a. Update of Board member terms: *Update Item***

8 Board members serve 4 year terms. Lisa Phipps' term ends on 11/30/2013. Charles Vars'
9 term ends 12/31/2013. Phipps would like to be considered for another term. Vars will
10 end his membership on the Board.

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12 McConnell will draft a memo to the Governor's office suggesting that Phipps be allowed
13 to serve another term. McConnell and Chair Givens will accept recommendations for
14 the central/southern Oregon Board seat.

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16 Chairship terms are for one year and end in September 2013. Board members will
17 consider next Chair and Vice-Chair candidates.

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19 **5) State of the Agency:** (Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist)

20 **a. Review of the 2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget and other**
21 **Legislation: *Update Item***

22 McConnell outlined legislation that may affect the agency. HB2248 has passed with no
23 amendments and there will be rule writing to follow. She noted that there were many
24 work groups and task forces formed this session, but there were no appropriations
25 attached to them to pay for staff time. We are not named on the Resilience Plan Task
26 Force.

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28 McConnell reported on our budget, Policy Option Packages, general fund
29 appropriations, and assessments. Our Legislatively Approved Budget has passed out of
30 the legislature and has been signed into law by Governor Kitzhaber. Our Key
31 Performance Measures were all approved by the legislature.

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33 **b. Update of Agency activity by State Geologist: *Update Item***

34 McConnell briefed the Board on recent agency activity, including new projects,
35 completed projects, meetings and conferences attended by staff, staffing changes and
36 agency synergy.

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38 **c. Financial Report for Agency activity through 2013 Biennium:**
39 ***Information Item***

40 McConnell and Johnson walked the Board through the expenditures and revenues as of
41 June 30, 2013, including ending balances for both programs.

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43 **7) Regulatory Issues:** (Gary Lynch, Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation Program)

44 **a. Status of rulemaking for Metal Mining Statutes : *Update Item***

45 HB 2248 was signed by the Governor on 6/13/13 (Chapter 371, 2013 Laws). We have
46 begun preliminary consultation with AAG Knudsen as to the scope of rule amendments
47 that will be necessary for implementation of HB 2248. We anticipate having rules before
48 the Board by the end of 2013.

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50 **b. Summary of operational and enforcement activities for surface**
51 **mining and oil and gas and geothermal regulatory programs: *Update***
52 ***Item***

53 **Mining Enforcement:** Numerous complaints have been made regarding DOGAMI ID#30-
54 0076 – A&B Asphalt/Adam Schatz. MLRR staff Ben Mundie met with Umatilla County
55 Planning Dept on June 19, 2013. MLRR is requesting a new survey/marketing of permit
56 boundary from the operator within 60 days to confirm operations are within the permit
57 boundary.

58 **Mining Update:** The current number of mining permits is 899. Mining-related
59 legislation has been greater than any previous session in recent memory. We are also
60 continuing participation in the Sage Grouse deliberation. We are well into the summer
61 field season – we ended the 2011-2013 biennium with a >92% inspection rate. We are
62 continuing work on the 5-year renewal of the DEQ 1200-A Stormwater permit; we are

63 currently receiving and reviewing pollution control plans for each site (180⁺).

64 **Geothermal or Oil & Gas Enforcement:** There are no Oil & Gas or Geothermal
65 enforcement actions at this time.

66 **Geothermal Update:**

67 The current number of Geothermal permits is 28 and 6 Geothermal Prospect permits.
68 USG Oregon is planning an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for their Neal Hot
69 Springs Geothermal Power Plant in Vale, Oregon in August 2013. DOGAMI will notify
70 the board when the date has been finalized.

71 **Oil & Gas Program Update:**

72 Since the last update, 2 O&G permits have been issued, 2 O&G permits have been
73 closed, and 1 seismic program permit has been closed. The total number of active O&G
74 permits remains 105, and there is 1 O&G Seismic program permit. Staff is continuing
75 work on an O&G Program summary of the exploration, development and production
76 activities within the previous 10 years. Additionally, this update will present a GIS-based
77 Mist well location map. Converting the Mist map into a GIS format allows the
78 department to easily extend the format statewide to present all O&G related
79 information and data in a comprehensive and web accessible interactive map.

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81 **c. Grassy Mountain permit application update: *Update Item***

82 The Technical Review Team met June 11, 2013 in Salem to inventory the state agency
83 permit applications that will be necessary to be filed with the consolidated permit
84 application. The TRT will work collaboratively to prepare a request to Calico that
85 outlines all the necessary State permit applications, in addition to the DOGAMI Division
86 37 requirements. Calico has not filed for an application with the Bureau of Land
87 Management for the necessary permits that would allow use of the BLM-owned road
88 that connects the mine site and the proposed milling site, to our knowledge.

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90 The Department has received one Public Records request for materials relating to
91 Department payment withheld by Calico Resources. All materials were certified mailed
92 to the requester on May 20th in a timely manner.

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94 **8) Summary of Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program 5 year plan** (Vicki McConnell &
95 Peter Ovington, DOGAMI Staff)

96 **a. 5 year Goals and Objectives – what we have accomplished: *Update***
97 ***Item***

98 DOGAMI has been working on tsunami hazard characterization and mitigation for nearly
99 15 years making incremental progress until about 6 years ago when both science and
100 policy aligned so we could accelerate the inundation modeling, mapping, and tsunami
101 mitigation outreach. We have reached a milestone in July 2013 with the publication of
102 tsunami inundation maps (TIMS) for the entire Oregon coast and the upcoming release
103 of the inundation modeling databases.

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105 Ovington outlined the Tsunami Preparedness Outreach program. He focused on the
106 accomplishments over the last three years, including the gaps and challenges for future
107 outreach work.

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109 **b. Next Steps – strategic plans for tsunami hazard mitigation program**
110 **and discussion of challenges: *Update Item***

111 McConnell reviewed the program’s progress over the last 6 years and outlined the
112 proposed next steps to the applied science and policy. Policy issues include
113 reauthorization of Tsunami Warning and Education Act of 2006 and the National
114 Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Act, how to align Agency goals and objectives to
115 the Oregon Resilience Plan, and how to integrate tsunami inundation data into
116 statewide land use policy.

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118 **Motion: MacDougal moved and Luke seconded that the Board write letters of**
119 **commendation to outreach staff. Motion carried.**

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

122 The next Board meeting will be on September 26, 2013 in Salem, Oregon. Board
123 meets 8:30 to 12:00 for Board business and then begins a co-meeting with the Land
124 Conservation and Development Commission from 1:00 to 3:00.

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126 **10) Additional Public Comment: (three minutes limit per person unless otherwise**
127 **specified at the meeting by the Chair)**

128 Larry Tuttle, Center for Environmental Equity submitted an outline of HB 3086 and what
129 he believes may be its effect on the agency to the Board. He believes the bill will open
130 up the possibility of The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to a quagmire of
131 litigation, and that DOGAMI may get caught up in it if the Aurora uranium mining project
132 moves forward.

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134 Tuttle also discussed late payments from Calico to the agency, noting that past due bills
135 can be viewed as a peril to the agency, and a virtual line of credit. He urged the agency
136 to stop processing the application when a bill is past due and to consider the legal and
137 practical implications.

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139 Edward Wolf, from the Oregon Resilience Plan Advisory Committee, complimented the
140 hard work DOGAMI did on the Oregon Resilience Plan and encouraged the Board to
141 recognize DOGAMI staff contributions to the ORP, including Ian Madin, Rob Witter, Bill
142 Burns, George Priest, Yumei Wang, and Vicki McConnell. His written comments were
143 submitted to the Board.

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146 **11) Adjourn**

147 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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Action Items:

1. Send commendation letters from Board to tsunami mitigation program staff. Done.
2. Send news release regarding MLRR awards. Done
3. Project matrix for next meeting. Done.
4. Memo to Governor's Office recommending Lisa Phipps be considered for another term on the Board.

APPROVED:

Larry Givens, Chair

Douglas MacDougal, Vice Chair

Charles Vars

Lisa Phipps

Dennis Luke