



Discussion Group Meeting

Monday, November 4 from 10 AM - 11:30 AM

High Desert Partnership

235 US-20, Hines, OR 97738

ZOOM: <https://pdx.zoom.us/j/87264429397>

- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Welcome & Confirming What to Discuss
- Introductions
 - Agenda overview
- 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Discussion 1: Do the notes reflect what you said on adaptive management?
- Anything else?
 - OK to set this aside to the RAC for now?
- 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. Discussion 2: Risks and uncertainties
- What are the most significant sources of risk and uncertainty that you would want an adaptive management framework to be mindful of?
- 11:15am - 11:30pm Recap and Next Steps
- No discussion group on Nov 11 (Veterans Day, thank you to all who have served!)
 - Dec 2 or Nov 18- Likely a half day & full day in person focused on voluntary actions
 - Voluntary agreements
 - CREP
 - And reflecting on what was learned in the Nov 13 RAC
 - Reviewing some likely remaining discussion topics



DISCUSSION GROUPS CHARGE

Harney Groundwater RAC

(last updated 8/9/2024)

What are the discussion groups?

The discussion groups are an informal opportunity, open to all Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) members and the public, to discuss options and considerations for topics tied to crafting the Harney Groundwater rules.

The goal of the discussion groups is to better access and incorporate the collective wisdom of the RAC and public in terms of crafting an approach to groundwater management in the Harney Basin.

The groups do not make decisions, they just discuss options and considerations. Each “discussion” the group hosts is guided by the list of topics being worked on by the RAC. For any topic, the RAC may ask a discussion group to:

- Discuss particular questions posed by the RAC and/or OWRD;
- Offer additional options and considerations for a particular topic; and
- Keep a record of the discussion to help inform RAC feedback to OWRD.

How are the discussion groups noticed, facilitated, and notes kept?

The discussion groups will be facilitated by Oregon Consensus, and who will be responsible for an inclusive discussion and one that is consistent with Oregon Consensus’ standards of practice for third party mediation.

The discussion groups will have staff support from High Desert Partnership to assist with organizing discussion group logistics; and bringing information into the discussion on the options and considerations offered by the discussion groups, RAC, and/or OWRD.

All discussion group meetings will:

- Be noticed in advance via email to RAC members and posted to the OWRD RAC website;
- Include agendas on the types of discussion to be held;
- Be hosted in a hybrid form to allow for both in-person and online participation; and
- Be recorded with notes taken so that the discussions are transparent and information is available to inform RAC feedback to OWRD.
- Anyone can participate, not just RAC members.
- Will include OWRD staff as participants

When do the discussion groups meet?



The timing and format of the discussion groups will be determined in consultation with the RAC. Generally, discussion groups will meet:

- In person at the Harney County Community Center (484 N Broadway Ave, Burns, OR 97720); and
- On Zoom at <https://pdx.zoom.us/j/87264429397>

There may be an opportunity/need for some longer discussion group sessions (e.g., a half day), so there is opportunity for addressing more topics and/or working through more complex issues.

DRAFT discussion group operating principles

Operating principles can help a group guide its conversations. The discussion group will develop its own operating principles, but here are some ones to start with:

- Start with the RAC feedback that has already been provided as the beginning point for the discussion groups.
- Be clear about the status of a discussion on a particular topic before moving on to discuss a new topic.



Discussion Group Meeting

Monday, October 7 from 10 AM - 11:30 AM

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- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Welcome, Updates, & Confirming what to discuss
- Introductions
 - Agenda overview
 - Reflections from the Oct 2 RAC
 - Update on Fiscal Impacts
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Teeing up Discussions 1, 2, and 3
- Knowing success when you “see” it: The RAC is considering goal options around “zero decline” and “some recovery” over a variety of “timelines”. For any of these, how would OWRD and the community measure and determine success. What issues do we want to make sure we discuss on this topic in October?
 - Adaptive management: The RAC has mentioned the importance of adaptive management regularly—What happens if there is a big recharge years? What if reductions lead to faster stabilization? What if reductions don’t lead to fast enough stabilization? What issues do we want to make sure we discuss on this topic in October?
 - Fiscal impact analysis: Input on some options for getting fiscal impact analysis, with support from an outside economist, sooner rather than later.
- 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Action Items and Reflections
- Review action items
 Invite reflections from participants



Discussion Group Meeting

Monday, October 14 from 10 AM - 11:30 AM

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Discussion Group Meeting

Monday, October 21 from 10 AM - 11:30 AM

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- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Welcome, Updates, & Confirming what to discuss
- Introductions
 - Agenda overview
 - Updates
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Discussion: Sources of data & considerations for some indicators of success
- Do the indicators of success reflect what was discussed at the 9/16 and 9/17 discussion group? How about the sources of data? What else?
 - What are the key measurement questions we want to generate options and considerations for at the 10/28 in-person discussion group?
- 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Action Items and Reflections
- Review action items
 - Invite reflections from participants



Discussion Group Meeting

Monday, October 28 from 10 AM - 4:00 PM

Harney County Community Center

478 N Broadway Ave, Burns, OR 97720

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- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Welcome & Confirming What to Discuss
- Introductions
 - Agenda overview
- 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Discussion 1: A framework for adaptive management
- What are the steps and when do they happen?
 - Is there a shared understanding of what adaptive management means to you? To others?
- 10:45 - 12:00 p.m. Discussion 2: Being clear about the indicators that should be watched
- Is the list of indicators pretty complete?
 - Can we generate some options for monitoring plans for a particular set of indicators?
 - Start with groundwater level trends (rate and magnitude of change) and pumping volume/use
 - Then maybe pick two more (e.g., domestic well impacts; impacts to springs and groundwater-dependent ecosystems; economic and community impacts)
 - Any options or remaining questions to send to RAC on measuring and monitoring?
 - What goes in rule, what goes in some other documentation of feedback?
- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch/Break
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Discussion 3: Adaptive management- Sources of uncertainty and risk?
- Where are the sources of uncertainty that should be watched?
 - What are the risks (likelihood and impacts) those uncertainties present?
 - And what are some options for reducing or managing those risks and uncertainties?



2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Discussion 4: Adaptive management- The steps and waypoints for adaptive management

- The RAC scenarios imply some options for adaptive management (e.g, implement all now, change as you learn; or implement in phases, change as you learn)
- What are the steps for adaptive management based on these options? When are those done, and by whom?
- There are the steps important for OWRD and regulation, and the steps important for all parties in overall groundwater management.

3:30pm - 4:00pm

Recap and Next Steps

- Review workshop discussion
- Identify next steps and needed information
- Prepare for the next RAC meeting
- Next Discussion Group is November 4 from 10-1130am