



Discussion Group Meeting

Monday, December 16 from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Harney Education Service District Conference Room

25 Fairview Heights, Burns, OR

ZOOM:

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| 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. | <u>Welcome & Confirming What to Discuss</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introductions● Agenda overview |
| 8:45 - 10:30 a.m. | <u>Grounding back in the model results: By subarea</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Presentation from OWRD on model results by subareas for scenarios● Stop and discuss after hearing the results by subarea |
| 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. | <u>Morning Break</u> |
| 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. | <u>Discussion 1: Do the subarea results lead to different options?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● At the last RAC, there was a survey on preferences for...<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1, 15, or 6 subareas?● Are there additional considerations or tradeoffs important for the RAC to think about? |
| 11:45 - 12:30 p.m. | <u>Discussion 2: Do the subarea results lead to different options?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● At the last RAC, there was a survey on preferences for...<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Success metric: 50% of wells stable or 80% of wells stable?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ What is reported and used for learning?■ What is used for management and decisionmaking?○ “Timeliness” of phasing in reductions from sooner to slower?○ “Timeliness” of achieving success/stability? 10, 30, 40, 60 years? |



- Are there additional considerations or tradeoffs important for the RAC to think about?

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 - 1:45 p.m. Discussion 3: Further defining adaptive management

- Is there a common definition of adaptive management we can use?

Definition from the Harney Place-Based Plan (emphasis added)

“Adaptive management is the process of learning while doing. It is dependent on monitoring outcomes of interventions (implemented strategies) and is based on a planning process that produces **strategies** that have **expected outcomes**. As specific strategies are implemented the expected outcome should be identified and the **timeframe to accomplish those outcomes** should be identified.

Central to any adaptive management program is **monitoring the effects of implemented actions** (strategies). Only by monitoring and evaluating the outcomes of implemented actions can judgements be made about **progress towards goals**. Monitoring demonstrates progress or lack thereof during **critical milestones** and **allows for strategies to be adjusted** for maximum efficacy. This process requires: 1) a commitment to identifying the expected outcomes in some measurable manner and the timeframe the expected outcome will likely respond, 2) regular monitoring of the indicator of the expected outcome, 3) **reporting on the monitoring results**, 4) **evaluation of the effectiveness** given the expected timeframe for response, and 5) a **commitment to adjust** strategies based on feedback from monitoring and evaluation.

The adaptive management cycle (Figure 19) involves applying interventions (Tactical Strategies), monitoring outcomes, and adjusting tactics as outcomes indicate is necessary. Strategies to address the elements of the adaptive cycle have been identified by the Collaborative.” (Harney Community-Based Water Planning, 2024, p122. Available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/18tQ2oBFRkU50B2jzkzTprnaF7JlloxtBJK/edit>).

- What else do we need more detail on for adaptive management- Flagging for future discussion groups or RAC?
 - Examples from other agencies and states - mechanisms for adaptive management
 - What are the indicators of success?
 - For OWRD and this rule
 - For broader adaptive management
 - What should the frequency of monitoring, analysis, and reporting be? 1, 3, 5, 10 yrs?
 - When should effectiveness be evaluated and adjustments made (balance between certainty and adaptation)? Every 5, 10, 20 years?



- What are the management strategies that can be adjusted? How?
- And what does community involvement look like?

1:45pm - 2:00pm

Recap and Next Steps

- Review workshop discussion
- Identify next steps and needed information
- Prepare for the next RAC meeting
- Next Discussion Group is likely January 6 from 10-1130am



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.