



Discussion Group Meeting

Monday, November 18 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 - 11:15 a.m.     Discussion 1: What questions came up on the modeling results?
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- 11:15am - 11:30pm     Recap and Next Steps
- Upcoming meetings: Let's talk about what to cover on
    - November 25:
    - Dec 2:
    - Dec 9:
    - Dec 16:



## **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.