

LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
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Meeting called to order 1:32pm

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a motion from Aaron Palmquist and a second from Scott Lukas.

Charles Kennedy from DEQ updated the group on the draft Action Plan and the comments so far received. He still needs a few things from other sub committees.

Discussion on the BMP certification program, mostly around the definition of what it is and what it means. It doesn't really cover ground water direction but would assist in a broader scope. There were questions about how to track it and manage success or failure.

Ellen Hammond talked about SIA plan and it works in possible conjunction of the BMP certification program. Site review process typically takes place to determine if program would apply area or not typically only covers surface water protection issues but there are possible cross overs. Maybe not applicable for irrigated agriculture yet as its early in its design process, maybe at a later date. BMP should be refined and more targeted. ODA and DEQ are on the same page on this.

Funding for a lot of items is needed on the current draft Action Plan however it needs finalized to be eligible for some of that funding opportunities.

Sub committees to find Action Plan items for study. *lots of discussion on this topic.

Finalizing action plan as a living document should be the priority and reviewing it annually.

- Talks about goals and measurements of success in the Action Plan

Action plan will be ready by next meeting to be final reviewed by the group.

Discussion and introduction to the new LUBGWMA website.

Next Meeting Oct 25th 1:30pm at OSU HAREC Phil will reserve room again.

Adjourn 3:02pm

Submitted by Miff Devin and Janet Greenup