

## LUBGWMA Committee General Meeting 10\* Virtual

10/12/2023 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am

MEETING Link: 

[Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/92060162726?pwd=SVFpc2R6RkNxR2hhNVRySVVHcUZvQT09>

Meeting ID: 920 6016 2726 Password: 788663

Click [here](#) or copy and paste the link above to your browser (Google)

Please find the [instructions](#) on how to join a Zoom meeting

### Agenda:

Time	Action Item
9:00 am - 9:10 am	<b>Welcome; present agenda and recap.</b> Salini Sasidharan
9:10 am - 9:15 am	<b>Introduction</b> LUBGWMA Committee Members
9:15 am – 9:45 am	<b>Discussion for Additional Subcommittee and Approval</b> LUBGWMA Committee Members and Public
9:45 am – 10:00 am	<b>Selection and approval of Communication and Technical Subcommittee Coordinators</b> LUBGWMA Committee Members and Public
10:00 – 10:15 am	<b>Potential Funding Pathways through Farm Bill</b> John Selker, Oregon State University
10:15 – 10:40 am	<b>Update on Roadmap based on Workshop Outcome</b> HDR
10:40 – 10:55 am	<b>Bylaw Update (Vacancy/Subcommittee)</b> Laura Gleim/DEQ
11:00 am	Adjourn

Agenda Prepared By - Dr. Salini Sasidharan/LUBGWMA Chair  
Dan Dorrان/LUBGWMA Vice Chair  
Kevin Payne/LUBGWA Secretary  
Laura Gleim/DEQ

Check Past Meeting Information, Minutes, and Presentations [here](#).

### Alternate meeting information:

#### Phone Dial-In Information

+1 971 247 1195 US (Portland), +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma), +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Join by Polycom/Cisco/Other Room System, [97665876086@zoomcrc.com](mailto:97665876086@zoomcrc.com)<<mailto:97665876086@zoomcrc.com>>

\*Meetings will be numbered, starting on August 30th, 2022 (1), for data archiving purposes.

Lunch will be provided for the in-person meetings. Thanks to the Morrow/Umatilla County

LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA  
LUBGWMA Committee meeting #10  
MINUTES-10/12/2023  
Zoom video.

Attendance:

Roy Drago Jr.  
Salini Sasidharan  
Jake Madison  
Debbie Radie  
Karen Lewotsky  
Bob Waldher  
Justin Green  
Dan Doran  
Curtis Cude  
Tom Straughn  
Greg Harris  
Khad Kamb  
Ruijun Qin

Kristin Ostrum  
Shiloh Simrell  
Kaleb Lay  
Jessica Keys  
Robb Hibbs  
Ian Toevs  
Sandy DeBano  
Kevin Payne  
Jared Huddleston  
Judith Barroso  
Abigale Tomasek  
John Selker  
Laura Gleim

Don Wysocki  
Andrew J.  
Courtney Crowell  
JR Cook  
Ann Farris  
Wes Killion  
Stephen Machado  
Maria Zamora  
Harr 8539  
1-541-xxxx-569  
1-971-xxxx-162

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Salini Sasidharan.
- Salini covered the agenda and meeting ground rules.
- Karen asked for a 5 minute comment period added to the end of the meetings for committee members to update the others or bring things to the committee of interest.
- LUBGWMA Committee members and alternates participating introduced themselves. A quorum was present.
- Salini gave a summary of the August workshop. Priorities were Secure Funding, Conduct a Detailed Hydrology Transport Model for the Lower Umatilla Basin and Community Outreach/Understanding BMPs.
- Salini then outlined the structure and leadership of the committee moving forward. The LUBGWMA Committee will form multiple subcommittees and those subcommittees will form task forces if deemed necessary.
- Subcommittee meetings are for discussions of ideas or sharing of information. There will be no voting by committee members in a subcommittee meeting. Any action items will be brought before the committee during a regular meeting.
- The subcommittees previously formally approved were a Funding Subcommittee, a Technical Subcommittee and a Communication Subcommittee.
- Debbie Radie asked who the dedicated spokesperson for the LUBGWMA would be. Salini stated that the purpose of forming these subcommittees would be to find that individual or individuals.
- Greg Harris stated that Misty Edgecomb would be interested in serving as the Communication Subcommittee Coordinator. Salini will follow up with her. Debbie Radie stated she will be the other coordinator.
- Salini will serve as a Technical Subcommittee Coordinator with Ian Toevs as her alternate.
- Salini presented potential subcommittees under consideration by the committee. One is the Regulatory Liaison and Partnership Subcommittee. Karen Lewotsky suggested dropping “Regulatory” from the name.

- Salini made a motion to form an Agency Liaison and Partnership Subcommittee. Dan Doran seconded. Salini called for a vote. Motion passed with 8 yeases.
- Karen Lewotsky agreed to be the Agency Liaison and Partnership Subcommittee Coordinator alternate, with Jake Madison as the Agency Liaison and Partnership Subcommittee Coordinator.
- Salini presented the potential Best Management and Monitoring Subcommittee to the group. Dan Doran stated Bob Waldher would be interested in being the Subcommittee Coordinator for this subcommittee. Salini mentioned that Tamra Mabbott may be interested as well. Salini will reach out to her. Greg Harris and Jake Madison both expressed interest on serving this subcommittee.
- Salini made a motion to form a Best Management and Monitoring Subcommittee. Karen Lewotsky seconded. Salini called for a vote. Motion passed with 7 yeases.
- Kristin Ostrum gave an update on some of the domestic well testing that has happened in the area and a program to offer free testing, free drinking water and filters where appropriate. 3,300 residents identified as at risk with 1,001 wells tested. Data collecting continues. Of the wells tested, around 40% of the Morrow County wells tested high and around 20% of the Umatilla County wells tested high.
- Curtis Cude mentioned OHA intends to provide follow up annual testing for residents who tested less than 10 mg/L nitrates.
- Dr. John Selker gave a presentation on Potential Federal Funding Pathways from the USDA Farm Bill. He is seeking to add funding for the National Nutrient Management Collaboratory to the 2023 Farm Bill or other legislative vehicle.
- Salini stated that the HDR representative was unable to make the meeting today and that agenda item would be skipped.

- Laura Gleim gave an update on the bylaws with regards to committee nominations and subcommittee activities falling under public meeting laws. DEQ consulted with DOJ and the activities of the subcommittees should be treated as a public meeting for transparency, given high interest in the LUBGWMA. It is advised that subcommittee meetings be posted and open to the public.
- Karen Lewotsky asked for an overview on the process of agency coordination and the status of reviewing the 2<sup>nd</sup> action plan. Laura mentioned there is an updated workplan with DEQ and OHA and compiling agency updates. Courtney Crowell stated that there may be some resources coming with regards to finding a designated 3<sup>rd</sup> party to assist with agency coordination in the GWMA.
- Kaleb Lay requested an update on Phil Richardson's next analysis on nitrate leaching if possible.
- Debbie wondered if a schedule could be put together for the general public to be able to interact with agencies to get updates. Potentially every 6 months or so.
- Dr. Ray stated he would be interested in joining the Best Management and Monitoring subcommittee.
- Next scheduled meeting is set for Nov. 9th, 2023, 9:00 – 11:00 am and will be hybrid.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am.

Submitted by Kevin Payne

Reviewed by Salini Sasidharan

