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Harney Groundwater Study Advisory Committee Will Meet October 20

The second meeting of the Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Study Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harney County Community Center, 484 N Broadway in Burns. The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) and the Harney County Court jointly appointed members to the advisory committee.

OWRD and the US Geological Survey (USGS) are cooperatively conducting a groundwater study in the Greater Harney Valley that will provide additional information about the aquifer system and whether there is opportunity for new groundwater development in some parts of the study area. The agencies should complete the study by the end of 2020.

The Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Study Advisory Committee tracks and provides input on the study as it progresses. Members of this committee include a representative of the County Court and OWRD, local landowners and business owners, a member of the Harney County Watershed Council, interested citizens, a representative of the Burns-Paiute Tribe, a representative of a conservation organization, and a federal agency representative.

The USGS will discuss the groundwater study during the first hour of the meeting, which will include time for questions and comments from the public. The presentation will be followed by an advisory committee work session. Members of the public are welcome to attend the entire meeting.

Meeting materials, including a list of the advisory committee members, agendas and meeting summaries will be available at: http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/Place/Malheur_Lake_Basin.aspx.

Anyone interested in receiving future email announcements with information related to the groundwater study in the Malheur Lake Basin can sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/b90Y5n>.

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