

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC)
Meeting Minutes: November 1, 2006 9:00 – 12:00
DNR GEF 2 Conference Room 613
101 South Webster, Madison

Committee members in attendance: Mike Carter, Dan Duchniak, Stuart Gross, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Doug Hahn, Jill Jonas for Todd Ambs, Lawrie Kobza, Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, Bob Nauta

- 1) **Welcome and introductions:** Jonas reported that the Natural Resource Board unanimously agreed to move draft NR820 ahead, recognizing the use of placeholders and the need for comments. Hearings are planned for mid-December.
The committee agreed to review all draft minutes to date at the November 30 meeting.
- 2) **Agenda Repair:** Additional items for [Groundwater Attention Areas](#).
- 3) **Continue discussion of [consensus document rev 10-18-06](#)**
 - a) **Enforcement of Groundwater Management Plans**
 - i) Permitting process in GMAs
 - (1) Consensus was reached on item 31 as modified to read: “High capacity well approval criteria in GMAs will include testing quantitative analysis, and numerical simulation requirements and conservation considerations.”
 - (2) Consensus was reached on item 32 as modified to read: “Within GMAs, new high capacity well approvals must be consistent with the Groundwater Management Plans”.
 - (3) Consensus was reached on new item 32’ to read: “After 10 years, existing high capacity well approvals in GMAs may be modified to be consistent with the Groundwater Management plan adopted for the GMA.”
 - ii) Recharge areas outside the GMAs: not discussed.
 - b) **Funding of the Planning Process**
 - i) Allocation among the participants
 - ii) Funding for the planning agency
It was suggested that Items 33 and 35 be combined but discussion was tabled so that DNR staff can assemble potential guiding principles for local aids and mitigation using locally derived funds or statewide revenue sources or a combination of both.
 - c) There was consensus to remove item 11a from the table because it is addressed in the new item 32.
 - d) Discussion of how to integrate conservation into the Groundwater Management Plans resulted in consensus to the addition of conservation considerations to item 31 as shown above and the addition of item 14k to read: “The Groundwater Management Plan must include a conservation component.”
- 4) **[Groundwater Attention Areas](#)** For consistency, “other areas needing coordinated management” will be called Groundwater Attention Areas. Recommended legislation item 3 was discussed but consensus was not reached because additional authorization may not be needed and the committee has not yet fully defined the concept of GAAs . Consensus was reached to include recommended administrative rule item #2 in the Consensus Item Table as #38 and reading: “The rules shall

designate Groundwater Attention Areas, consistent with item #16, and shall delineate a funding program to support research, management strategies and planning activities in those areas.”

- 5) **Report Outline** Staff were instructed to continue writing the introduction and background portions for the two GMAs and to write short introductory paragraphs for each section of the report. Staff were also instructed to find out whether the Legislative chairs will want a presentation to their committees in addition to the written report.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 14 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Topics will be mitigation, funding and enforcement (beyond high-cap well approvals).

Adjourn: at 12:03 pm.