

## **GWMA Residential Working Group March 16, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Gail Andrews, George Ehlers, Jacqueline Fern, Roger Haffner, Jan Heron, Denise Kalakay, Daniel Moreno, Laura Moscovitz, Cathy Neumann, Juno Pandian, Laila Parker, Rick Partipilo, Lanny Zoeller

The Rural Residential Working Group met on 3/16/06 at the Town and Country Realty office in Corvallis. Gail Andrews facilitated the meeting. The group discussed the latest draft residential component of the groundwater management plan with a revised goal structure

Gail Andrews began the meeting with a discussion of Goal 3, “Technical Support for Local Governing Bodies”, which was drafted to provide for an optional regulatory toolbox for county administrators in response to a request at the previous GWMA meeting. Gail checked to make sure that those present understood the request for a strategy addressing the development of a toolbox and the removal of the strategies that worked towards planning and zoning changes.

There was discussion of whether the proposed strategies outlined in Goal 3 would overlap with the responsibilities of either DEQ or the GWMA committee, and some rewording was suggested to avoid such overlap.

The group discussed whether and how this plan should address human health risks. Cathy Neumann suggested that public health issues should not be mentioned in the plan unless they were fully addressed. The committee acknowledged its lack of expertise in addressing public health matters, and suggested that DEQ would be better equipped for taking on relevant regulation, such as a geographic rule. There was, however, consensus by committee members that their constituents should be informed about relevant nitrate-related health risks and water treatment options. Even though these actions do not relate directly to the reduction of nitrate in the groundwater, it was agreed upon that these topics should be included in the plan.

A number of substantial changes were made to Goal 3 to satisfy requests by committee members that staff remove any language that could imply a required regulatory approach.

Goals 1 and 2 were approved by the committee, with a few minor changes for clarification.

Rick Partipilo and Juno Pandian agreed to take on revisions of Goals 4 and 5, respectively, and to report back to staff for incorporation into the plan.

Staff reminded committee members that a polished draft would be due by April 13, in preparation for the next GWMA committee meeting.