

WELLS AND THE WELL-BEING OF OREGON

**The Northwest Viticulture Center, 215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem, OR
December 11, 2008**

Sponsored by the Institute for Water and Watersheds and Oregon Sea Grant Extension

8:00-8:15: **Coffee and Tea Service**

8:15- 8:30: ***Welcome and Opening Remarks***

Phillip C. Ward, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

Jay Rasmussen, Interim Director, Oregon Sea Grant

Michael E. Campana, Director, Institute for Water and Watersheds

8:30- 9:15: ***America's Ground Water Dependence: Trends and Forecasts in a Changing Marketplace***

Kevin McCray, Executive Director, National Ground Water Association

9:15- 9:45: ***Ground Water in Western States***

Melinda Kassen, Western Water Project Managing Director, Trout Unlimited

9:45-10:00: **BREAK**

10:00- 11:00: ***The State of the Well in Oregon***

Karl Wozniak, Hydrologist, Oregon Water Resources Department

Number of wells, data collection, ground water studies, and problem areas

Jerry Schmidt, Oregon Ground Water Association

State of the business, opportunities, threats

11:00- 12:00: ***Examples of Collaborative Water Policy Development***

Turner Odell, Oregon Consensus Program, Portland State University

Exempt Ground Water Well Policy Consensus Work Group

Adam Stebbins, Benton County Water Project Coordinator

Dave Livesay, President, GSI Water Solutions

Benton County Water Project

12:00- 12:45: **LUNCH**

12:45- 1:45: ***Well Water Education and Safety: Practical Overview of Well Ownership***

Mike Gamroth, OSU Extension

Well water safety issues, protecting and improving water quality

Audrey Eldridge, Department of Environmental Quality

Education and Outreach to well owners to build an informed community

1:45- 2:30: ***Case Studies on Ground Water Challenged Areas***

Barbara Rich, REHS, Deschutes County Environmental Health

Abigail Brown, Oregon Sea Grant OWRD Fellow, Eola Hills

2:30-2:45: **BREAK**

2:45- 4:15: ***Opportunities for the Future***

Oregon Sea Grant- facilitated large group needs assessment; academic research needs on the hydrogeologic conceptualization of the problem, community outreach needs, etc.

4:15- 4:30: ***Closing Remarks***

4:30- 5:30: ***Informal Networking and Tapas***