

## South Deschutes County groundwater advisory committee selected

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The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners has selected 13 residents to serve on the South County Groundwater Advisory Committee. Deschutes County has identified about \$35 million to apply towards drinking water protection in the south county. This committee will develop recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners on how this financial assistance can best be utilized.

Each property owner in the focus area received an application form. The County received 65 applicants from whom the committee members were selected. Considerations used in selecting committee members included the following:

- Â· Geographic diversity across the entire area “ at least one representative from each of nine census block groups
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Â· Applicants chosen by a subdivision or neighborhood as their representative
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Â· Applicants with relevant experience, skills or expertise

The committee is expected to begin meeting in February on a bi-weekly basis over the course of three to four months. The County will provide a facilitator for the meetings, which will be held in south Deschutes County. All meetings will be open to the public.

The following residents are the appointed committee members:

Â· Martha Bauman â€“ recommended by Pine Crest subdivision

Â· Richard Brogden â€“ licensed domestic water well driller

Â· Roger Conard â€“ rural resident

Â· James Ed Criss “ recommended by Wild River subdivision; background in public health

Â· Doug Farmer “ recommended by Ponderosa Pines

Â· Darrell Gavette “ representing Anderson Acres

Â· Danil Hancock “ science professor; performed biological risk assessments for U.S. Navy

Â· Neal Henderson “ recommended by Deschutes River Recreation Home site, Unit #6

Â· Vicky Jackson “ real estate broker

Â· Pam Luettich “ business management and financial background

Â· June Ramey â€™ recommended by the Upper Deschutes River Natural Resource Coalition

Â· Robert Ray â€™ recommended by Newberry Estates subdivision

Â· Conrad Ruel â€™ recommended by the Upper Deschutes River Natural Resource Coalition

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