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SOUTH DESCHUTES/NORTH KLAMATH – GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

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RE: Steering Committee Member Application

Dear Residents and Stakeholders:

We enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you at the February 4, 2010 meeting at the La Pine Senior Activity Center. We compiled your suggestions in the meeting notes and have placed them and a full audio recording on the DEQ's web site: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/onsite/sdesch-nklam.htm>.

The first task of the steering committee will be to develop a public outreach and implementation plan for going forward with a comprehensive groundwater protection program. The primary role and responsibility of the committee will then be to explore any and all options for protecting the area's groundwater resources to ensure safe drinking water and public health protection.

DEQ is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the steering committee. A steering committee candidate must be willing to serve an initial commitment of at least one year and be available to attend scheduled meetings and subcommittee meetings. DEQ will coordinate and manage these meetings with input by the committee. Participation of well-informed residents and key stakeholders is critical to the process. Forming a solid steering committee that represents all interests throughout the basin is absolutely necessary to assure a meaningful and successful outcome. The size of the committee must be manageable so that it will be able to make decisions as a group and provide comprehensive recommendations to DEQ and the community. Therefore, DEQ expects the committee to be comprised of 7 to 11 members who represent a diversity of community perspectives.

In completing your application, please provide detailed information about your qualifications, background, specific interests and your reasons for wanting to be a part of this process. Please be sure to answer all of the questions and attach any additional information you feel important towards the selection process.

Our next public meeting will be held the evening of May 6th, 2010 at the La Pine Senior Activity Center. The purpose of this meeting will be to better establish the committee selection criteria and demographics with citizens of the area. Our plan is then to select, notify those selected and announce the committee members in June.

Attached is a steering committee application form. You may also apply electronically at the DEQ web site noted above. Please direct any questions you may have to Robert Baggett at 541-633-2036.

Even if you choose not to apply to be on the committee, in an effort of being more sustainable with resources DEQ asks that you please help us by going to the web site listed above and establish your e-mail contact information with us. You can do this by simply clicking the green envelope icon in the upper left corner next to "Sign up to receive e-mail alerts regarding the South Deschutes/North Klamath - Groundwater Protection Project."

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration,

Mitch Wolgamott, DEQ Eastern Region Administrator