

## HARTT Laura A \* WRD

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**From:** HARTT Laura A \* WRD  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2024 11:17 AM  
**To:** Martin E. Millard  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of proposed rulemaking

Hi Martin,

This email is to acknowledge we have received your written comments. You also may wish to attend one of the upcoming informational sessions and subsequent public hearings. During each informational session, we offer an overview of the proposed rulemaking and then take questions from the public, so that would be a good forum to ask your questions. Afterwards, we accept oral public comments. I'll note that the hearing scheduled for May 21 is a hybrid one, so you need not be there in person to participate. Dates, times, and locations are as listed in the notice and as posted on our [website](#).

Also, we have posted the info session/hearing recordings from our Bend meeting held yesterday, in case you'd like to review those:

- [Bend Info Session](#)
- [Bend Hearing](#)

Thank you for taking the time to comment, Laura

*[Laura Hartt \(she/her/hers\)](#)*

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**From:** Martin E. Millard <[martinemillard@hotmail.com](mailto:martinemillard@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:47 AM  
**To:** HARTT Laura A \* WRD <[laura.a.hartt@water.oregon.gov](mailto:laura.a.hartt@water.oregon.gov)>; WRD\_DL\_rulecoordinator@water.oregon.gov  
**Subject:** Notice of proposed rulemaking

You don't often get email from [martinemillard@hotmail.com](mailto:martinemillard@hotmail.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

To Laura A. Hartt,

I was sent the below notice from a fellow Oregonian. The notice doesn't mention anything about what is being proposed or changed. I went to the website <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/gwwl/gw/pages/groundwater-rulemaking.aspx> listed on the flier and I'm still having trouble figuring out what is being proposed or changed. Is this really how Oregon state agencies give Oregonians notice of changes to law that will affect us? It seems underhanded and sneaky. My impression is Governor Kotek wants to build a lot of homes and expects existing farms and property owners to cut back on water use for the new developments.

We, my family and I, do not support any of the changes. Whoever wrote the literature is being deceptive, possibly to prevent Oregonians from understanding what will be codified into law and to prevent Oregonians from being able to oppose the measure.

Document "GW Allocation Rulemaking Backgrounder FINAL Feb 2024.pdf" states:  
"Oregon is one of many western states dealing with rapid groundwater depletion."

1. Please provide a measurement of the groundwater depletion mentioned in the document.
2. Is the ground water depletion state wide or certain regions?

"Previous water rights determination practices did not consider long-term impacts to groundwater and surface water when granting water rights."

3. Please provide an explanation on how "previous water rights did not consider long-term impacts to groundwater and surface water when granting water rights."

4. Will these changes affect farms across the state?
5. What is "Market-based solutions." mentioned in the document?
6. Below is the notice, please point out where it states what is being changed:

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT**

CHAPTER 690  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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02/22/2024 6:03 PM  
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FILING CAPTION: Amend, repeal, and adopt rules pertaining to allocation of new groundwater rights.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 05/31/2024 5:00 PM

*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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Filed By:  
Laura Hartt  
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**HEARING(S)**

*Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.*

DATE: 04/04/2024

TIME: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

OFFICER: Laura Hartt

**IN-PERSON HEARING DETAILS**

ADDRESS: Deschutes Service Building, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

This hearing will be conducted in-person. Each person attending the hearing who wishes to comment will be asked to sign in on a sign-up sheet upon arrival. During the hearing, the hearing officer will call on members of the public to provide oral comment in the order in which attendees have registered to comment. The hearing will begin no earlier than 7:00 p.m. and close no later than 9:00 p.m. Based on the number of people who have signed up to provide oral comments, the hearing officer may set reasonable time limits for each commenter.

The hearing session will be recorded and available for viewing within 48 hours of the close of the hearing on the rulemaking website: <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/GWWL/GW/Pages/Groundwater-Rulemaking.aspx>.

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In addition to presenting oral comments at the hearing, anyone may submit written comments until 5 P.M. on May 31, 2024, which is the close of the public comment period. Written comments should be sent to "Laura Hartt" at Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301 or by email to WRD\_DL\_rule-coordinator@water.oregon.gov.

Comments received after 5 P.M. on May 31, 2024, will not be reviewed or considered by the agency unless the agency

Respectfully,  
Martin E. Millard & family

CC/BCC: Interested parties and government agencies

P.S. We have law makers here in Oregon who are harming Oregonians by continuously violating our rights under the US Constitution, Bill Of Rights, etc. You do not have authority to continuously violate our rights and prevent us from feeding our families healthy food, growing food, raising livestock, or access to water. You are wasting our time by forcing us to dedicate more and more of our precious time to preserve our rights from out-of-control law makers. Similar to the widespread medical propaganda we, Oregonians, have been forced to endure to coerce us into taking medical procedures such as covid shots. Enough is enough, you are making our lives worse and destroying the state of Oregon.