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I live in Central Oregon with Swalley Irrigation water rights on my property and a domestic well that is the only source of water for my home. The nearest public source is the Avion Water System about one quarter mile away.

That being said I still support the new groundwater rules for Oregon for the following reasons:

- +The impacts of climate change are real, and the State of Oregon needs to be more assertive about managing the possible consequences of this on groundwater resources in a more sustainable way.
- +Oregon's natural values are an important part of the State's economy and recreational values and many of these values depend on a sustainable management of its water resources.
- +Oregon's current groundwater rules are tied to historic practices no longer sustainable to the realities of the 21'st Century.

Sincerely,

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