

Public Comment Summary Matrix

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Yamhill County</i>	<i>Consultant & Potential Water Users</i>	<i>Area Residential Water Users</i>	<i>Staff Recommendation</i>
Marine Sediments	Since the marine sediment aquifer is stable at this time, the County felt that no restrictions are necessary.	The consultants and potential water users were concerned about restricting water use from the marine sediment aquifer.	The residential water users generally support the protection of the marine sediment aquifer as a “back-up” water supply.	Marine sediment aquifer is low yield and wells often fail over time, however well-to-well interference is rare. Staff recommend continued monitoring of the marine sediments, but no limitation at this time.
Columbia River Basalts (CRB)	The County expressed concern that the rules are inadequate to protect CRB users in the high elevation areas of the proposed GWLA.	The consultants and potential water users were concerned about restricting water use in the CRB and advocated for “limited use” permits.	The residential water users generally support protection of the CRB with preference for greater protection. Most supported additional monitoring.	Staff recommend limiting the CRB to exempt uses only in order to stabilize the resource and to protect existing water users.
Extent of Ground Water Limited Area	The County expressed concern that the Department’s data do not support the geographic extent of the proposed GWLA.	One of the consultants felt that certain areas should be excluded from the GWLA.	The residential water users generally support the extent of the proposed GWLA.	Valley floor water uses in CRB aquifer influence existing water uses in high elevation areas. To protect the CRB users, staff recommend the GWLA as proposed.
Land use	The County expressed concern that the proposed rules would result in a possible unintended shift toward rural residential development.	Some would prefer to allow limited agricultural use instead of additional exempt use.	Most of the area residents would oppose increases in residential density.	The proposed rules do not affect existing water rights nor preclude the continuation of agricultural uses. The staff recommendation to adopt the final proposed rules is based on the current zoning level with future monitoring and evaluation.
Alternative	The County proposes to limit new use of the CRB west of Highway 221 and not limit new use from CRB or marine sediments east of Highway 221.	Potential water users and consultants suggest no new restriction be adopted or to allow limited agricultural use from the CRB.	Area residents support adoption of the “hearing draft” or more protective standards.	Staff recommend the CRB be limited as proposed in the final proposed rules and continue to monitor as funds allow.