

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDUSTRIES**

Friday December 7, 2012
Portland, Oregon

1) Call to Order:

Vice-Chair Douglas MacDougal called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2) Introductions:

Vice-Chair Douglas MacDougal and Board Members Steve Macnab and Lisa Phipps were present.

DOGAMI Staff in attendance:

Vicki McConnell, State Geologist

Andree Pollock, Assistant Director, GS&S Program

Bob Houston, Energy Resources Geologist

Ben Mundie, Reclamationist

Carol DuVernois, Executive Assistant

Others:

Tom Blust, member of the public

Larry Tuttle, Center for Environmental Equity

1 **3) Approval of Minutes of Strategic Plan Work Session Meeting, March 20, 2012**

2 **Portland Oregon and Governing Board Meeting, September 28, 2012**

3 **Ontario Oregon:** (Board) *Action Item*

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5 **Motion:** Macnab moved and Phipps seconded motion to approve minutes as
6 **written. Motion carried.**

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8 **4) Board Business:**

9 **a. Update on new Board member recruitment: (Vice-Chair MacDougal)**

10 ***Information Item***

11 Director McConnell and Chair Givens submitted three names to the Governor's
12 Natural Resource Policy Advisor for consideration. We are awaiting the Governor's
13 decision.

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15 **5) State of the Agency:** (Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist)

16 **a. Update of Agency activity by State Geologist: *Update Item***

17 McConnell briefed the Board on recent agency activity including completed
18 projects, new project proposals, Earth Science Week activities, new publications,
19 recent meetings and conferences, and agency synergy.

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21 **b. Update on Governor’s Recommended Budget for 2013-2015: *Update***
22 ***Item***

23 Governor Kitzhaber released his 2013-2015 balanced budget on November 30th.
24 The format is designed to integrate the traditional Agency Request Budget with the
25 newly developed Outcomes based budget. One document is an overview of the
26 Oregon 10 Year Plan strategy and one document is the recommendations for
27 biennial budget and initiatives for all state programs as mapped to the Outcome
28 areas.

29 Agency budget staff began inputting the actual budget numbers into the state
30 budget system after December 2nd. Management will begin developing the agency
31 Ways and Means presentations as defined by Legislative Fiscal Office. DOGAMI is
32 still considered an agency that presents to the Natural Resource Subcommittee of
33 the Joint Legislative Ways and Means Committee.

34 DOGAMI was allowed all ARB Core Service Level expenditures and Policy Option
35 Packages 101, 102 and 103. CSL expenditure fund levels were adjusted for
36 assessments and tax calculations. POP 104 was denied.

37 **c. Review Legislative Concept 578, Consolidated Permitting for Metal**
38 ***Mining Operations: Update Item***

39 We received the drafted bill language from Legislative Council and are now
40 awaiting the Governor’s final decision as to whether he will include the LC in his pre-
41 session filed bills. We anticipate spending some time with legislators to educate
42 them on the complexities of the bill due to the technical nature of regulation of
43 metal mining activity.

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45 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

46 Larry Tuttle, from the Center of Environmental Equity, expressed his support for
47 LC 578 and informed the Board that he is willing to participate in any discussion of
48 the concept. He cautioned the Board to ensure that the concept does not weaken
49 the existing chemical process mining statutes.

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51 **d. State Geologist McConnell will update the Board on the Agency’s**
52 **activity to review and recommend on Oregon Administrative Rule**
53 **632 Division 5 – Tsunami Inundation Zone: *Update Item***

54 To date the Agency has briefed the Governors Natural Resource Office and the
55 Natural Resource Directors as to our intentions to review the science. Director
56 McConnell made a presentation to the Coastal Processes and Hazards Working
57 Group in November. The intent is to conduct the workshop in March 2013.

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59 **6) Break**
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61 **7) Regulatory Issues:** (Bob Houston, Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation
62 Program)
63 **a. Status of rulemaking for aggregate, oil and gas, geothermal laws.**
64 **The agency and AAG will update Board on geothermal and oil and**
65 **gas programs rules status: *Update Item***
66 We received extensive written comments on the draft rules and are updating the
67 revisions to the grammar and legal language in the process. The rules should be
68 ready for adoption before the next meeting. We will most likely schedule a
69 teleconference to adopt the rules in January.

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71 **b. Summary of operational and enforcement activities for surface**
72 **mining and oil and gas and geothermal regulatory programs: *Update***
73 ***Item***
74 We have received a request for a gas exploration permit to expand the Mist Gas
75 Field. The US Geothermal plant at Neal Hot Springs has now opened commercially.
76 There has not been a ribbon cutting ceremony yet.
77 Small operators are facing a tough situation right now trying to get performance
78 bonds. It may be worth their while to start discussing a bond pool again.

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80 **8) DOGAMI Mined Land Reclamation Awards Program:** (Ben Mundie, DOGAMI MLRR
81 Reclamationist)

82 **a. DOGAMI staff will present an overview of the Mined Land**
83 **Reclamation Awards Program: *Information Item***
84 Ben Mundie's presentation highlighted outstanding reclamation projects in the
85 state. He emphasized the personal pride operators take in reclaiming the land,
86 sometimes to the point where it is in a better, more useful state than prior to the
87 mining operation.

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89 **9) Set Time and Date for next meeting: (Board):**
90 The next meeting will be March 22, 2013 in Portland.

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92 **10) Additional Public Comment:** (three minutes limit per person unless otherwise
93 specified at the meeting by the Chair)
94 There was no additional public comment.

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96 **11) Adjourn**
97 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm

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99 **Action Items:**
100 1. Set up joint meeting with LCDC for September meeting. Done, scheduled for
101 9/26.

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103 2. Send ODOT Lifeline Coordinator website link to Board. Done

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- 105 3. Develop a timeline for the implementation of the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Ask a
106 Board member to join the revision team. In progress.
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108 4. Invite new OEM Director Marty Plotner to give presentation to Board.
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110 5. Distribute a project matrix to the Board.
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112 6. Send a thank you letter to Technical Advisory Committee members after the
113 geothermal and oil & gas rules have been adopted. In progress.
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116 APPROVED:

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120 Larry Givens, Chair

Douglas MacDougal, Vice Chair

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124 Charles Vars

Lisa Phipps

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128 Steve Macnab