GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDUSTRIES

Friday, July 12, 2013
Portland, Oregon

1) Call to Order:
Chair Larry Givens called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2) Introductions:
Board Chair Larry Givens, Vice Chair Douglas MacDougal and Board Members Lisa Phipps, Charles Vars, and Dennis Luke were present.

DOGAMI Staff in attendance:
Vicki McConnell, State Geologist
Gary Lynch, Assistant Director, MLRR
Seay Johnson, Chief Fiscal Officer
Yumei Wang, Geotechnical Engineer
Rachel Smith, Project Operations Manager
Peter Ovington, Geologic Hazards Outreach Specialist
Carol DuVernois, Executive Assistant

Others:
Larry Tuttle, Center for Environmental Equity
Edward Wolf, Member of Oregon Resilience Plan Advisory Committee
Jeff Weber, DLCD

3) Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2013 Portland Meeting Minutes: (Board) Action Item
Motion: MacDougal moved and Luke seconded motion to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

4) Board Business:
   a. Update of Board member terms: Update Item
   Board members serve 4 year terms. Lisa Phipps’ term ends on 11/30/2013. Charles Vars’ term ends 12/31/2013. Phipps would like to be considered for another term. Vars will end his membership on the Board.

   McConnell will draft a memo to the Governor’s office suggesting that Phipps be allowed to serve another term. McConnell and Chair Givens will accept recommendations for the central/southern Oregon Board seat.

   Chairship terms are for one year and end in September 2013. Board members will consider next Chair and Vice-Chair candidates.
5) **State of the Agency:** (Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist)

   a. **Review of the 2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget and other Legislation: Update Item**

   McConnell outlined legislation that may affect the agency. HB2248 has passed with no amendments and there will be rule writing to follow. She noted that there were many work groups and task forces formed this session, but there were no appropriations attached to them to pay for staff time. We are not named on the Resilience Plan Task Force.

   McConnell reported on our budget, Policy Option Packages, general fund appropriations, and assessments. Our Legislatively Approved Budget has passed out of the legislature and has been signed into law by Governor Kitzhaber. Our Key Performance Measures were all approved by the legislature.

b. **Update of Agency activity by State Geologist: Update Item**

   McConnell briefed the Board on recent agency activity, including new projects, completed projects, meetings and conferences attended by staff, staffing changes and agency synergy.

c. **Financial Report for Agency activity through 2013 Biennium:** Information Item

   McConnell and Johnson walked the Board through the expenditures and revenues as of June 30, 2013, including ending balances for both programs.

7) **Regulatory Issues:** (Gary Lynch, Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation Program)

   a. **Status of rulemaking for Metal Mining Statutes: Update Item**

   HB 2248 was signed by the Governor on 6/13/13 (Chapter 371, 2013 Laws). We have begun preliminary consultation with AAG Knudsen as to the scope of rule amendments that will be necessary for implementation of HB 2248. We anticipate having rules before the Board by the end of 2013.

   b. **Summary of operational and enforcement activities for surface mining and oil and gas and geothermal regulatory programs: Update Item**

   **Mining Enforcement:** Numerous complaints have been made regarding DOGAMI ID#30-0076 – A&B Asphalt/Adam Schatz. MLRR staff Ben Mundie met with Umatilla County Planning Dept on June 19, 2013. MLRR is requesting a new survey/marking of permit boundary from the operator within 60 days to confirm operations are within the permit boundary.

   **Mining Update:** The current number of mining permits is 899. Mining-related legislation has been greater than any previous session in recent memory. We are also continuing participation in the Sage Grouse deliberation. We are well into the summer field season – we ended the 2011-2013 biennium with a >92% inspection rate. We are continuing work on the 5-year renewal of the DEQ 1200-A Stormwater permit; we are
currently receiving and reviewing pollution control plans for each site (180').

**Geothermal or Oil & Gas Enforcement:** There are no Oil & Gas or Geothermal enforcement actions at this time.

**Geothermal Update:**

The current number of Geothermal permits is 28 and 6 Geothermal Prospect permits.

USG Oregon is planning an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for their Neal Hot Springs Geothermal Power Plant in Vale, Oregon in August 2013. DOGAMI will notify the board when the date has been finalized.

**Oil & Gas Program Update:**

Since the last update, 2 O&G permits have been issued, 2 O&G permits have been closed, and 1 seismic program permit has been closed. The total number of active O&G permits remains 105, and there is 1 O&G Seismic program permit. Staff is continuing work on an O&G Program summary of the exploration, development and production activities within the previous 10 years. Additionally, this update will present a GIS-based Mist well location map. Converting the Mist map into a GIS format allows the department to easily extend the format statewide to present all O&G related information and data in a comprehensive and web accessible interactive map.

c. **Grassy Mountain permit application update: Update Item**

The Technical Review Team met June 11, 2013 in Salem to inventory the state agency permit applications that will be necessary to be filed with the consolidated permit application. The TRT will work collaboratively to prepare a request to Calico that outlines all the necessary State permit applications, in addition to the DOGAMI Division 37 requirements. Calico has not filed for an application with the Bureau of Land Management for the necessary permits that would allow use of the BLM-owned road that connects the mine site and the proposed milling site, to our knowledge.

The Department has received one Public Records request for materials relating to Department payment withheld by Calico Resources. All materials were certified mailed to the requester on May 20th in a timely manner.

8) **Summary of Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program 5 year plan** (Vicki McConnell & Peter Ovington, DOGAMI Staff)

a. **5 year Goals and Objectives – what we have accomplished: Update Item**

DOGAMI has been working on tsunami hazard characterization and mitigation for nearly 15 years making incremental progress until about 6 years ago when both science and policy aligned so we could accelerate the inundation modeling, mapping, and tsunami mitigation outreach. We have reached a milestone in July 2013 with the publication of tsunami inundation maps (TIMS) for the entire Oregon coast and the upcoming release of the inundation modeling databases.
Ovington outlined the Tsunami Preparedness Outreach program. He focused on the accomplishments over the last three years, including the gaps and challenges for future outreach work.

b. Next Steps – strategic plans for tsunami hazard mitigation program and discussion of challenges: Update Item

McConnell reviewed the program’s progress over the last 6 years and outlined the proposed next steps to the applied science and policy. Policy issues include reauthorization of Tsunami Warning and Education Act of 2006 and the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Act, how to align Agency goals and objectives to the Oregon Resilience Plan, and how to integrate tsunami inundation data into statewide land use policy.

Motion: MacDougal moved and Luke seconded that the Board write letters of commendation to outreach staff. Motion carried.

9) Set Time and Date for next meeting: (Board)

The next Board meeting will be on September 26, 2013 in Salem, Oregon. Board meets 8:30 to 12:00 for Board business and then begins a co-meeting with the Land Conservation and Development Commission from 1:00 to 3:00.

10) Additional Public Comment: (three minutes limit per person unless otherwise specified at the meeting by the Chair)

Larry Tuttle, Center for Environmental Equity submitted an outline of HB 3086 and what he believes may be its effect on the agency to the Board. He believes the bill will open up the possibility of The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to a quagmire of litigation, and that DOGAMI may get caught up in it if the Aurora uranium mining project moves forward.

Tuttle also discussed late payments from Calico to the agency, noting that past due bills can be viewed as a peril to the agency, and a virtual line of credit. He urged the agency to stop processing the application when a bill is past due and to consider the legal and practical implications.

Edward Wolf, from the Oregon Resilience Plan Advisory Committee, complimented the hard work DOGAMI did on the Oregon Resilience Plan and encouraged the Board to recognize DOGAMI staff contributions to the ORP, including Ian Madin, Rob Witter, Bill Burns, George Priest, Yumei Wang, and Vicki McConnell. His written comments were submitted to the Board.

11) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.
**Action Items:**

1. Send commendation letters from Board to tsunami mitigation program staff. 
   Done.
2. Send news release regarding MLRR awards. Done
3. Project matrix for next meeting. Done.
4. Memo to Governor’s Office recommending Lisa Phipps be considered for another term on the Board.

APPROVED:

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Larry Givens, Chair           Douglas MacDougal, Vice Chair

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Charles Vars                  Lisa Phipps

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Dennis Luke