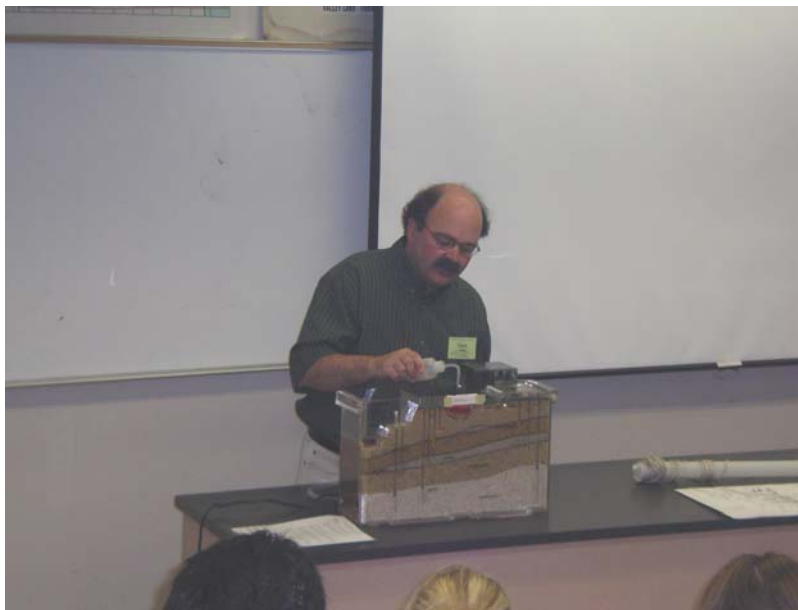


An Opportunity to Learn More about the Water Resources in Umatilla County

The Umatilla County Critical Groundwater Task Force (<http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/Groundwater.htm>) is working with the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University (<http://water.oregonstate.edu/>) to spread the word about the groundwater resources in the Umatilla Basin. Groundwater is an important resource to the economy of Umatilla County by providing the bulk of the water used for agriculture, as well as for drinking water supplies for the many communities and nearly all of the rural residences. The Umatilla Basin has more groundwater resource areas determined to be “Critical” by the Oregon Water Resources Department than any other part of Oregon.



The Critical Groundwater Task Force invites you to see the new groundwater flow model purchased by the Task Force to learn more about how groundwater is stored and moves underground. The model comes equipped with a professional hydrogeologist who works at Oregon State University. The presentation by the OSU faculty member has been presented to K-12 students. The length of the presentation is up to the teacher. Four gallons of water, access to a power outlet, and an attentive audience are all that are needed.

OSU indicates that the professional hydrogeologist is available on most Fridays. His next available date is October 27, 2006, and you can suggest dates in November and December if interested. For more information, contact the Critical Groundwater Task Force at 541.278.6251, or visit at 216 S.E. 4th Street Pendleton, OR 97801, or contact the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University at 541-737-4032.