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Larry Givens joins DOGAMI Governing Board

Portland, Oregon: Larry Givens of Milton-Freewater has been appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski and confirmed by the State Senate to serve a 4 year term with the Governing Board of the Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI).

Mr. Givens currently serves as a County Commissioner with Umatilla County. He has also served on the Umatilla County Planning Commission, and has worked as a teacher of earth sciences and geology with the Ferndale School District and as a rancher in the area. He is a graduate of Washington State University.

Speaking for the Board, State Geologist and Agency Director Vicki McConnell said, "It is a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Givens to the DOGAMI Governing Board. He will bring an important perspective to our Board as the eastern Oregon representative, particularly in respect to natural resource and water issues."

Mr. Givens joins the five person DOGAMI Governing Board whose other members include Don Haagensen of Portland (Chair), Steve Macnab of Bend, Barbara Seymour of Oceanside and R. Charles Vars of Corvallis.

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