***Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership***

***Coordinating Committee***

***Meeting Minutes***

July 9th, 2020

9:00 am – 10:05 am

1. **Welcome & Partner Updates**

**Attendance:**

**Mak Estill** - Grad Student at University of Oregon

**Harmony Burright** - OR Water Resources Dept.

**Kaety Jacobson** – Lincoln County

**Matt Thomas** - OR Department of Forestry

**Alexandria Scott** - Local Planning Coordinator

**Penelope Kaczmarek** - Resident at Large

**Partner Updates:**

* Kaety: County’s Drought Council met this week and we are not in a drought, but they will be monitoring things closely as projections show this will be another dry summer. The group has been meeting for the last 1.5 years once a week and is composed of a variety of local water stakeholders. Group was initially kind of formed by Alan Fujishin.
* Matt: In the special session Senate Bill 1602 passed so we will see what comes out of it. ODF and OWRD are both called out to help with implementation.
* Harmony: OWRD is in the process of doing a planning assessment to report on the planning groups. Two of the planning groups will have completed plans by early 2021 and the other two will have completed plans by the end of 2021 so the planning assessment might be done before the Mid-Coast has actually completed their plan.

1. **Coordinating Committee Composition**

* Alexandria: Last meeting the CC tasked me with trying to fill the open chairs on the committee. The open chairs are: Industry/Economic Development, Recreation/Fishing, Conservation and Academia/Education.
* Fishing/Recreation: I reached out to Walter Chuck (Port of Newport) and Chuck Pavlik (Port of Alsea) and haven’t heard back from either yet.
* Kaety gave Alexandria phone numbers for Walter and Chuck so Alexandria can follow up with a phone call. If they aren’t interested could reach out to Bob Kemp (commercial fisherman) Kaety gave Alexandria phone number for him.
* Industry/Economic Development: Reached out to Kate Korgan (Sweet Homes Vacation Rentals) haven’t heard back. Called the Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance their website says it is still Caroline Bauman as the point of contact I tried calling a few times, but no one picked up.
* Kaety will send Alexandria email for new director Paul.
* Conservation: **See meeting documents** to read Bio/CV for Ed Backus.
* Reached consensus to bring Ed Backus on as new Conservation Chair.
* Academia/Education: **See meeting documents** for Bio on David Rupp.
* Reached consensus to bring David Rupp on as Academia/Education Chair.

1. **Update on wrapping up Planning Step 3 and starting Planning Steps 4 & 5**

* Wrapping up Planning Step 3 (Alexandria)
* The Step 4/5 consultant has accounted for transitioning us from Step 3 to Step in their proposal starting in August. We need to have some sort of uniform document that summarizes that problems/issues that the work groups came up with because in their current draft forms we can’t hand them off to the consultants. We also never received second tier problems/issues from the Self-Supplied WG or Muni/Special Districts WG so we need those if the work groups feel there are additional problems/issues that were not addressed in the problem/issue statements due to not reaching consensus or having to prioritize to not go over the maximum amount of statements submitted.
* I can work with Harmony to get the information from the problem/issue statements into more a report form, but I need the final drafts from all of the work groups first. This all has to be put into the report form before August 1st, so we are on deadline.
* We brought on a consulting team (Watershed Professionals Network, LLC) to do a water-use assessment which will be completed by the end of September, this was a requirement for the grant agreement between City of Newport and ORWD.
* GSI has also been brought on to finish a task that they started back at the end of Step 2 which are some conceptual models to communicate some of the key issues in the planning area and that work will be completed by the end of September as well.
* Starting Planning Step 4 & 5 (Alexandria)
* The RFP review panel made their final decision and the consulting team that was chosen was Creative Resource Strategies/ Institute for Natural Resources/ OSU Extensions/ OR Sea Grant Project Team. They start their work on July 13th.
* The Creative Resource Strategies/ Institute for Natural Resources/ OSU Extensions/ OR Sea Grant Project Team wants to meet with the CC to go over their work plan, deliverables and what their communications with the CC will look over the next year and a half of the project. Alexandria is going to send a doodle poll to gauge everyone’s availability to meet with their team for a 1-hour meeting using GoToMeeting. If you cannot make it Alexandria will be taking notes and she can do a follow-up call with you as well if you want to do one.

1. **Close Meeting & Action Items**

* Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am
* Action Items
* **Adam & Alan** can you send the final drafts from your work groups to Alexandria by the end of next week (July 17th). And second tier problems/issues if your group had any.
* **Alexandria** will work to fill the remaining to open chairs on the CC
* **Alexandria and Harmony** will work to get the problem/issue statements into a report form to hand off to the Step 4/5 consulting team before August 1st
* **Everyone** please fill out the doodle poll to indicate your availability for the week of July 20th for a meeting with the Creative Resource Strategies/ Institute for Natural Resources/ OSU Extensions/ OR Sea Grant Project Team (Alexandria will send doodle poll link in email with these notes)