



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CC)

Meeting Notes

June 15, 2018, 9 am – 11 am
Conference Call

NEXT STEPS / ACTION ITEMS

Work Groups -

- GSI will schedule a joint meeting of representatives from the Work Groups for June 27, 10 am – noon, Newport Recreation Center.
- GSI to develop description of 'conservation' & how it fits in Step 3 Scope, discuss with joint WGs on June 27, and then make a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee.

Funding –

- Jackie Mikalonis will coordinate a meeting in the near future with the Governor's office, Harmony Burrigh, and Tim Gross.
- Harmony Burrigh will invite CC members to Burns meeting with FFF. If not filled by CC, then she will invite Partners.

Communication & Outreach -

- Oregon Kitchen Table (OKT) Survey being planned for September when water will be more 'top of mind'.
- Survey and outreach strategy to be shared with CC at 7/13 & 8/10 mtgs., and then shared with Partnership at 8/28 meeting.
- Field Tours:
 - Summer field tour of Industry and Economy: Terry Thompson and Caroline Bauman. **Caroline will take the lead.**
 - Fall field tour – Ecology & Restoration: **Wayne Hoffman and Paul Engelmeyer to organize.**
- Outreach to George Pacific – Co-conveners will discuss how to best reach out to re-engage GP in Partnership. Jackie Mikalonis will assist
- Outreach to Senator Roblan's Office – Adam Denlinger and Jackie Mikalonis will coordinate.

Upcoming Meetings –

- Coordinating Committee: July 13 conf. call; August 10 in person
- **Partnership:** August 28, 4 – 8 pm. Yachats.

Participants:

- Alan Fujishin, Co-Convener, Gibson Farms
- Adam Denlinger, Co-Convener Seal Rock Water District
- Harmony Burrigh, Co-Convener, OWRD
- Caroline Bauman, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln Co.
- Jackie Mikalonis, Governor's Office, Regional Solutions Team

Unable to Attend:

- Tim Gross, Co-Convener, City of Newport
- Jim Tooke, City of Yachats
- Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council
- Matt Thomas, OR Dept. of Forestry
- Terry Thompson, Lincoln County Commissioner
- Stan VandeWetering, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Charlie Plybon, Newport Surfrider Foundation
- Amber Nickerson, OSU Student

Project Team in Attendance:

- Ronan Igloria, and Ingrid Jones, GSI Water Solutions
- Shirlene Warnock and Jeanne Nyquist, Innovative Growth Solutions

Objectives:

- Debrief May 30 Partnership meeting.
- Discuss approach and next steps for Work Groups and GSI.
- Identify topics for next Partnership meeting – August 28.

Informational Panel

Caroline Bauman reported that the Communication and Outreach committee sponsored the first informational panel on June 14 at Hatfield Marine Science Center. The panel discussed balancing water needs for farms, fish, ecology, city, and industry. Panel members included Alan Fujishin, Caroline Bauman, Tim Gross, Charlie Plybon, and Stan Van de Wetering. Harmony Burrighrigh moderated the session. 30 people attended. The audience interacted for about 45 min. The panel was sponsored by the MCWPP Communication and Outreach Committee, fulfilling a goal of Partner Marianne Bozza.

Key takeaways from the event:

- Good discussion with people we had not engaged before.
- Informal sounding board for community concerns about water. The Partnership has already anticipated the public's concerns. Questions ranged from curiosity to concerns and strategies to address.
- Gratitude from attendees that we are focusing on water issues on Mid Coast. Many did not know there is a group working on this.

Partnership Meeting May 30

- Attendance was 65 people – the largest Partnership meeting to date. We had several first-time attendees. Some of the 'first-timers' also attended the Panel discussion on June 14.
- Jackie Mikalonis observed that people were asking for solutions to current water issues, such as drought. Since we are getting new people attending, the facilitators and Coordinating Committee members need to respond to questions that are out of scope by reviewing the mission/purpose of the Partnership and offering to connect concerned attendees with appropriate agencies.
- We also need to plan time for 'public comment' in future Partnership meetings.

Work Group Next Steps

Ronan Igloria reported that GSI sent out the meeting notes, including a summary of the prioritization results from the Partnership meeting, as well as an outline of next steps and how the Work Groups can proceed.

- GSI will proceed with baseline assessment and will work in parallel with the Work Groups.
- Work Groups will work on prioritized focus and pilot issues.
- Work Groups will meet over the next 2 weeks to discuss recommended assignments.
 - Muni WD – scheduled for June 19
 - Self-Supplied – scheduled for June 20
 - In-Stream/Ecology - unknown

- **A joint meeting of representatives from the Work Groups is scheduled for June 27, 10 am – noon, to be held at the Newport Recreation Center.**

Alan commented that the Self-Supplied Work Group has capacity to do some analysis to contribute to the baseline analysis. Ronan indicated that baseline work by GSI will depend on funding. OWRD will assist in providing information for the baseline analysis.

Climate Change - The USACE will also perform baseline climate change analysis. The USACE will update the Partnership at the August 28 meeting. Ronan clarified that the USACE work will be fairly high level. Partners were hoping for more specific information. Ronan clarified that the budget for this work is limited, but that the USACE will identify data gaps that could be considered for further study in Step 4.

Conservation - The Committee discussed potential alternative approaches to include conservation in the Partnership's work:

- Create a separate Work Group focused on conservation, or
- Assign conservation to the Muni/WD Work Group, or
- Address water conservation by involving interested members from the 3 existing Work Groups.

The Committee discussed the need to address conservation as a cross-cutting issue that is important to the region.

- The business community is very interested in voluntarily participating in conservation, rather than just responding to regulations.
 - Having a 'think tank' to address conservation would be helpful.
 - It needs to be structured as a formal part of the process.
 - The group needs to be representative of the Partnership.
 - Conservation means something different to each Work Group. We need to define 'conservation' so that the work plan and conversation can be structured within parameters that fit the scope of Step 3.
 - We need to address conservation without being redundant.
 - We need to make sure conservation is integrated into the Step 3 process – not create a 'single interest' group.
- **GSI will develop a description of 'conservation', consider how it fits within the Step 3 scope, discuss with the joint Work Group on June 27, and then make a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee.**

Funding Update

The co-conveners are meeting this afternoon (6/15) to review cost and budget projections and to identify funding resources. They will have a full report out to the Coordinating Committee after this afternoon's meeting.

Jackie Mikalonis reported that she discussed funding needs for all of the PBP pilots with Jason Miner at the Governor's office. Jason is willing to meet to discuss funding needs and how mission aligns with natural resources agenda.

- **Jackie will coordinate a meeting in the near future with the Governor's office, Harmony Burrett, and Tim Gross.**

Shirlene Warnock reported that Pacific Samaritan hospital sent a \$1,000 contribution in support of the Partnership.

Harmony Burrig reported on additional funding opportunities:

- Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) donors are potentially interested in funding the Partnership. Tim Gross is scheduling a phone call with OCF.
- Harmony and Tim Gross met this morning and had a fruitful discussion with the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.
- Ford Family Foundation (FFF) is offering \$10,000 per planning group to support each of the PBP groups. They are initiating a 'learning partnership' intended to discuss shared learning and provide opportunities for representatives from the 4 pilot groups to visit and learn from one another. The first meeting is scheduled to be held July 18 and 19 in Burns. FFF will pay for travel expenses for up to 4 participants from each PBP pilot. Coordinating Committee members or other Partners are invited to attend. FFF might also be interested in a larger investment in the long term, but probably won't be having those discussions for a year or so.

Caroline Bauman commented that the FFF is interested in joint funding for joint strategies that meet big-picture goals. They want to do something that has statewide significance.

- **Harmony Burrig will invite Coordinating Committee members to participate in the Burns meeting with FFF on first-come, first-served basis. If not filled by CC members, then she will invite Partners to indicate their interest in attending.**

Communication and Outreach – Harmony Burrig

- 'Balancing Water' Panel held at Hatfield last night was well attended and went very well. Harmony expressed her appreciation for all of the good work on this event.
- Oregon Kitchen Table (OKT) Survey –
 - OKT met with a group of Coordinating Committee members and other Partners to review draft survey questions
 - **Survey being planned for September when water will be more 'top of mind'.**
 - **Survey and outreach strategy will be shared with Coordinating Committee at July 13 and August 10 meetings, and then will be shared with Partnership at August 28 meeting.**
- Field Tours:
 - Possible Summer field tour of Industry and Economy: Terry Thompson and Caroline Bauman. **Caroline will take the lead.**
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Shirlene Warnock reminded the Committee that we need to develop a strategy to reach out to Georgia Pacific. Jackie Mikalonis offered to assist. **The co-conveners will discuss how to best reach out to GP to encourage them to re-engage in the Partnership.**

Jackie Mikalonis questioned if we are in touch with Senator Roblan's office and the Coastal Caucus regarding funding. **Adam Denlinger indicated he has a tentative meeting with Senator Roblan's office. He will coordinate with Jackie on this meeting.**

Next Partnership Meeting – August 28, 2018, 4 – 8 pm in Yachats

Shirlene Warnock reported on plans to invite water providers for a 'taste-off' at the next Partnership meeting, scheduled for August 28. Water providers would be invited to share a taste of their water, as well as information about their district and a highlight of their challenges. The event should be educational and fun. We may need some help from the Communication and Outreach Committee to make contact with water districts.