



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

February 9, 2018, 9 am – noon
Newport City Hall Conf. Room A

NEXT STEPS / ACTION ITEMS

Step 3 Work Groups –

- Coordinating Committee members to send additional comments on Work Group scoping documents to Ronan Igloria, GSI.
- Ronan will coordinate with Harmony to get OWRDs comments on the scoping documents.
- Caroline will coordinate a time for her and local co-conveners (Tim Gross, Alan Fujishin, and Adam Denlinger) to meet with GP.
- Jackie – Outreach to Oregon Cattlemen’s Association, Farm Bureau, and Oregon Small Woodlot Association, and other rural groups to let them know the importance of being involved.
- Jackie and Harmony will assist with getting involvement from state agencies - ODFW, OWRD, ODA, DEQ are key to this effort.

Grant Distribution –

- Caroline will revise Grant Distribution application and send out to Coordinating Committee members for review and comment.

Communication & Outreach -

- Caroline will let C/O know that Watersheds Council may be willing to sponsor Workshop on restoration using large wood replacement.
- Caroline will let C/O know that Maryanne Reiter, Weyerhaeuser, is willing to organize a stop on a future field tour (see page 5)

CC Membership -

- Alan will ask Matt Thomas, OR Dept. of Forestry if he is willing to join the Coordinating Committee
- Jitesh will check with Amber Nickerson regarding he attendance
- Funding – Local co-conveners will continue to meet with local agencies and organizations re participation in Partnership funding.

Participants:

- Tim Gross, Co-Convenor, City of Newport
- Harmony Burrignt, Co-Convenor, OWRD
- Alan Fujishin, Gibson Farms
- Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council
- Caroline Bauman, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln Co.
- Jackie Mikalonis, Governor’s Office, Regional Solutions Team
- Jitesh Pattni, ODFW
- Jim Tooke, City of Yachats

Unable to Attend:

- Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District
- 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, Adam Sussman, Ingria Jones - GSI Water Solutions
- Shirlene Warnock and Jeanne Nyquist, Innovative Growth Solutions

Discussion Notes

Wrap up of Step 2

- GSI is wrapping up Step 2 reports – reviewing Water Quantity input with OWRD, incorporating comments, and doing final editing.
- The goal is to have the final reports ready to post on Partnership website a few days before 2/22 Partnership meeting.
- Coordinating Committee members commented that the reports posted on the website should be considered final. They asked GSI to place any further comments into a parking lot to inform future work in Step 3.
- Synopsis of Steps 1 and 2 will be posted on Partnership website, and copies will be available for reference at Partnership meeting 2/22/18.
- The Committee members commented that the exhibit/breakout sessions at November 14 Partnership were great, but we should allow more time for this if we use this format in the future.

Plan for Step 3: Define Current and Future Needs

Ronan (GSI) reviewed the approach for Planning Step 3. GSI is developing tools to share with WGs at 2/22 Partnership meeting. Ronan explained the following documents:

Document 1. Work Group Overview:

- General approach – Establish 3 Working Groups (WGs):
 - Municipal & Water District
 - Self Supplied water users
 - In-Stream and Ecology
- Work Groups will identify important topics and help to compile and review data.
- Schedule: GSI reviewed the schedule for the next 6 months:
 - February – Partnership Meeting – orient Working Groups(WG)
 - March – form Working Groups
 - April – Summer – WGs collect data. GSI is preparing a scoping document that will help the WGs to focus and collect data.
 - Fall - develop documentation for review
 - Complete Step 3 report by April, 2019
 - In stream WG will need to hash out issues they want to work on, so their report may be staggered a bit later.

Discussion:

- Caroline emphasized the need to communicate in a way that everyone can understand.
- Participation should be open to Partnership members including everyone from organization/agency staff to private residents.
- Self-Supplied water users range from small to large water users from Georgia Pacific (GP) to agriculture and small residential. GP is a large, unique water user. Perhaps include them with Muni and Water District group. Suggest talking with CJ Drake and Craig Martin at GP to ask them where they feel they would best fit in. This is the moment of time for them to be engaged.

- Caroline will coordinate a time for her and local co-conveners (Tim Gross, Alan Fujishin, and Adam Denlinger) to meet with GP.
- Business has not been very engaged to this point. As we run climate change scenarios, it should raise interest.
- Need to work with Oregon Cattlemen’s Association, Farm Bureau, and Oregon Small Woodlot Association, and other rural groups to let them know the importance of being involved at this point. Jackie offered to reach out to these groups.
- Harmony commented that OWRD Water Master Nikki Hendrickson is planning outreach to water rights holders in the area. There may be opportunity through that effort to communicate about the Partnership.
- Caroline proposed that we should aim to get a few people from each watershed to attend the 2/22 Partnership meeting.
- Tim commented that there are unrepresented water users that we have not heard anything from. Maybe a survey is needed to determine current water supply needs.
- Wayne reminded everyone that there are a substantial number of small water users living in Benton Co.
- Ronan clarified that the scope of the study is to identify types of issues that small users are facing - not to identify needs at a granular level. Adam Sussman cautioned that we could spend a tremendous amount of time attempting to reach all the small users, but it wouldn’t yield a great deal of information. The scope of this study will focus on gathering high level information.
- Coordinating Committee members need to be on WGs to provide guidance and coordination.
- WGs will form at 2/22 Partnership meeting. At that time, the WGs will identify who is missing so there can be outreach to fill the gaps.
- Jackie and Harmony will assist with getting involvement from state agencies - ODFW, OWRD, ODA, DEQ are key to this effort.
- Jitesh reported that ODFW has limited resources to participate in the Partnership.

Document 2 - Conceptual model outline with maps. This will be refined over time to be a communication tool between WGs and Partnership and will provide information for the Communication and Outreach Committee to develop informational messages.

- Comment: spell out acronyms, such as WAB (water availability basin) on Siletz map

Document 3 – Scoping documents for the WGs

- Will help to provide focus for the WGs.
- GSI will meet with WGs in March to gather their input to further refine the scoping documents.

Discussion:

- Harmony has identified an OSU student who wants to do story map – they could take this info and develop story map.
- Muni and special district water providers page – point 4, Hydro Assessment - Choosing priorities to work on - will need to coordinate between WGs.
 - GSI will be working with the WGs to overlay the priorities and will test and coordinate with the Partnership.
- Wayne - for In-Stream, may need some additional studies (temp, flow, relationships)

- Ronan - Data gaps will be an important part of the discussion. We will flag data gaps in the prioritization process.
- Alan – when we move into next steps, we will need to revisit data gaps, and part of our solutions may involve filling the data gaps. In some cases, we can use existing data as proxy; but in some situations we will need to identify specific data gaps.
- Wayne – We combined steps 3 and 4 (current and future). We need to be sure we are referencing methodology for figuring out future needs (i.e. pop growth, opportunity for conservation in public water usage, consequences of different climate change scenarios, etc.) This needs to be more prominent in the description of what we are doing.
- Role of OWRD:
 - Tim commented that OWRD provided grant funding that helped to support Steps 1 and 2. He emphasized that we are now shifting to OWRD being a Partner rather than directing this process. We want the documents we develop to be useful for OWRD as well as the Partnership.
 - Alan observed that Place Based Planning Guidelines are prospective and identify best practices. The IWRS is a general document that does not provide practical guidance for scoping step 3.
 - Tim commented this is pilot study. We want to integrate our work with OWRDs vision.
 - Harmony indicated that she has been coordinating OWRDs comments with Ronan. She indicated that the document prepared by GSI looks good. She will bring staff to the 2/22 Partnership meeting to assist in the formation of the WGs.
 - Harmony also reported that OWRD is preparing a tool kit that can be used by Partnership groups. She clarified that Partnership groups can use what works for them. She confirmed that OWRD is coming to the 2/22 meeting as a Partner. There will be no surprises.
- Next Steps:
 - Coordinating Committee members to send additional comments to Ronan Igloria, GSI.
 - Ronan will coordinate with Harmony to get OWRDs comments on the scoping documents. Harmony reiterated that OWRD is compiling best practices but will not place hard requirements on the Partnership.
 - Tim wants to meet with Ford Family Foundation in advance of the Partnership. He will include the co-conveners as available.

Communication and Outreach (C/O) Subcommittee Status Report – Caroline Bauman

- New Partnership Flyer ready for distribution at 2/22 Partnership meeting.
- C/O has identified a need for a Public Information Officer (PIO). Tim and Harmony have been sharing that role. We need a designated contact person for media and to develop public statements, meeting notices, etc. Alan Fujishin has volunteered to fill that role to include:
 - Be primary point of contact for questions from media.
 - Direct questions to appropriate people in the Partnership and follow up on requests.
 - Help provide consistency to our messages.

- Review materials being sent out on behalf of Partnership to make sure it is consistent with goals of Partnership.

The Committee concurred with this approach.

- Panel of Peers – to be held at OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center
 - Purpose: impart information about water and help to fulfill the educational role of Partnership.
 - First Panel is being scheduled for April:
 - Jerry Anderson, Hancock Forest Management, and Caroline Bauman are organizing the first panel.
 - Will include panelists from Georgia Pacific, fishing industry, forestry, and agriculture as panelists
 - Wayne suggested that there needs to be a standard introduction about the Partnership at the panels.
- Field Tours
 - Scheduling the first Field Tour of 2018 for May
 - Focus: Watershed Systems
 - Half-day trip; 6 stops
 - Led by Wayne Hoffman and Paul Englemeyer
 - Shirlene indicated that Maryanne Reiter is interested in providing a stop on one of the field tours. Following is an excerpt from her email message: Weyerhauser has some studies on their ownership in the Mid-Coast that may be of interest to the group for a field trip. One is Mill Creek, which is near Logsden, and is a cooperative effort with ODFW, OSU, DEQ and Weyerhauser looking at the effect of a whole watershed approach to fish habitat enhancement. Caroline will take this suggestion to the C/O.
 - Wayne reported that the MidCoast Watersheds Council will be sponsoring a workshop on restoration using large wood placement. There be an opportunity to offer this workshop for the Partnership. Caroline will take this suggestion to the C/O.
- Monitoring Workshop – Wayne reported that theState’s Stream Team (OWEB and several other agencies) are collaborating on a series of regional summits around the state – one will be in Newport at end of February. Wayne will be presenting (20 min) on a panel on the topic - Value of Coordinated Monitoring. Wayne will include information about the Partnership and will highlight data needs moving forward. This is an opportunity to help OWEB understand funding needs for data monitoring.
- Grant distribution: Caroline distributed a proposed draft and the Committee provided input:
 - Criteria – need to be a Partner
 - Send draft to Meyer Memorial Trust for review prior to distribution
 - Travel – separate funding source, per mile, on reimbursement basis

- Tim may want to reserve some travel money to provide reimbursement for Partners to travel to Bend for the PBP Conference.
- Set the application up as a form with space to respond to each of the criteria. Post on website.

Next Step: Caroline will revise Grant Distribution application and send draft out to Coordinating Committee members for review and comment.

Funding – Tim Gross

- Meyer Memorial Trust grant funding has been awarded. City of Newport is handling the funds.
- Co-Conveners are developing a presentation to other agencies to request funding participation. Tim emphasized that Partners will need to get involved to sustain the Partnership. If all 23 of our agency Partners contributed to funding, the Partnership would have sufficient funds to complete its work.
- Caroline offered to promote the funding opportunity at joint county economic-development meetings.
- Jackie suggested to present the funding request to the Council of Governments Board.

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Announcements:

- Wayne: David Westgate is no longer with Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD). Wayne Hoffman will represent the LSWCD on the Partnership.
- Harmony: National Policy Consensus Center can provide training on collaborative leadership
- Tim – Seminar on Resiliency at Hatfield Marine Science Center on March 1 at 6:30 pm.
- Caroline - Place Based Planning conference in Bend May 10, 11. Interested in attending:
 - Caroline Bauman
 - Wayne Hoffman
 - Alan Fujishin
- Alan – Requests Caroline to work with him to approach Natural Resources Partners for participation in Partnership.

Coordinating Committee Membership:

- Alan reported that USFS is unable to commit a representative to sit on the Coordinating Committee. Alan proposed and Coordinating Committee approved asking Matt Thomas from Oregon Department of Forestry if he is willing to sit on Coordinating Committee.
- Jitesh will check with student member Amber Nickerson regarding her interest in attending.

Parking Lot

- Workforce development to training water/wastewater operators
- Discussion on ‘water needs’ vs. ‘water usage’
- Reminders:
 - Charter signatures at 2/22 Partnership meeting

- Coordinating Committee bios and Partnership Directory bios
- Caroline – needs vs. usage – parking lot conversation