



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Meeting AGENDA

May 30, 2018

Best Western Agate Beach, Jasper / Onyx Room

3019 N. Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon

3:30 PM First Timers – Come early for an orientation to the Partnership!
4:00 PM Partnership Meeting
8:00 PM Informal discussion

Meeting Objectives:

- Share work of MCWPP Work Groups.
- Report on results of Work Group surveys and discuss priority issues/needs for further study.
- Status report on work of Communication and Outreach committee.
- Decision on recommended Charter language revision.

Time	Topic	Lead
3:30 pm	First Timers' Orientation Complimentary buffet dinner will be available	Caroline Bauman Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance
4:00 pm	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Meeting Objectives• Announcements / Updates	IGS Tim Gross and Harmony Burright
4:20 pm	Work Group Reports and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-Stream / Ecology• Self-Supplied Water Users• Municipal / Water District Suppliers	GSI / IGS
5:45 pm	Break	
5:55 pm	Prioritization Exercise / Discussion	GSI / IGS
6:20 pm	Climate Change Preview	USACE
6:40 pm	Work Group 'huddle' to plan next steps	GSI
7:10 pm	MCWPP Business Meeting – Charter Revision	Alan Fujishin
7:25 pm	Funding Status Report	Alan Fujishin
7:40 pm	Communication & Outreach status report	Harmony Burright
8:00 pm	Social Time	



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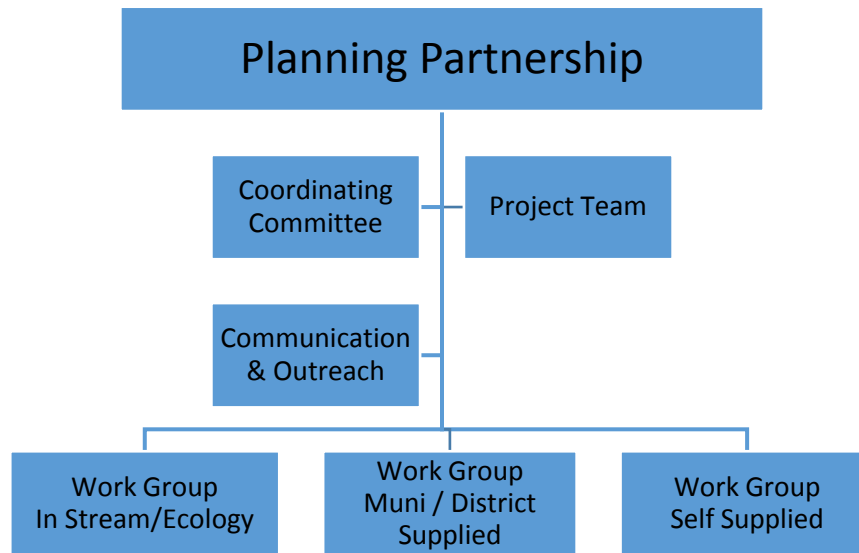
Current Partners *Updated 4-21-18*

- ☐ **City of Newport - Co-Convener**
- ☐ **Gibson Farms – Co-Convener**
- ☐ **OR Water Resources Dept - Co-Convener**
- ☐ **Seal Rock Water District – Co Convener**
- ☐ Alsea Watershed
- ☐ Bay Hills Water Association
- ☐ Beverly Beach Water District
- ☐ City of Lincoln City
- ☐ City of Toledo
- ☐ City of Waldport
- ☐ City of Yachats
- ☐ Civil West Engineering
- ☐ Coastal Residents
- ☐ Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- ☐ Community Gardens
- ☐ Dig Deep (formerly Chase Park Grants)
- ☐ Economic Development Alliance
- ☐ Georgia Pacific
- ☐ Governor’s Office Regional Solutions Team
- ☐ GSI Water Solutions
- ☐ Hancock Forest Management
- ☐ Innovative Growth Solutions
- ☐ Lincoln County
- ☐ Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District
- ☐ Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance
- ☐ Local Citizens
- ☐ MidCoast Watersheds Council
- ☐ Newport Chamber of Commerce
- ☐ Newport Community Gardens
- ☐ NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
- ☐ Panther Creek Water District
- ☐ Private Landowners and Rural Homeowners
- ☐ Oregon Cattlemen’s Association
- ☐ Oregon Farm Bureau
- ☐ OR Dept of Agriculture
- ☐ OR Dept of Land Conservation and Development
- ☐ OR Dept of Environmental Quality
- ☐ OR Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ OR Dept of Forestry
- ☐ OR Dept of State Parks
- ☐ OR Watershed Enhancement Board
- ☐ Oregon SeaGrant
- ☐ OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center
- ☐ Panther Creek Water District
- ☐ Regional Solutions, Office of the Governor
- ☐ Representative David Gomberg
- ☐ Robertson Environmental
- ☐ Senator Arnie Roblan
- ☐ Siletz Watershed
- ☐ Starker Forests
- ☐ NW Steelheaders, Stewards of Rocky Creek
- ☐ Surfrider Foundation
- ☐ The Wetlands Conservancy
- ☐ US Forest Service
- ☐ Weyerhaeuser Co.
- ☐ Watershed Advocate

Coordinating Committee Members

- ☐ **Co-Convener**, City of Newport, Tim Gross
- ☐ **Co-Convener**, Oregon Water Resources Department, Harmony Burright
- ☐ **Co-Convener, Water Provider**, Seal Rock Water District, Adam Denlinger
- ☐ **Co-Convener, Irrigator/Landowner**, Gibson Farms, Alan Fujishin
- ☐ **Conservation**, Surfrider Foundation, Charlie Plybon
- ☐ **Tribes**, Confederate Tribes of the Siletz, Stan VandeWetering
- ☐ **Business/Industry**, Economic Development Alliance, Caroline Bauman
- ☐ **Governor’s Office**, Regional Solutions Team, Jackie Mikalonis
- ☐ **State Agency**, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, (vacant)
- ☐ **State Agency**, Oregon department of Forestry, Matt Thomas
- ☐ **Local Government**, Lincoln County - Terry Thompson; Yachats – Jim Tooke
- ☐ **Watershed Council**, MidCoast Watersheds Council, Wayne Hoffman
- ☐ **Academic / Student Member / Resident** – Amber Nickerson, Oregon State University

PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE AND ROLES



- ☐ **Planning Partnership:** Broad group of stakeholders –
 - ☐ Identify study-related interests.
 - ☐ Identify current and future water challenges.
 - ☐ Consider quality, quantity and ecosystem needs.
 - ☐ Identify ways to increase resilience.
 - ☐ Plan together to meet future needs.
 - ☐ Provide direction to the Coordinating Committee.
- ☐ **Coordinating Committee:** Subset of Planning Partnership – Approximately 12-14 people. Diverse group representing a range of interests. Convenes between meetings of Partnership Group to:
 - ☐ Provide advice on how to structure stakeholder engagement and communication to ensure that diverse interests are included in the process.
 - ☐ Identify potential issues, gather information, and frame issues for discussion by the Partnership Group.
 - ☐ Communicate with stakeholders about the planning process and issues of interest.
 - ☐ Advocate for a planning process that balances interests.
 - ☐ Provide process support and conduct work to support the Partnership Group.
- ☐ **Project Team (PT):** The PT plans meetings, prepares materials and meeting minutes for the process. Includes local co-conveners City of Newport, Seal Rock Water District, Gibson Farms and state co-convenor OWRD, as well as technical consultants, GSI Water Solutions and Facilitators/Project Coordinators, Innovative Growth Solutions.
- ☐ **Sub-groups:** Topic-specific sub-groups will be designated as needed to work on specific aspects of the plan and/or assist in communication regarding the Study. In Step 3, Three Work Groups have been formed to help identify current and future water needs in the region.

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership
Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning

2018 Calendar (rev 2/26/18)

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 Partnership Meeting (4-8pm)
 Coordinating Comm. Meeting (9-12n)
 Coordinating Comm. Call - (9-11 am)

 Project Team Call (10-11am) or Meeting
 Milestone
 Working Group Meetings or Calls

 Field Trips TBD
 Public Outreach Event TBD
 CO Group Mtg. TBD

How Will We Balance Water Needs on the Midcoast?



Midcoast Water Planning Partnership A New Approach to Cooperatively Manage Water

The Midcoast Water Partnership is pursuing a collaborative approach to water resources planning that gives YOU...our local residents...a greater voice in determining how to meet current and future water needs through new partnerships and creative approaches. Our work will set the stage for a regional strategy and will inform the statewide strategy.

Midcoast water planning needs YOUR input!

Addressing Our Water Challenges

- Lower summer availability
- High summer demands
- Lots of rain but limited storage
- Old infrastructure
- Water-dependent economy
- Water quality and quantity needs for fish

Meeting Our Water Needs

- New Sources
- Storage
- Conservation
- Innovative Technology
- Economic Incentives

Midcoast Residents: We Need *Your* Participation

Help ensure our water needs will be met, for today and for the future.

For additional information and meeting details:

www.midcoastwaterpartners.com



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership



The Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership will examine water supply and demand needs in Oregon's Mid-Coast region. Our regional water suppliers include small cities, unincorporated community water districts, tribal communities, and commercial industry near the Pacific Ocean. Our area is home to a vibrant fishing, tourist, and forest products economy, and an ecosystem that supports diverse populations of fish, wildlife, and birds. *Abundant, clean water resources are needed to support people, the economy and the environment.* You are invited join the Partnership and be a part of this important conversation.

Our water challenges

The need for reliable, quality water supplies is critical. The Mid-Coast Region has unique water challenges that, if left unaddressed, will intensify over time:

- Over the last few years some water suppliers have struggled to meet existing demands. Moreover, a 2008 study found that, given current supplies and infrastructure, several water suppliers could be unable to meet demand by as soon as 2020.
- Low summer stream flow and limited water storage create pressures to meet the needs of communities for drinking water while maintaining stream flows critical for fish, recreation and industry.
- Many of our communities and their water systems are vulnerable to the impacts of drought, earthquakes and tsunamis and are not prepared to respond in the event of a natural catastrophe.



Mid-Coast Region

Defining our water future

These challenges require a coordinated approach since no one entity can address them alone. In June 2016 the City of Newport received a grant from the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to convene a collaborative, integrated water planning effort. This presents a timely opportunity to be proactive about understanding and meeting our current and future water needs.

Over the next three years, the Partnership may explore strategies to:

- Replace aging infrastructure, improve conservation, enhance regional water supply options, and more effectively share water between different uses and users.
- Relieve late season pressure on rivers, streams and tributaries while meeting the water needs for coastal communities and industries.
- Create redundancies in our system so we are more resilient to drought, storms and other natural vulnerabilities.
- Create a learning and action network for small water providers who are most vulnerable to environmental and regulatory challenges.

Join the conversation - help us define our water future

2018 Partnership Meetings: 4:00 – 8:00 pm

February 22 May 30 August 28 November 13

See website for details: www.midcoastwaterpartners.com

More information about the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

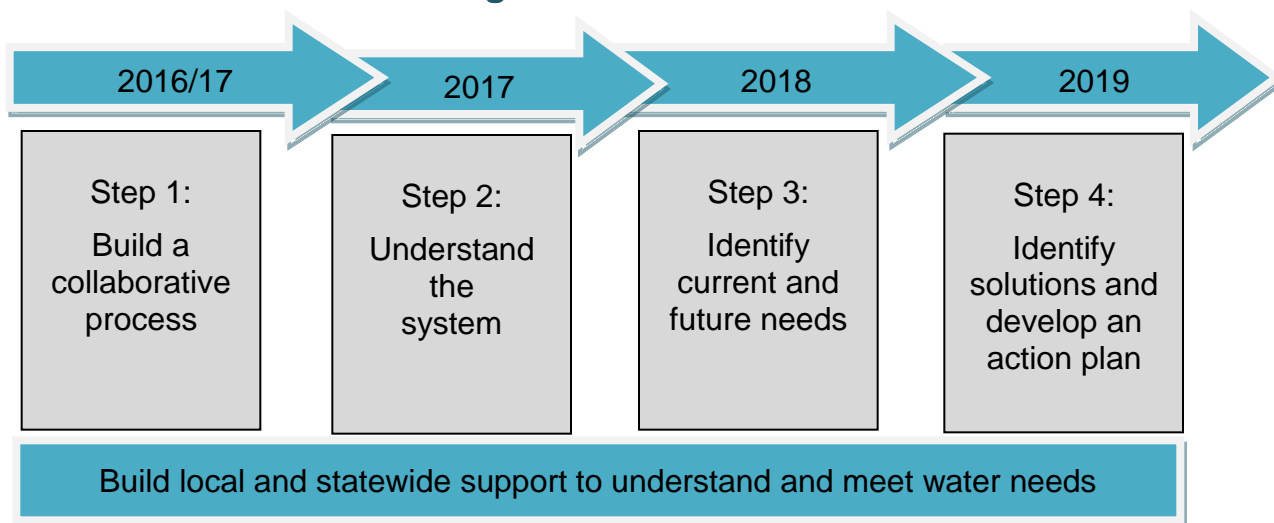
A new approach

The Mid-Coast Region is one of four areas that is piloting a new approach to water planning with the Oregon Water Resources Department. This approach, which was recommended in Oregon's [Integrated Water Resources Strategy](#), encourages integrated planning at larger scales and gives communities a greater voice in determining their water future. During the pilot phase local groups will partner with state agencies to test a set of [draft planning guidelines](#), identify best practices, and improve the process. In addition to providing a road map for the Mid-Coast, our local plan will inform future updates to Oregon's statewide strategy. This is our opportunity to chart a new path forward for our community and the state.

The benefits of Partnership

- Develop a common understanding of our water issues through discussion, sharing of knowledge, and examination of best practices.
- Coordinate current and future information gathering and data collection efforts
- Develop a shared vision for our water future
- Build cooperative relationships and foster networking among diverse water interests
- Create a forum to explore innovative, out-of-the box solution to collective problems
- Coordinate and leverage local and statewide resources to achieve the best results for our region

Planning Process and Schedule



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Co-Conveners	
Timothy Gross City of Newport Public Works Director / City Engineer t.gross@newportoregon.gov 541-674-3369	Adam Denlinger Seal Rock Water District General Manager adenlinger@srwd.org 541-563-3529 ext. 7
Alan Fujishin Gibson Farms Co-Owner alan.gibsonfarms@gmail.com 541-270-6210	Harmony Burright Oregon Water Resources Dept. Planning Coordinator harmony.s.burright@wrdd.state.or.us 503-986-0913

The following is a summary of major issues and potential sources of issues identified by survey respondents.

Instream Major Issues

- **Reduced streamflows**
 - Issue Sources:
 - Illegal water diversions
 - increased demand for water due to leaky pipes
- **Lack of instream and riparian habitat complexity**
 - Water quantity: lack of habitat complexity causing increases in peak flows
 - Water quality: lack of habitat complexity causing increased temperature from reduced shade, increased suspended sediment, and increases in nutrient and chemical inputs from limited riparian buffers
 - Stream channel dredging; Dredging has altered channel configurations, impacts to substrate
 - Issue Source: Allowed under State agricultural practices
 - Lack of spawning habitat
- **Lack of habitat connectivity (stream access to alcoves, off-channel ponds, floodplains and wetlands)**
 - Water quantity: lack of habitat complexity causing increases in peak flows
 - Water quality: lack of habitat complexity causing increased temperature from reduced shade and increased suspended sediment
 - Streams disconnected from adjacent wetlands and floodplains (i.e. channel confinement)
 - Issue Source: infrastructure, such as roads and dikes
- **Poor water quality**
 - Increases in temperature, low dissolved oxygen levels, increases of pollutants and nutrient inputs
 - Issue Source: Out of stream demands and more impervious surfaces
 - Increased nutrient load and algal/parasite growth contribute to low dissolved oxygen and are exacerbated by higher temperatures, more light, and the overflow
 - High turbidity
 - Issue Source: Heavy rain events and human activities that cause higher peak flows and increase erosion
- **Fish passage barriers impacting fish habitat**
 - Water quantity: causing increases in peak flows
 - Water quality: causing increased temperature from reduced shade and increased suspended sediment
 - Issue Source: Tidegates and dikes

Solutions Identified by Respondents

- Increase habitat complexity through:
 - Use of in-stream structures (large wood, boulders, engineered log jams, rock weirs, etc.)
 - Improving wood recruitment and riparian plantings
 - Improving state agricultural practices to disallow stream channel dredging in ESA-listed streams flowing through or adjacent to agricultural lands
- Reduce fish passage barriers to floodplains by managing tidegate presence and operations and reducing or setting dikes back

- Beavers: help with natural storage
- Water conservation
- Stormwater retention
- Grants for Municipal Comprehensive Water Quality Testing, Bio-solids Pollution & Wastewater Quality
- Organic agriculture (to reduce use of chemicals and fertilizers)

Municipal and Special District Providers Major Issues

Need to improve water supply resiliency

- **Water Quantity**
 - Insufficient water supply
 - Decreased flows in late summer and fish persistence conditions related to low streamflows reduce access to water supply
 - Lack of multiple water supply sources, including interconnections
- **Infrastructure**
 - Improvements/replacement needed
 - waterlines at the end of their useful life
 - Infrastructure vulnerable to earth movement and tsunamis in some locations
 - storage capacity limitations
 - major upgrades needed to old infrastructure for a water supply that helps provide resiliency
- **Water quality**
 - Turbidity associated with heavy rains affects water quality and system operations, can prevent use of the surface water supply
- **Lack of regional collaboration**
- **Financing**
 - Lack of available state and federal grants
 - Inability of customers to cover anticipated costs

Solutions Identified by Respondents

- Collaboration with neighboring water providers to improve water supply resiliency
- Infrastructure improvements
- additional water sources
- beavers: help with natural storage
- water conservation

Self-Supplied Water Users Major Issues

Water Quantity

- Water sources not on property of use
- Stream and spring water declines (particularly in summer), current and future (associated with climate change)
 - Junior water right holders are regulated off in late summer due to low flows
- Insufficient groundwater, current and future (associated with climate change) (e.g. seasonally insufficient for typical domestic uses, large family gatherings, high stocking rates of cattle)
- Aging infrastructure/infrastructure problems: older systems need upgrades and leaks or intense use of water could cause interruptions in water supply; rapid drops in stream flows can damage pump equipment
- Reduced natural storage

Water quality

- Reduction in water quality, particularly in summer (less potable)
 - Issue sources:
 - Aging and insufficient infrastructure
 - E.g., Cracks in deteriorating wells allow surface pollutants to enter well water
 - Forestry activities and road maintenance
 - E.g. less water storage, more debris and waterways, and damaged storage tanks resulting from debris
 - Livestock
 - Natural elements (implied)
- Microbial (E. coli and total coliform) concerns with groundwater and surface water (e.g. higher turbidity and higher bacterial levels require more intensive treatment of water used to irrigate crops)
- Turbidity associated with first fall rains
- Herbicide use (past and future)
- Taste and smell (sulfur) concerns with well water

Lack of information: number of wells and well water quality, surface water quality (locations where testing hasn't occurred in over a decade)

Solutions Identified by Respondents

- New water filtration equipment
- Livestock watering infrastructure: alternative off-stream watering systems and summer water storage tanks
- Water storage systems that supplement water supplies in summer
- Additional wells
- Beavers: help with natural storage
- Well testing (for various pollutants, such as chemicals, fertilizers, bacteria, etc)
- Water conservation
- Organic agriculture (to reduce use of chemicals and fertilizers)



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

CHARTER

This **Charter** defines the purpose and goals of the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership and memorializes how the members agree to work together.

Adopted 3-29-17

Revised 5-30-18

By the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

<p>Mission / Purpose</p> <p><i>Defines the overall mission or purpose of the Partnership.</i></p>	<p>The purpose of the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership is to develop an inclusive community forum which examines water use in the region, identifies current and potential water challenges, and creates a unified plan to balance water needs.</p>
<p>Goals</p> <p><i>Defines the primary goals that will guide the work of the Partnership.</i></p>	<p>Work collaboratively to develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protects the environment and ensures healthy watersheds. • Balances the needs of our ecosystems, our economies, and our communities. • Creates sustainable systems that are resilient to climate change and natural hazards. • Provides ongoing education on the values of our water resources. • Supports stewardship of our water resources. • Secures the financial, technical, and practical resources needed to further these goals.
<p>Guiding Principles / Shared Values</p> <p><i>Identifies the key principles or values that will guide how the members work together as a Partnership.</i></p>	<p>The following principles guide how we will work together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership. We recognize different perspectives and seek common ground to develop strategies that meet our collective needs. • Transparency. We create an inclusive process to openly share information and interests, invite curiosity and encourage dialogue. • Innovation. We bring our best ideas and information to the table and explore innovative, out-of-the box solutions. • Commitment. We act in good faith to support the success of the Partnership in developing strategies that are in the best interest of the region. • Flexibility. We are open to new ideas and approaches and will adapt our process or approach to fit the needs of the Partners. • Action. We seek practical near-term actions as well as longer term strategies consistent with our goals. • Clarity. We commit to expressing all of our findings in the simplest and clearest form possible.

<p>Vision</p> <p><i>Defines the aspirational future that the Partnership hopes to accomplish.</i></p>	<p>Regional partners ensuring balanced water resources for the environment, the economy, and coastal communities.</p>
<p>Membership</p> <p><i>Defines Membership of the Partnership.</i></p>	<p>The Partnership is a voluntary association that actively seeks to include diverse perspectives, interests, and expertise regarding water issues on the Mid-Coast. Organizations or individuals may join the Partnership at any time by agreeing to the terms of the Charter. The Partnership will seek to include, but not be limited to, representation and input from the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal water providers • Special districts/water districts • Industrial water users • Local businesses and economic development organizations • Coastal residents, rural homeowners, and landowners • Conservation/environmental organizations • Timber/forestry groups • Agricultural groups • Fishing groups • Recreation groups • Academic/scientific community • City and county governments • State and federal agencies • Tribes • Elected officials <p>A current listing of Partnership members will be maintained on the website at www.midcoastwaterpartners.com</p>
<p>Structure and Function</p> <p><i>Defines structure and roles of groups within the Partnership.</i></p>	<p>Planning Partnership: Broad group of participants that commit to work collaboratively to identify current and future water challenges and develop a plan to meet future instream and out-of-stream water needs. The Planning Partnership provides direction to the Coordinating Committee and makes decisions about the contents of the Plan. Members of the Planning Partnership will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participate in meetings of the full Partnership. • Contribute data and information when requested. • Volunteer to serve on the Coordinating Committee or sub-groups. • Work to build community and statewide awareness and support.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions about contents of the Plan. • Contribute resources to help sustain the Partnership. <p>Coordinating Committee: Diverse group representing a range of Partnership perspectives whose primary purpose is to coordinate and support the efforts of the Partnership. The Coordinating Committee is made up of up to 15 Partners, including the two Co-Conveners, who get together between meetings of the Planning Partnership to provide input to ensure that diverse interests are included, identify potential issues and opportunities, gather information, frame issues for discussion by the Partnership, and actively create a planning process that balances interests. Members of the Coordinating Committee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw upon their expertise to help prepare information for discussion by the Planning Partnership. • Solicit diverse points of view, listen to ideas that are not their own, and represent a broad range of perspectives. • Make decisions about the planning process and may make content or technical recommendations to the Planning Partnership. <p>Initial membership of the Coordinating Committee was established by soliciting volunteers to represent a cross-section of the Partnership. When a vacancy occurs on the Coordinating Committee, the Project Team will recommend a replacement for the Committee's consideration. Coordinating Committee deliberations are limited to Committee members and guests invited to provide information or perspectives.</p> <p>Sub-groups: Topic-specific sub-groups may be organized by the Coordinating Committee as needed to work on specific aspects of the Plan and/or assist in communication and outreach. Sub-groups may present information and make recommendations to the Coordinating Committee for consideration by the Partnership. Sub-groups will be made up of Partners as well as others who have relevant expertise and or interest in the topic(s) being discussed.</p> <p>Project Team (PT): The initial Project Team includes the Co-Conveners, Oregon Water Resources Department and City of Newport, as well as technical consultants, GSI Water Solutions and Facilitators, Innovative Growth Solutions. The Project Team makes administrative and process decisions regarding implementation of the grant and the planning process. This includes planning meetings and preparing materials and meeting notes to support the work of the Partnership, the Coordinating Committee, and Sub-groups. The Project Team also recommends Partners to serve on the Coordinating Committee to represent a cross-section of the Partnership.</p> <p>The Co-Conveners are responsible for bringing people together to address an issue, problem or opportunity while remaining impartial to any particular outcomes. The Co-Conveners' primary responsibility is to serve as the organizer</p>
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	<p>and administrator of the collaborative process, carrying out the preliminary and follow-up tasks that ensure the process progresses in a manner consistent with this Charter. <u>Toward that end, the Co-Conveners may engage and direct support staff and contractors on behalf of the Partnership.</u></p> <p><u>As the needs of the Partnership evolve over time, Co-Convener organizations or personnel may change. In such cases, the Project Team will recommend changes to the Coordinating Committee for their consideration. The Coordinating Committee may consult the Partnership or appropriate Sub-Group before making a decision.</u></p>
<p>Decision Making</p> <p><i>Identifies the decision making protocol to be used and addresses how lack of agreement will be handled.</i></p>	<p>The Partnership intends to provide an inclusive, transparent forum to identify opportunities and resolve issues in the collective interests of the Partnership. The Partnership will make decisions in the spirit of consensus using a collaborative process that engages all viewpoints offered to strive for mutually acceptable strategies.</p> <p>Definition: Consensus is a decision-making process in which group members develop and agree to support a decision in the best interest of the whole. A practical definition of consensus is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parties have had an opportunity to share and understand all viewpoints. • The parties have reached a ‘meeting of the minds’ sufficient to make a decision and carry it out. • Once agreement has been reached, the Partners are committed to supporting the decision or refraining from blocking or disparaging it. <p>Consensus on a decision about a project, recommendation, or action the Partnership plans to take will be reached when all members can make one of the following statements about the decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with the decision and will publicly support it. • I agree with the decision but will refrain from publicly supporting it. • I can live with the decision and won’t disparage it in public or stand in the way of its implementation. <p>Consensus Decision Making Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While anyone may participate in meetings and deliberations of the Partnership or any working groups that have been established, only persons signing the Charter may participate in Partnership decision making. • Partnership members are encouraged to attend meetings in person. If this is not possible, members may designate an alternate to attend a meeting and contribute to discussions on their behalf. Alternates must sign the Charter and the name of the alternate should be conveyed to the Project Team prior to the meeting. It is incumbent upon the Member to

	<p>ensure that the alternate can accurately convey their position. It is also incumbent upon the person representing an organization to accurately convey the position of the organization they represent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A formal 'voting' process will not be used. However, depending on complexity of the issue, appropriate process tools will be used to test for consensus, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Red, Yellow, Green cards ○ Thumbs up, thumbs down, neutral ○ Ranking on a scale of 1 – 5 ○ Priority ranking ○ Show of hands (can be done with eyes closed or open) • Partnership members (and/or their alternates) must have attended at least two of the last four meetings to formally participate in making decisions. • Each entity represented in the Partnership has one 'voice'. If there are multiple individuals representing an entity, they must select one person amongst them to speak on behalf of the entity. • The Partnership will endeavor to allow reasonable time for members to discuss interests and solicit perspectives of constituents prior to calling for a final decision. • Substantive decisions will not be made at meetings where the spectrum of Partners is not present, based on the Co-Conveners' review of attendance. The group may make tentative decisions at such meetings and follow up via e-mail, or may delay decisions until a spectrum of Partners is available. <p>If Consensus is NOT reached, the following process will be used to resolve the issue:</p> <p>A. If time is available: Continue to work on the issue using one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to discuss during the meeting – revisit previous steps in the process to consider all aspects of the issue. • Provide opportunity for dissenting members to provide constructive alternatives to meet everyone's needs. • Refer the issue to a sub-group for further study and discussion; then report back to Partnership at a subsequent meeting and re-test for consensus. <p>B. If time is NOT available (i.e. if goals of project would be compromised):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Coordinating Committee to determine how to handle the issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinating Committee may table, study further, narrow options, or select a preferred option to recommend to the Partnership.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinating Committee reports recommendation back to the Partnership, including a description of all alternatives, and a further attempt is made to reach consensus. ● If consensus is still not reached, a decision may still be reached by agreement of the majority of the Partnership and recorded as such. <p>Recording Decisions:</p> <p>The meeting notes and final report will reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Items on which the decision was reached by consensus of the Partnership. ● Items on which contentious consensus was reached, in which case Partners will be given the opportunity to prepare “Minority” and “Majority” reports and facilitators will outline the main points of disagreement for the record. ● Items on which there are mixed opinions and the Partnership concluded it could not reach consensus or come to a decision. <p>Modifying Decision:</p> <p>Decisions reached by consensus will not be revisited or modified unless :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Significant new ecological, economic or social information that may affect the decision becomes available, and ● The Partnership comes to consensus to revisit the decision in light of new information or perspectives, or ● The decision is provisional and intended to be reviewed at a future date, in which case this intent will be noted in the meeting notes.
<p>Member Responsibilities</p> <p><i>Identifies the responsibilities that the members commit to.</i></p>	<p>Success of the Partnership relies on good faith efforts of the members to fulfill the provisions of the Charter and the contents of the Plan. Members of the Partnership, Coordinating Committee, and Sub-groups agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make every effort to attend meetings, or arrange for another representative to attend and speak on their behalf. ● Review meeting notes and materials in advance of meetings. ● Participate in meetings and express the views of the organization and constituents they represent (i.e. stakeholders, members and colleagues of the entity they represent). ● Keep their constituents informed about the Partnership’s work and seek their input to facilitate understanding and support of decisions made by the Partnership. ● Engage in respectful, constructive dialogue with other members.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek creative resolution of differences and work to bridge gaps in understanding to achieve consensus. • Refrain from making negative comments about decisions that were reached by consensus. • Direct their activities toward ultimately fulfilling the Charter's Mission/Purpose and Goals.
<p>Meeting Protocol</p> <p><i>Defines how the meetings of the Partnership will be conducted.</i></p>	<p>Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting schedules will be maintained online at http://midcoastwaterpartners.com/meeting-materials/ <p>Record Keeping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership and Coordinating Committee Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decisions and key action items will be recorded on flip chart or displayed on screen by facilitator during the meeting. ○ A 'Parking Lot' of unresolved or tangential issues will be maintained by the facilitator and displayed at the meeting(s). ○ Notes will be taken by the facilitator and will be posted on the Partnership website by the Co-Convener(s) no later than two weeks following each meeting. ○ Notes from the prior meeting will be reviewed at the beginning of the next meeting and any clarifications or corrections will be resolved. • Project Team meetings and Sub-Group meeting notes will be taken by a member of the group and will be submitted to the Co-Conveners within two weeks of the meeting. • Attendance will be listed in all meeting notes. <p>Meeting Guidelines (i.e. Ground Rules):</p> <p>All members agree to abide by the following guidelines for effective meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the future. • Recognize that we are a system - work in a spirit of togetherness. • Respect all viewpoints - allow others to be heard. • Engage in collaborative discussion – seek win-win solutions. • Strive for understanding – ask for clarification when needed. • Be patient. • Start/stop on time. • Silence electronics. • When speaking, identify yourself and all organizations you represent.

<p>Communication</p> <p><i>Identifies the basic communication protocols to be used by the Partnership. A separate, more detailed Communication, Education and Outreach Plan will be developed by a Sub-group of the Partnership.</i></p>	<p>Meeting Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership meetings will be announced two weeks in advance via email and posting on the Partnership website at www.midcoastwaterpartners.com. If circumstances require scheduling a meeting on short notice, the Co-Conveners will endeavor to announce the meeting as soon as possible. Meeting agendas will be sent via email and will be posted on the Partnership website at least one week in advance. <p>News Media:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any formal announcements, including news releases, that represent the full Partnership will be reviewed and approved by the Co-Conveners. All meetings of the Partnership are open to the news media. Outside of meetings, members may make statements to the media regarding their own opinions and consensus decisions by the Partnership; however, they agree not to attribute statements to others involved in the process or claim to represent the interests or views of others. Members of the Partnership are encouraged to inform one of the Co-Conveners if they intend to be, or have been, interviewed by the media about the Partnership. If a media article or report inaccurately represents a member's statement, that individual should inform the Partnership as soon as possible.
<p>Charter Modifications</p> <p><i>Defines the process and authority for making modifications to the Charter.</i></p>	<p>To ensure that the process is meeting the intended mission of the Partnership, the Coordinating Committee will review the Charter periodically to evaluate how it is functioning and may propose modifications for consideration by the Partnership. Modifications may be proposed and approved at any regular meeting by a consensus decision of the Partnership.</p>

Request for Funding Consideration and OWRD Challenge Grant
Mid-Coast Water Planning Partners

April 26, 2018

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The Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) is asking for the Partnership community's funding help in continuing its work during Spring 2018.

Since its inception in 2016, the MCWPP has engaged over 200 stakeholders in Partnership Meetings, Field Tours, and Study Groups. The Partners have produced a governing Charter, reports summarizing water resources on the Mid-Coast, and education and outreach efforts that highlight the importance of water in the region. Over 60 individuals and organizations have signed its Charter. The next leg, already underway, will identify local water needs, both today and in the future.

Now, the MCWPP is asking for Partner assistance in funding our next steps during the current fiscal year. To continue the current planning step on schedule through June 2018, **the Partnership needs an additional estimated \$15,000**. While outside funding sources may provide some of that amount, the Partnership will have to decelerate or defer its work if no new funds are available this spring, at risk of losing the momentum built thus far.

Thankfully, Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) has offered a challenge grant in the form of a **\$2-to-\$1 giving match**, up to \$15,000. If the Partnership can raise \$7500, it can take full advantage of this challenge.

There are other opportunities for Partner involvement. Partners can also support the effort by providing or sponsoring a meeting venue or a meal for the group, hosting an educational field tour, or developing panel discussions or presentations. For example, the City of Yachats has graciously agreed to host an upcoming Partnership meeting at the Yachats Commons. These in-kind contributions really help the Partnership; however, they are not considered a 'match' for the OWRD challenge grant.

If you or your organization can make a timely contribution this fiscal year (by June 15, 2018) to support inclusive, locally-informed, regional water planning on the Mid-Coast, please contact Timothy Gross, Co-Convener and City of Newport Public Works Director/City Engineer directly by email at T.Gross@newportoregon.gov or by phone at 541-574-3366.

Thank you for considering making this special commitment to our communities' water planning future!

*The MCWPP is a gathering of regional partners who work collaboratively to understand and balance the water needs of Mid-Coast communities, environments and economies.
More information about its ongoing work is online at www.midcoastwaterpartners.com.*

Stipends available for travel and partner participation – apply now!

The Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) has accomplished a great deal through partner collaborations. We have been very fortunate to secure some funding from Meyer Memorial Trust and the Oregon Community Foundation that can be used to help our partners representing non-profits and educational institutions participate at a higher level in the Partnership. Please see below for details on how to apply.

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Participation and Travel Stipends

April 30, 2018

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The Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership is pleased to announce that a participation and travel stipend fund is now open for applications. There is no deadline for applications. A total of \$30,000.00 is available for this year (2018). Participants may request funds for expenses associated with participation and/or travel. Grant awards will be limited to \$5,000 per applicant per calendar year.

Applications are accepted from nonprofit and academic organizations located or working in Lincoln County and/or the Mid-Coast planning area (from Cascade Head in the North to Cape Perpetua in the South, west to the ridge of the Coastal range). Any nonprofit is eligible, including volunteers from special districts, chambers, trade associations and educational institutions.

Applications consist of one-page letters on organizational letterhead. The letter should contain the following components:

- Name of organization and person who will represent the organization.
- Contact information.
- Number of hours of participation expected (based on participation in Working Groups, attendance at meetings, or a particular task that you intend to assist with).
- Explain why this stipend is beneficial, and why this particular person is the choice.
- Address how the person will represent the group, and how they will convey information back to others.
- Address how participation in the Water Planning Partnership will be mutually beneficial to the organization and the Partnership.
- A completed W-9 form.
- If funding for travel is being requested, please estimate the expected travel for partnership purposes, and the costs associated with that travel.

A grant committee consisting of non-benefitting persons will review and recommend grant distributions and will notify recipients within one month of receiving their letter. Awards will be granted on a rolling basis until the funds are fully allocated.

Email completed applications to: funding@midcoastwaterpartners.com

-or -

Mail completed applications to: Economic Development Alliance | Mid-Coast Water Partners Funding PO Box 716 | Newport OR, 97365

Questions? Call Caroline Bauman (541) 961-3837