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

***Coordinating Committee***

***Meeting Minutes***

July 21st, 2020

1:00pm – 2:00pm

1. **Meeting Attendance**

**Mid-Coast Coordinating Committee:**

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

**Tim Gross** – City of Newport

**Kaety Jacobson** – Lincoln County

**Ed Backus** - Collaborative Fisheries Associates, LLC

**David Rupp** – OSU CIRC

**Alexandria Scott** - Local Planning Coordinator

**Jim Tooke** – City of Yachats

**Consulting Project Team:**

**Lisa DeBruyckere** – Creative Resource Strategies, LLC

**Lisa Joy Gaines** – Institute for Natural Resources

**Janine Salwasser** – Oregon Explorer & Institute for Natural Resources

**Myrica McCune** – Oregon Explorer

**Sam Chan** – Oregon Sea Grant

**Marc Rempel** – Oregon Explorer

**Derek Godwin** – Oregon State University Extension

1. **Project Team Slideshow**

**4 Planning Principles**

1. Holistically plan and manage water supply, wastewater, and stormwater systems.
2. Focus on the water cycle as a single connected system.
3. Promote coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources.
4. Maximize economic and social benefits while minimizing environmental impacts.

**Philosophical Approach**

* All water has value, and must be managed carefully to maximize benefits.
* Focus on achieving multiple benefits, balancing cost/benefits/priorities across economic, social, and ecosystem needs.
* Consider the complete life cycle of water and larger infrastructure systems.
* Respect and respond to the natural flows of watersheds and natural ecosystems, geology, and hydrology in a region.
* Focus on the appropriate scale of intervention to achieve desired outcomes.
* All sectors are part of the solution to a water-secure future.
* The best results can be achieved when all people have a stake in ensuring a water-secure future.

**Place-Based Planning Desired Outcomes (from Mid-Coast kickoff meeting September 2016)**

* Increased awareness of regional water needs, challenges, and opportunities
* Cross-boundary solutions that help neighbors work together to achieve goals
* Strategies that improve water quality, water quantity, and fair access
* Sustainable supply for consumptive uses that also protect ecology
* Improved resilience
* Flow management
* Incentives for conservation
* Better understanding of regulatory environment
* Funding and finances/Resources

\*These still ring true for our partners in the Mid-Coast

**Project Timeline**

* (July – October 2020) - REVIEW IWM PLANS, INITIAL WEB FRAMEWORK, CONVENE WORKING GROUPS, DRAFT VISION, MISSION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, CATEGORIES OF MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
* (November – March 2021) - DRAFT STRATEGIES, BUILD OE MID-COAST WATER SITE AND WATER PLANNING MAP VIEWER, ROADMAP TO DEVELOP PROJECTS
* (April – August 2021) – SHARE AND REVIEW DRAFT PRIORITY STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE METRICS
* (September – October 2021) - LAUNCH OE MID-COAST WATER SITE, REVIEW DRAFT PLAN WITH STAKEHOLDERS
* (November 2021) - PLAN FINALIZED – PRINT AND OREGON EXPLORER

**Oregon Explorer Staff Live Demo of Landing Page and Map Viewer**

* Janine walked through the landing page and map viewer from a previous project to give the group an idea of what the final deliverable will look like and that it can be customized.
* For anyone interested in revisiting the coastal researcher tool go to <https://oregonexplorer.info/topics/coastal-research?ptopic=4063>.

**Project Deliverables**

* Develop prioritized integrated strategies with designated targets and metrics
  + Implementation Plan components
* Visualize plan online via Oregon Explorer Mid-Coast Water site and Mid-Coast Water Planning Map Viewer
  + Benefits to online product
* Communicate core elements of plan
* Track plan implementation
* Less reliance on institutional knowledge to implement
* Incorporate flexibility and facilitate updates

**Working with the Coordinating Committee**

* Think of the Coordinating Committee as a filter for information and deliverables before they go on to the broader partnership
* In advance of Coordinating Committee meetings
  + Share information and links
  + Identify specific questions we have for you
* The Project Team will have a slot at our monthly Coordinating Committee meetings to solicit feedback from the Coordinating and give updates as well
* Monthly Coordinating Committee meetings will be shifting from Zoom to GoToMeeting so that we can get used to using this software with the Coordinating before using it for big Partnership meetings
  + Lisa D. and Alexandria will send the updated information for GoToMeeting before our next meeting
* Lisa and her team will be providing the Coordinating Committee and Co-Conveners with a monthly deliverable update to inform us of what items are on track and what items if any are behind schedule

**COVID-19 Considerations**

* Meet initially with work groups via GoToMeeting
  + Cameras
  + Audio
  + Screen Share
  + Recording
* As restrictions lessen, will consider meeting in small groups with full precautions
* Meetings will not be longer than 90 minutes to keep the audience engaged and productive
* SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY

**Next Steps**

* Compilation Exercise
  + Compile draft key issues, vision and mission statements, overarching goals, and objectives.
* Review outcomes from 3 work groups
* Convene three work groups to affirm/further explore key issues re: current and future water needs.
* Build out framework for Oregon Explorer landing page and map viewer.
* Assess existing datasets and bring in additional data layers to inform strategy development.
* Conduct webinar to share with stakeholders.
* Develop categories of water management strategies with stakeholders.
* Develop draft framework.
* Produce quarterly online newsletter.

1. **Action Items**

**Coordinating Committee Members**

* Lisa’s teamwould like to send their first newsletter to Partnership members by the end of July. Future newsletters will take on more of a newsletter format (with articles). This initial newsletter is intended to introduce us and share some key next steps – as well as generate enthusiasm for the Oregon Explorer portion of our deliverables. **Draft newsletter attached to Alexandria’s email with the meeting notes, Lisa also sent an email to the group with the draft as well**. **If you have any suggested edits to the newsletter, please send them to Lisa DeBruyckere** [**lisad@createstrat.com**](mailto:lisad@createstrat.com) **by next Monday**. Thank you!
* Keep an eye out for an email and outlook calendar update with the GoToMeeting information for our monthly Coordinating Committee Meetings (**Second Thursday of each month at 9am**)

**Project Team (Lisa and her team) & Project Support Staff (Alexandria)**

* In preparation for next the CC meeting send out GoToMeeting information and meeting documents in advance of our next meeting so Committee members have time to look them over and can come prepared to discuss them