

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020, 9:00 – 10:00 am

Meeting Attendance

Mid-Coast Coordinating Committee

Harmony Burrigh – OWRD

Adam Denlinger – Seal Rock Water District

Alan Fujishin – Seal Rock Water District

Chris Janigo – City of Newport

Penelope Kaczmarek – Coastal Resident

Laura Mazaud – Oregon State University Student

Alexandria Scott – Local Planning Coordinator

Consulting Project Team

Lisa DeBruyckere – Creative Resource Strategies, LLC

Lisa Gaines – Institute for Natural Resources

Janine Salwasser – Institute for Natural Resources (Oregon Explorer)

Marc Rempel – Institute for Natural Resources (Oregon Explorer)

Myrica McCune – Institute for Natural Resources (Oregon Explorer)

Sam Chan – Oregon Sea Grant

ACTION ITEMS

- After the conclusion of the November 15 deadline to provide results on the website/partnership logo, the Project Team will post the logo that received the most votes on the website.
- After the December 1 deadline for individuals to express their desire to be charter signatories and their willingness and ability to develop draft strategies in January and February, the Project Team will reach out to those signatories to select dates for the January and February meetings.
- The Project Team will set a deadline for Coordinating Committee members to provide feedback on the topics in the draft water report, and will be asked to prioritize the top 10 topics for the report.
- The Project Team will continue mining documents and plans for potential strategies for the Partnership to consider to advance their objectives.

Meeting Summary

Welcome to new Coordinating Committee member

Alexandria welcomed the new student Coordinating Committee member, Laura Mazaud.

Project Team October Progress Report, Partnership Newsletter

The Coordinating Committee was given an opportunity to provide any comments on the Project Team's October Progress Report and October Partnership newsletter.

Water Report – Institute for Natural Resources

Janine Salwasser shared the draft template for the water report, which would allow users to receive a report generated from a group of topics/geography within the Mid-Coast. The Coordinating Committee will be given an opportunity to review the draft components of the water report (the categories for which databases will be acquired) as well as prioritize the components. It was also suggested that a series of discussions with elected officials in the Mid-Coast, similar to the county leadership forums OSU currently hosts, might be a helpful way to identify potential topics and datasets.

Logo Concepts

The deadline for expressing preference for the website logo is November 15. After that date, the Project Team will post the logo to the partnership website. The majority of respondents to date prefer Logo A.

Charter Signatories

Partnership members were asked to affirm their interest in maintaining their status as a charter signatory, or to express their interest in becoming a charter signatory, and express their willingness and ability to participate in at least 4 meetings in January and February to develop draft strategies to advance partnership objectives – December 1 deadline. After that deadline, the Project Team will reach out to charter signatories to set up the early 2021 meetings.

Draft Action Plan Tables

The Project Team developed tables in the Action Plan that discuss drivers, states, objectives, and strategies, and shared their approach to working with charter signatories (see agenda item above) to develop draft strategies in January and February. The Project Team has mined all past documents and meeting minutes to pull draft objectives and strategies into categories, and is creating a menu of opportunity of other related strategies from other integrated water management plans – for consideration. The Project Team was reminded to review city water master plans and the state water plan (OWRD).

There was also discussion about engaging Pacific Seafoods as a potential charter signatory given their role in water use and the 2020 incident in which their water was shut off for 8 days (water conservation) – and the corresponding economic fallout from that action.

The City of Newport will be updating their Master Plan in 2021. In addition, they are currently conducting a risk and resiliency assessment due on June 30, 2021, and will begin working on a water emergency response plan in late spring/early summer (in response to the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Coordinating Committee is December 10 from 9am-10am. Agenda items will include a review of the beta Oregon Explorer Map Viewer with a proposed water reporting feature for different Mid-Coast geographies of interest, as well as a discussion of the plan framework and draft strategies.