



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes V2

November 4, 2016, 1 – 4 pm

Newport Recreation Center

NEXT STEPS

- Review meeting notes, edit draft charter and send your edits to jeanne@innovativegrowtholutions.com
- Outline of work plan - Adam and Harmony
- Draft Agenda for November 30 Partnership meeting – Jeanne and Shirlene
- Consensus decision making – Review materials – discuss at Nov. 18 meeting
- Meeting schedule – Harmony
- Next Coordinating Committee Meeting: November 18, 1 – 4 pm, Recreation Center Rm 117, 225 SE Avery, Newport
- Next Planning Partnership Meeting: November 30, 4 – 7 pm, Health Education Center, Samaritan Pacific Hospital, 740 SW 9th Street, Newport

Participants:

- ✓ Jitesh Pattni, ODFW
- ✓ John Stevenson, OSU, Oregon Sea Grant
- ✓ Deborah Wilkins, USFS, Hebo Ranger Dist.
- ✓ Alan Fujishan, Gibson Farms
- ✓ Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council
- ✓ James Adler, Yachats Valley resident
- ✓ Jackie Mikalonis, Governor's Office, Regional Solutions Team
- ✓ Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District
- ✓ Terry Thompson, Lincoln County Commissioner
- ✓ C. J. Drake, Georgia Pacific
- ✓ Tim Gross, Co-Convener, City of Newport
- ✓ Harmony Burrignt, Co-Convener OWRD

Unable to Attend:

- Stan VandeWetering, Siletz Tribal Council
- Rick McClung, City of Yachats
- Charlie Plybon, Newport Surfrider Foundation

Project Team:

- ✓ Adam Sussman, GSI Water Solutions
- ✓ Shirlene Warnock, Innovative Growth Solutions
- ✓ Jeanne Nyquist, Innovative Growth Solutions

Discussion Notes: November 4, 2016 (REVISED TO REFLECT EDITS 11-18-16)

Meeting Objectives:

- Form the Committee and provide an opportunity for members to get acquainted.
- Orient the Committee to the framework and structure of the Partnership.
- Identify elements of the Charter / Governance Agreement.
- Discuss broad scope for the work plan and how we will develop it.

Meeting Guidelines:

- Future focused
- Spirit of togetherness
- All viewpoints matter
- Strive to understand
- Practice patience
- Seek win-win
- Identify yourself
- Help us stay on track
- Be present

Introductions

Participants were asked to introduce themselves including name, affiliation, why they chose to serve on the Committee, and strengths they bring to the Committee.

Name, Why I Chose to Serve	Strengths
<p>Jitesh Pattni – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), lives in Newport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves to represent ODFW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New to this process • No baggage • Open
<p>Harmony Burrigh – Oregon Water Resources Department, (OWRD) Planning Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here to serve this process and the partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can contribute resources from the Department • Background in technical facilitation, developing data and information, collaborative process design • Enthusiastic and excited about this process • Total optimist
<p>Adam Sussman – GSI Water Solutions, office in Corvallis, was with OWRD for about 14 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSI based in Portland • Practice lead for water rights, water resources • Hired by City of Newport to help with technical aspects of this study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background in water rights since 1992 • Experience in similar planning exercises
<p>John Stevenson, Oregon Climate Change Research, OSU Sea Grant (funded by NOAA) lives in Corvallis, work is regional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work focuses on water planning • This is great opportunity to continue this work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with communities to plan for climate change – 50 year horizon • Can bring modeling expertise for water systems. Commitment to natural resource planning

Name, Why I Chose to Serve	Strengths
<p>Debbie Wilkins, Hebo Ranger District,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USFS manages large land mass • Things we do may affect system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural resources collaboration • Planning background • Can bring resources to table • Can be an optimist
<p>Alan Fujishan, co-manages Gibson Farms – cattle and blueberries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transplant to the coast – grew up in Eastern Oregon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BS in History, Politics, Economics, Spanish • Natural resources has always been an interest • Worked on a number of other collaborative processes • Studied natural disasters • Willing to reach out to other irrigators and agriculture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council, on Board of Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation Dist., lives in S Beach (in Seal Rock Water District) • Position is Policy Director - engage in policy arenas that have potential to make a difference for mission of Council – • Work for healthy ecosystems, healthy watershed, local economies that are compatible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steeped in consensus decision making processes • Knows the area very well • Knowledge of hydrology; understanding of how to manage watersheds to maintain summer flows
<p>Tim Gross – Newport Public Works Director and City Engineer,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart in municipal government • We are disconnected from others; important for us to talk with neighbors about water planning, share resources, knowledge, understanding with neighbors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newport has influence over water policy • Knowledge of water systems • Perspective on how we use water impacts entire ecosystem
<p>Jim Adler, Yachats Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Became involved in water rights many years ago • Spent years working on water issues in the Yachats area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was project manager for 10 year water quality analysis study on Yachats River for DEQ • Set up labs for 2 watershed councils and did sampling for DEQ
<p>Jackie Mikalonis, Governor’s Office, Regional Solutions Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works with other state agencies and coordinates with Federal govt. • Working on solutions with local groups (S. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can bring our resources to the table and collaborative governance model regarding reaching consensus • Been with Governor’s office for 3 years, was with Cascades West COG

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<p>Valley, Mid Coast, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Lane counties) to help get resources to the table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Solutions wants to be part of the process, support it, learn from it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad background in planning and public administration, public safety and public works
<p>Adam Denlinger, General Manager, Seal Rock Water District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District serves population of 5K, grows to 10K in summer months Largest water district on Oregon coast Wants to be involved, benefit the surrounding communities Would like to learn from other professionals in the room and span the silos that we typically work in Commissioners considering how to respond to potential Cascadia event Working collaboratively with Region to establish new water rights within District and develop resilient source of water Have established intertie with Newport that establishes secondary source of water Wants to deepen the relationship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring passion to serve the community Can bring relationship with communities he serve Extensive experience in water and wastewater
<p>Terry Thompson, Lincoln County Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped to author the Oregon Plan for Salmon Co-Author of Tsunami Bill Has served on ODFW budget committee Works collaboratively with tribes This endeavor is a challenge that central coast has to deal with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Commissioner in charge of natural resources Solutions require county involvement
<p>C.J. Drake – Communications and Public Affairs for Georgia Pacific mill in Toledo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mill has been in business since 1957 Employ nearly 400 people \$44M in budget Make container board shipped up and down west coast Use 10 – 11 M gallons water per day from reservoir NE of Toledo (built, owned by GP) GP also operates a fish ladder at reservoir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience implementing water conservation measures Writing and editing Critical thinker – able to look beyond conventional wisdom

Overview / Re-cap of First Partnership Meeting (September 29)

Project is guided by OWRD Integrated Water Resources Plan, the DRAFT Place-Based Planning Guidelines, and legislation. Core Principles:

- Balanced representation of interests
- Balance current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs
- Open and transparent process that fosters public participation
- Local solutions
- Consistent with state law and policy
- Developed in consultation with OWRD

Purpose / Goals of Grant (Letter of Interest)

Purpose: Engage diverse stakeholders in conducting a place-based integrated water resources planning study in the Mid-Coast Basin to examine and address water needs.

Goals:

1. Bring together diverse water interests in the Mid-Coast to better understand our water system and develop a vision for our shared water future.
2. Build strong partnerships to identify and act upon broadly supported solutions that yield benefits for the economy, the environment, and our communities.
3. Create an implementable strategy to attract and align resources to address water challenges on the Mid-Coast.

Planning Steps:

1. Build a collaborative and integrated process (we are currently on Step One)
2. Characterize water resources (including water quantity, water quality, and ecological considerations)
3. Quantify current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs
4. Identify and agree upon integrated solutions to meet needs
5. Develop an integrated water resources plan

Outcomes for Step One:

- Charter (aka 'Governance Agreement') to define process and roles
- Communication and Outreach Plan to define how we engage stakeholders
- Work Plan to define specific tasks and activities to accomplish the planning process

The Coordinating Committee will work on the deliverables concurrently to develop drafts which will be shared and tested with the larger Planning Partnership group.

Structure

- **Planning Partnership:** Broad group of stakeholders representing diverse interests that will work collaboratively to identify current and future water challenges and plan together 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 final plan.

- **Coordinating Committee:** Subset of Partnership. Diverse group representing a range of interests. Gets together between meetings of the Planning Partnership to represent diverse perspectives, identify potential issues, gather information and frame issues for discussion by the Partnership, and advocate for planning process that balances interests.
- **Project Team (PT):** The PT plans meetings, prepares materials and meeting minutes for the process. Includes Co-conveners OWRD and City of Newport, as well as technical consultants, GSI Water Solutions and Facilitators, Innovative Growth Solutions.
- **Sub-groups:** Topic-specific sub-groups may be designated as needed to work on specific aspects of the plan and/or assist in communication.

Discussion:

- It was agreed that all members of the Coordinating Committee are also Partners (included in the larger 'Partnership' group)
- The Committee discussed the need to be action oriented and to keep the process moving forward. If we take too long to define what we are going to do, people will lose interest.
- Additional outreach is needed to include timber representative and fishing industry representatives.
- The first step in this planning process is to get organized, determine how we will work together, develop an understanding of the information we have vs. information we need, and define the steps we will take. Then we will begin implementing the work plan which will cover Steps 2 – 5.

Charter (Governance Agreement)

The Committee reviewed the Charter template and agreed that it is a good starting point for development of the Charter.

- Purpose statement – Can be informed by the purpose statement in the grant application. Purpose statement needs to be:
 - Written in language that can be understood by the average citizen.
 - Include intention to develop long term strategies
- Structure – the structure definition that was presented to the Partnership can be included in the charter. We need to clarify how we will form sub-groups. When forming sub-groups, we need to be sure to provide them with clear objectives and timelines.
- Guiding Principles – The Committee identified principles to guide the Partnership, using the following process:
 - Committee reviewed Integrated Water Resource Strategy (IWRS) principles and state law establishing integrated water resources planning.
 - Individual Committee members identified principles to guide the partnership, noting their thoughts on stickies.

- Committee members then posted their thoughts randomly on a wall chart. Once all ideas were posted, the Committee members organized their thoughts by ‘theme’.
- The results of this exercise are listed below. The facilitators were directed to use this input to write a first draft of guiding principles for review and revision by the Committee.

Theme	Individual Ideas
Active Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency and disclosure • Active and vocal support (not passive) • No free-riders
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation • Best available info / science-based decisions • Partnership “incubator”
Partnership Balance Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone’s interests are addressed • Balance ORDER with DIALOGUE • Considerate of competing interests • Value creation • All inclusive • Not positional – interest-based • Address needs, not profligate desires • Common-ground • Develop partnerships
Balance In Stream/ Out stream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance between in stream and out of stream use
Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care of withdrawn water – infrastructure-conservation
Resilient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate-change resilience • Resiliency • Resiliency of watersheds over time • Global warming resistant water supply • Earthquake resistance water supply (earthquake disaster resistant)
Transparent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency of the process • Acknowledge history and past conflict but be future focused • Encourage clarification • Provide clear discussion goals
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move quickly • Not just another study to collect dust • Regional solutions • Actionable • Make a decision despite high uncertainty • Don’t let process impede progress • Do something do able
Sustainability (sustain systems)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental sustainability • Develop systems that can be sustained for the future
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the environment

Theme	Individual Ideas
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non salmon bearing water supply • Watershed health/restoration and its contribution to the future
Adaptive/Flexible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility • Adaptive

Work Plan

Adam Sussman led a discussion on development of the Work Plan.

- This process is currently supported by a modest grant from OWRD and funding from City of Newport. This funding will likely get us through Step 2 of the process. The Work Plan is a key document to help the group think strategically about how to structure the process to ensure success.
- This is a new program – OWRD is still gaining clarity at statewide level. There is a check in at the end of Step One to make sure everything is on track before releasing funding for follow-on steps.
- In developing the Work Plan, we will identify what information we currently have and what we need.
- Wayne – Want to see some specific solutions that are developed well enough that some or all of the participants can run with it – go after grants, inter-connects, conservation plans etc.

Discussion:

- Adam – to get to something actionable, we need to go through steps of this planning process.
- Terry – need a document that we can turn to that will help us navigate the Endangered Species Act.
- Tim – When we do forecast can we look at the potential of moving from ‘threatened’ to ‘endangered’ species. Harmony – we can do some scenario planning.
- Jackie – end the process with some commitment statements – don’t go into the weeds- a strategic plan.
- Tim - plan must be able to address conflicting needs -e need to collaborate to bring all needs forward so that they can complement and elevate each other; not squash each other.
- Adam – we can develop a package of solutions so that at the end of this process, everyone’s interests are lifted up.
- Adam and Harmony will put together a ‘strawman’ work plan to help frame the discussion for next meeting of the Coordinating Committee and will email to Committee. At next meeting we will want to get some ideas from Coordinating Committee on tasks.
As part of this process, we can gather relevant documents like master plans and create a place where everyone can access them.

Next steps:

- Develop first outline of work plan for Coord. Committee to review – Adam and Harmony
- First draft of Charter sections discussed today (Mission, Structure, Guiding Principles) to be emailed to Committee for review – Jeanne and Shirlene
- Plan for November 30 Partnership meeting to be developed – Jeanne and Shirlene
- Consensus decision making – Committee members to review materials and discuss at Nov. 18 meeting.
- Meeting schedule – Harmony to check preferences with Committee members.