



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

December 16, 2016, 1 – 4 pm
Newport Recreation Center

NEXT STEPS

- Provide suggested edits to draft charter sections on Structure and Decision Making by December 28 to:
jeanne@innovativegrowthsolutions.com
- Edit charter Mission, Goals, Principles. James Adler and Alan Fujishan by Dec. 28 to Jeanne
- Review the draft work plan and send your comments and questions to Adam at
ASussman@gsiws.com
- Review Charter notes on vision and bring your ideas to next Coord Committee meeting.
- Review the meeting schedule and put dates on your calendar.
- Next Coordinating Committee meeting, January 13, 2017, 9 – 11 am – Newport Recreation Center. Room TBD.
- Next Planning Partnership Meeting: January 25, 2017 at: **Rogue Brewery on The Bay:** 2320 OSU Drive, Newport, OR 97365
 - Brewery Tour 3:00 – 4:00 pm (Hosted by Rogue Brewery)
 - Dinner Meeting 4:00 -7:00 pm (Hosted by City of Newport)
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Participants:

- Jitesh Pattni, ODFW
- Alan Fujishan, Gibson Farms
- Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council
- James Adler, Yachats Valley resident
- Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District
- Terry Thompson, Lincoln County Commissioner
- Tim Gross, Co-Convener, City of Newport
- Harmony Burrigh, Co-Convener OWRD

Unable to Attend:

- Rick McClung, City of Yachats
- Charlie Plybon, Newport Surfrider Foundation
- Jackie Mikalonis, Governor's Office, Regional Solutions Team
- John Stevenson, OSU, Oregon Sea Grant
- C. J. Drake, Georgia Pacific
- Stan VandeWetering, Siletz Tribal Council
- Deborah Wilkins, USFS, Hebo Ranger Dist.

Project Team:

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

Discussion Notes: December 16, 2016

Meeting Objectives:

- Debrief 11-30-16 Partnership meeting.
- Continue to develop Charter based on input from Partnership.
- Further develop work plan.
- Identify next steps in education and outreach.

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

Debrief of 11-30-2016 Partnership Meeting:

- Good meeting.
- Food was good.
- Appreciated including attendance and notes from meetings.
- The three presentations were awesome.
- There were some people in attendance who expressed negative views – but we kept on track.
- Surprised that we had fewer people than at first Partnership meeting. We need to think about who is missing and who we need to reach out to.
 - Need to invite representatives of water districts, more industry, users.
 - Actions:
 - CJ Drake is doing additional outreach to industry.
 - Harmony Burright will form Outreach Subgroup.
 - Reach out to those who may be able to present information (even if they are not a partner yet), like we have done with the Rogue Brewery.
 - Action: Tim Gross will follow up with the Rogue Brewery Operations Manager
 - Hospitality industry is a major user -
 - May be able to reach them by going through the lobbyist or through Oregon Restaurant Association
 - Lorna Davis may know how to connect

Purpose of Partnership

There has been some misunderstanding about what this process will provide or do. We need more clarification on purpose of the Partnership.

- Need to review the purpose (i.e. 'why we are here') and the benefits of Partnership at each meeting.
- The purpose of the Partnership is to develop a plan that will help us meet water needs for the ecosystem as well as industrial/economic and domestic purposes.
- The end result is not just about developing projects. It is about preparing for water related issues and developing strategies to help us resolve these issues. We will develop desired outcomes together that will lead to integrated strategies. It is not just about developing a list of projects.
- We need to engage all of the Partners in developing the plan. The plan will help us communicate within the community and demonstrate to potential funders that the issues have been discussed and vetted within the community.
- The plan will articulate some broad strategies, as well as identify some specific actions.
- This process is an opportunity to build relationships, share information, and educate ourselves. It may also result in some cooperative actions between and amongst partners.
- All participants need to see value in this process. We may need to find ways to help small water districts and organizations be involved and deal with future needs.
- People want to see something concrete and can get easily confused as we are in the process of developing the initial guiding documents.
- The Coordinating Committee needs to be able to explain the value of this process and engage the Partners in developing the work plan and the Charter.
- The Charter will define how we work together, and the work plan defines the scope of work that we will undertake. We will develop both documents concurrently.
- The facilitators explained that groups typically experience lack of clarity when they initially tackle an issue. The struggle is actually a healthy process that brings out new ideas and quality solutions.
- Harmony reported that the Mid-Coast group has the right spirit – we are taking the time to involve the Partnership in developing the work plan and charter, and we are working together to provide information and learn together.

Charter Development:

- Mission statement –
 - The Partnership did not suggest significant edits to the mission statement. Jim felt the mission statement was not specific and, therefore, the Partnership did not give feedback.
 - Jim offered alternative wording for the mission statement as follows:
'The purpose of the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership is to develop an inclusive community forum which will examine all water use in the Region, identify current and potential problems and conflicts, and work to create a unified strategy that accommodates all future water needs.'

Action: The Committee preferred Jim's suggested wording. Facilitators will include above language in draft charter.

- Goals –
Discussion:
 - When we first started working on this, we wanted broad goals. We need to use more inclusive terms. Let's not be afraid to make the goals general at this time.
 - Goals need to unpack the terms: ecosystem, economy and community. What, more specifically, do we want to achieve for each leg of the stool?
 - Is 'Stewardship' – goal or principle? In 4th goal 'stewardship' is used appropriately.
 - 2nd bullet point – use 'balance needs' vs. 'sustain'.
 - Need to add goal dealing with aging infrastructure.
 - Need to include education and identifying and securing resources (money, experience, time, expertise).

Committee determined that goals should be broad and general at this initial step of the process. As the work plan is developed, it may be appropriate to develop more specific, narrow objectives that will result in development of strategies.

Action: Facilitators will make suggested edits to the draft Charter. Jim Adler and Alan Fujishin offered to further edit the Charter for the Committee's consideration.

- Vision Statement
 - Input from the Partnership is included in the Charter notes.
 - Committee discussed delaying development of vision statement until after we get into the work plan. Committee ultimately decided to develop a draft vision statement now, then revisit it and potentially revise it after the next step of the process.

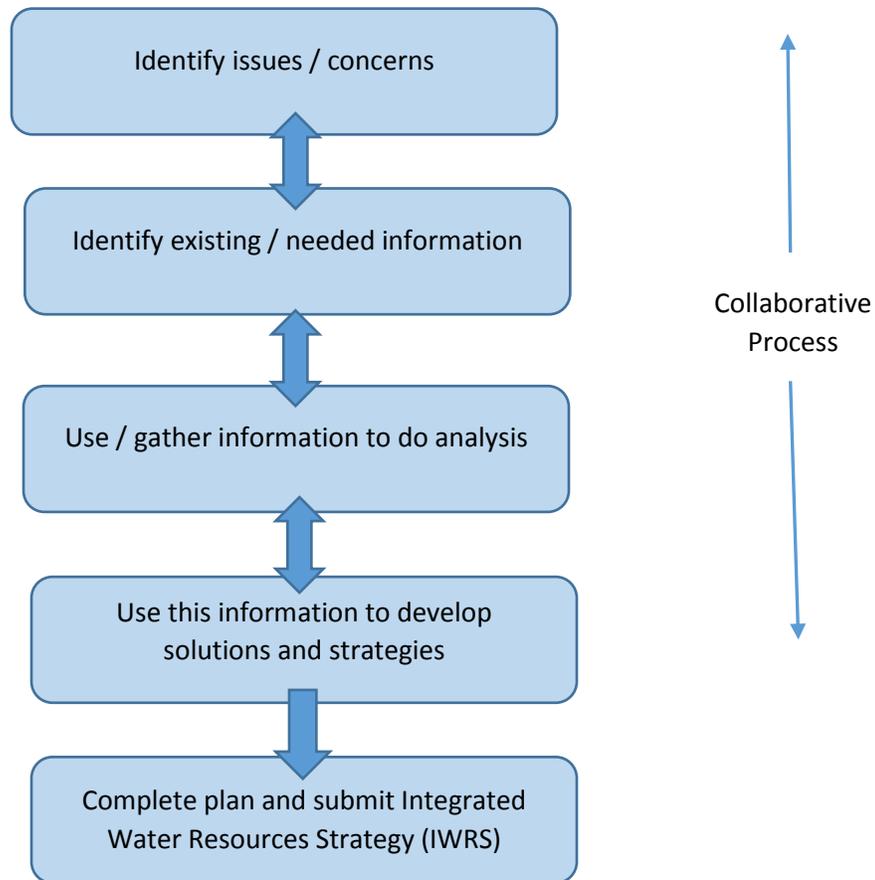
Action: All Committee members to review the vision section of the Charter and come to next meeting with ideas for the vision statement.

- Structure and Decision-Making Sections

Action: All Committee members to review these sections and send comments or edits to Jeanne.

Work Plan:

Adam Sussman, GSI Water Solutions, provided a framework to help the Committee understand how the work plan supports a collaborative process. Although the tasks are listed in a linear fashion, the process involves collaboration and dynamic communication.



Discussion:

- The work plan will serve as a scope of work to guide what we focus on and identify deliverables.
Example – in stream needs in the face of climate change.
 - Are we going to address this?
 - How will we address it?
- Tim Gross – We have been looking at doing a basin study with Bureau of Reclamation (BoR), but we are not sure what technical assistance they provide and how it aligns with this process. We may be able to get some assistance from BoR to support this process.
- Wayne Hoffman reported that Stan Van de Wetering has been working with US Geological Service (USGS) and BoR on advanced modeling. Stan would be a good contact.

Discussion:

- A subtask – need to analyze ability of water providers in the region (water and WW) to analyze the infrastructure condition and need for resources in order to be sustainable. Add infrastructure analysis.
- Task 1:
 - Interest in providing information on cost of water. Tim Gross offered to give a presentation to the Partnership on this at the appropriate time from the City of Newport’s perspective.
 - Need to be able to characterize uses and needs in different seasons – i.e. the water cycle.
 - Characterizing the water resources will help everyone to get a common understanding of the water resources and issues we face as a region.
 - For each one of the tasks, we have available information that we need to gather and understand, and we have data gaps. We will need to prioritize the data gaps and determine how to fill them.
 - We need to quantify water needs – both for instream and out of stream.
 - Task 1.2.3 Built Systems: add maintenance issues, initial lifetime projection, current estimate of useful lifetime, assessment of current and future inadequacies.
 - Task 1.2.6 Energy use also needs to be quantified and analyzed – this should be included under ‘built systems’. Need to reflect current consumption and identify opportunities to reduce consumption.
- Task 2:
 - We are characterizing water quality and quantity based on existing information.
 - Instream needs will vary according to quality. X amount of water might be adequate to keep fish alive if the water is really clean, but if water is not clean or too warm, it may not be enough to sustain fish.
 - Each of the subtasks will inform the other tasks.
 - Water quality – add ‘built systems’ to include wastewater outflows and discharges and how they impact water quality.
 - Need to understand political forces at work that influence or drive water quality (e.g. TMDLs) and water quantity. Some data may be difficult to obtain because it is politically sensitive. This will help us identify where the greatest conflict and controversy is, and then we will need to determine which issues and information we will pursue.
 - Task 2.3.1 Instream: Other data – we need to work with DEQ to develop list of water quality data gaps relevant to supply/instream needs and issues.
 - Task 2.3.4 Vulnerability assessment: New water quality challenges. As new pesticides, pharmaceuticals, etc. are introduced, the plan should include a discussion of how to be alert to this and how to respond.
- Task 3.1 - Current and future in stream demand.
- Tasks 3.2 and 3.3 - Current and future out of stream demand.
- Need to address opportunities for conservation and re-use (e.g.. using rainwater runoff, effluent for watering golf courses).

- Impact of effluent on water quality impacts the tourism industry, so we need to consider this from both an economic and political perspective.
- In each of the drainages, there is not much known about the impact of residential septic systems.
- Task 3.4.3 Prioritize solutions: We need to ensure the prioritization of solutions is not focused on just the major purveyors, but considers benefits to all purveyors and ecological benefit to multiple streams. (Note from Wayne Hoffman – I see a suite of outcomes that benefit multiple, separate entities, and we need to keep that possibility alive.)

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