



## Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

**Date:** May 31, 2017, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Location:** Health Education Center, Pacific Samaritan Hospital, Newport Oregon

**Participants:** Approximately 40 people representing a broad range of water-related interests (see page 15 for list of participants)

**Conveners:** Timothy Gross, Public Works Director and City Engineer, City of Newport  
Harmony Burrigh, Planning Coordinator, Oregon Water Resources Dept.

**Project Team:** Jeanne Nyquist, Shirlene Warnock - Innovative Growth Solutions  
Adam Sussman, Suzanne de Szoeko, Ingria Jones - GSI Water Solutions  
Tia Cavender, Rachel Hood - Chase Park Grants

### Next Steps

- **Study Groups** meet to begin work on Step 2: Characterize Water Resources. Please sign up to participate in a Study Group by sending your RSVP to [jeanne@innovativegrowthsolutions.com](mailto:jeanne@innovativegrowthsolutions.com) Study Group kickoff meetings will be at the Newport Recreation Center as follows:
  - Water Quantity: June 2 and September 12, 9:30 - noon
  - Water Quality: June 21 and September 12, 2:00 – 4:30 pm
  - Built Systems: June 22 and September 13, 9:30 - noon
  - Ecology: June 22 and September 13, 2:00 – 4:30 pm
- **Field Trips:** Mark your calendar for Field Trips -
  - July 27 – Watershed Processes: Salmon Creek Watershed
  - September 28 – Watershed Quantity & Supply: Siletz River Watershed
  - November 9 – Built Infrastructure: Waldport / Yachats
- **Partnership Meetings:** Mark your calendar -
  - August 8, 4 – 7 pm, location TBD
  - November 14, 4 – 7 pm, location TBD
- **Let's collaborate on funding!** Tia Cavender has developed a list of potential funding resources. Please contact her at [tia@chaseparkgrants.com](mailto:tia@chaseparkgrants.com) for a copy . . . and please keep in touch with Tia as you hear of additional grant opportunities.

## Discussion Notes

### Objectives:

- Finalize Technical Work Plan and begin developing information.
- Review the Communication and Outreach Plan.
- Sign the Charter, adopted 3/29/17.
- Identify next steps and initiate Step Two.

### Report on Place-Based Planning Workshop in Bend

The Mid Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) sent 7 members to participate in the workshop, *Collaborative Planning for our Water Future*, held in Bend and co-produced by Sustainable Northwest and Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD). The MCWPP members included:

- Tim Gross, City of Newport
- Harmony Burrigh, OWRD
- Caroline Bauman, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County
- Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District
- Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council
- John Stevenson, OSU Sea Grant
- Jeanne Nyquist, IGS

Day one of the workshop provided an opportunity for the four Place-Based Planning groups to meet and share information and lessons learned. Day two of the workshop was open to other groups that are interested in Place Based Planning and included workshops and panel discussions on collaborative natural resource planning, creating a culture of collaboration, and funding water-related work.

MCWPP attendees shared key points from the workshop:

- Representatives from the four pilot programs got in a circle and shared their experiences, struggles and successes with the planning process. Lots of information was shared. Everyone emphasized the importance of developing strong relationships.
- Building strong relationships based on trust is very important to the success of water planning. *Harmony Burrigh*
- It takes time to build collaboration that will result in a successful plan that works for everyone. We were able to hear about examples from others who have done this work in the past. We have a natural inclination to want to get something done right now; but we need to take the time to bring different voices together to create a common understanding through the planning process. *Tim Gross*
- We learned about resources that can help us in our process, including:
  - Velma model – can provide detailed information on stream flows and can run scenarios to help us better manage our watersheds.
  - Use of mitigation credits to share water resources.
  - Funding through low interest long term loans for repairing infrastructure such as septic systems that are failing. – *Wayne Hoffman*

- A panel of people from across the US shared their experiences of choosing to collaborate after years of painful litigation. They emphasized the importance of developing trusting relationships and thinking of this process as establishing an ongoing way of working together to solve problems. – *Jeanne Nyquist*

## Step Two: Technical Work Plan

Adam Sussman, GSI Technical Solutions, explained that the Technical Work Plan is driven by input that Partners have provided to identify key issues and opportunities. The purpose of Step Two is Characterize our Water Resources in order to provide a common understanding of the water resources of the Mid Coast. Adam explained that we will review and summarize existing data, as well as identify data gaps and estimate feasibility to address those gaps.

The Technical Work Plan is organized into the following sections:

- 2.1 Context
- 2.2 Water Quantity
- 2.3 Built Systems
- 2.4 Water Quality
- 2.5 Ecology
- 2.6 Funding and Fiscal Needs

A copy of the Technical Work Plan and Work Schedule was provided to attendees and can be viewed on the Partnership website at [www.midcoastwaterpartners.com/meeting-materials](http://www.midcoastwaterpartners.com/meeting-materials)

Adam emphasized that this step of the process is intended to provide everyone with a high level understanding of our water resources. In subsequent steps 3 and 4 of the process, we will develop deeper knowledge of our current and future water needs and solutions to our water challenges.

The outcome of Step Two will be a report characterizing our water resources to help develop a common understanding, a summary of data gaps and an estimate of the feasibility and cost to address the data gaps.

The Facilitator explained the work flow and schedule for the planning process (see Partnership website). She further explained that work on Step Two will begin at tonight's meeting. The members of the Partnership will meet in table group discussions to help identify:

- Existing information resources (i.e. data, reports, people)
- Data gaps that we need to consider addressing
- Areas of focus for this step of the planning process

Notes from the table group discussions are on the following pages.

## 2.1 Context

### Focus – Table Group Report by Adam Sussman

Informational resources to focus on:

- City & county comprehensive plans
- Estuary plans
- Rainfall and temperature – climate
- NRCS rapid watershed assessments
- Framework: Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, water law

Data gaps:

- Public attitudes towards water in our planning area.
- Overview of water-related controversies
- Understanding of political context – i.e. aerial spraying issue
- Review of local news
- What is current state of water education in the region? Need understanding of the water cycle.
- Daily/seasonal water trends
- Land/water nexus

### 2.1 Context - Table Group Discussion Notes:

Informational Resources	Data Gaps
<b>Round 1 Participants:</b> Adam Sussman (Table Host); Michael Adams, City of Toledo; City of Newport; Jerry Anderson, Hancock Forest Management; Patrick Wingard, DLCD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estuary management plans</li> <li>• Comprehensive Plans – City/County (on line)</li> <li>• Private timber ‘management plans’</li> <li>• Land ownerships ODF</li> <li>• More uplands resources</li> <li>• Rainfall data/temperature</li> <li>• History of aerial spraying after harvest – measure passed and prohibits spraying</li> <li>• Political context of area</li> <li>• Oregon Resiliency Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public attitudes toward water</li> <li>• Political context</li> </ul>
<b>Round 2 Participants:</b> Harmony Burrigh, OWRD; Maryanne Reiter, Weyerhaeuser; Tim Gross, City of Newport; Jo Morgan, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture; Rachel Hood, Chase Park Grants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon Coast Stem hub – potential educational resource</li> <li>• Local news clips about water issues or reports from groups about water</li> <li>• NRCS rapid reports – annual reports</li> <li>• Water cycle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What educational programs are going on?</li> </ul>

## 2.2 Water Quantity

### Focus – Table Group Reports by Cyndi Karp and Nikki Hendricks

Informational resources to focus on:

- Lack of storage, not lack of water, during winter
- Fire suppression late summer – lack of water
- How to comply with current and future regulations
- Timber Practices Act
- Tourism impact on water needs in summer
- Toledo Mill conservation and reuse of water
- Urban rain water storage
- Conservation of water for more quantity
- Defined water allocations
- Domestic wells
- Region-wide water storage assessment
- Municipal water plans
- Economic Development Plans – Water demands current and future
  - Toledo Boat Yard
  - Fish Processing
  - Hatfield – Aquarium
- OPRD Master Plans
  - Water / Wastewater infrastructure – fees and lottery
  - Tracking water use/reduction – state mandate
- Different sources of water – wells, streams, water districts – where located?
- Water users v. real consumption
- Land use practices - how we might improve water availability
- More gages
- Storage capacity – natural wetlands, lakes, aquifer information
- More data sharing – i.e. Alsea Watershed Study
- Climate monitoring - Getting real numbers for climate impact - correlate with gaging stations
- Infrastructure improvements go hand in hand with usage and consumption



Data gaps:

- Conservation: Glass of water on demand - Data gap: # currently doing
  - Hotel/motel linen reduce use - Data gap: how many are currently conserving
  - Leaks in water systems
  - Industrial use, reduction/reuse
  - Water rates: more use = more expense
- Summer water quantity – studies on stream flows in summer
- Winter/Summer river levels – need more gauges
- City of Newport data on water use Summer v. Winter
- Seasonal demands – cultural festivals, special events (e.g. eclipse) data gap?
- Beaver’s water storage – Data Gap: capacity of Beaver storage of water

**2.2 Water Quantity - Table Group Discussion Notes:**

Informational Resources	Data Gaps
<b>Table 1, Round 1 Participants:</b> Cyndi Karp (table host), Joyce Sherman, Steve Bemis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantity storage for fire suppression late summer</li> <li>Conservation – Water glass only on demand</li> <li>Hotel/.motel linen, industrial, leak in system</li> <li>Summer water quantity</li> <li>Beaver’s store water</li> <li>Lack of storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of hotels/motels currently conserving</li> <li>Number of restaurants conserving</li> <li>Capacity of Beaver storage in mid Coast</li> </ul>
<b>Table 1, Round 2 Participants:</b> Cyndi Karp (table host), David Westgate, Mike Adams, Ingria Jones, Steve Bemis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to comply with current and future regulations</li> <li>Timber Practices Act</li> <li>Tourism impact on water needs in summer</li> <li>Mill reuse of water and conservation</li> <li>Urban Rainwater storage</li> <li>Conservation of water for more quantity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter / Summer river levels</li> <li>Studies on stream flows</li> <li>City of Newport data on water use</li> </ul>
<b>Table 2, Round 1 Participants:</b> Nikki Hendricks, OWRD (Table Host); Harmony Burrignt, OWRD; Pam Lind, Siletz Tribe; Celeste Lebo, OSP; Preson Philips, Oregon State Parks & Rec.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Development Plans</li> <li>Municipal Water Plans</li> <li>OPRD Master Plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defined water allocations</li> <li>Domestic wells (number and use)</li> <li>Region wide water storage</li> </ul>
<b>Table 2 Round 2 Participants:</b> Nikki Hendricks, OWRD (Table Host); Maryanne Reiter, Weyerhauser; Scott Andry, City of Waldport; Seth Barnes, OFIC	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared data portal</li> <li>Land use</li> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate models</li> <li>Stream gages</li> <li>Aquifer information</li> <li>Allocated use vs. real use</li> </ul>



## 2.3 Built Systems

### Focus – Table Group Report by Adam Denlinger

Informational resources to focus on:

- Include City overall comprehensive plans
- Industrial comprehensive plans
- Identify emergency interconnections between systems
- State Resiliency Plan
- Include all system master plans
- How water loss affects the various systems – should this data be included in this plan?
- Should we identify funding mechanisms that will help to reduce water loss and improvements to built systems?

Data gaps:

- How do systems fund improvements that reduce water loss?
- State reported water loss per system

### 2.3 Built Systems - Table Group Discussion Notes:

Informational Resources	Data Gaps
<b>Round 1 Participants:</b> Adam Denlinger (Table Host), Scott Andry, Patti Ferry, Eric Ferry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City overall Comprehensive Plans</li> <li>• Industrial Comprehensive Plans</li> <li>• Identify emergency interconnections between systems</li> <li>• State Resiliency Plan</li> <li>• Need to include all City Master Planning documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State reported water loss</li> <li>• How do systems fund improvements?</li> </ul>



## 2.4 Water Quality

### Focus – Table Group Report by Suzanne de Szoeki

Informational resources to focus on:

- NPDES permit for WW discharge – overflows
- Septic system impacts on Water Quality
- Economic impacts of not meeting water quality standards – treatment, tourism
- Other informational sources:
  - Alsea Watershed Study
  - OHA funded Siletz sediment/erosion study
- Published theses
- Impact of effluent on beach – bacterial exceedance

Data gaps:

- Public understanding of water quality
  - How is water treated?
  - What is safe enough?
- CZARA not reauthorized (Water Quality \$) – what does that mean to future water quality?
- How does storage change water quality

### 2.4 Water Quality - Table Group Discussion Notes:

Informational Resources	Data Gaps
<p><b>Round 1 Participants:</b> Suzanne de Szoeki, GSI (Table Host) Jo Morgan, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture; Paul Robertson, Lincoln SWCD; Tim Gross, City of Newport; David Waltz, DEQ; Maryanne Reiter, Weyerhauser; David Westgate, Lincoln SWCD</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source water assessments for each surface water supplier – see DEQ</li> <li>• NPDES Permits – Wastewater Discharge and Overflow reports</li> <li>• Economic impacts of not meeting water quality standards – tourism, city operations</li> <li>• OHA-funded Siletz River Sediment/Erosion Study</li> <li>• Weyerhauser Water Quality Data on Alsea Watershed and Mill Creek</li> <li>• Theses</li> </ul>	



Informational Resources	Data Gaps
<p><b>Round 2 Participants:</b> Suzanne de Szoeki, GSI (Table Host), Jennifer Beathe, Starker Forests; Patrick Wingard, DLCD; Jerry Anderson, Hancock Forest Management; Mark Saelens, Lincoln County; Evan Hayduk, MidCoast Watersheds Council</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wastewater Facilities NPDES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Catalog of discharge points</li> <li>○ How often are there exceedances?</li> <li>○ Mid Coast TMDL concerns</li> <li>○ Siletz WWTP downstream of intakes</li> <li>○ Official sanitary overflow – start here and other events (less severe) recorded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Academic Masters Theses – Libraries</li> <li>• Weyerhaeuser water quality data</li> <li>• Alsea Watershed Study – compare turbidity, conductivity, fish, movement</li> <li>• Mill Creek Study – large wood, channel, geomorphology, T, fish</li> <li>• DEQ and OSU</li> <li>• Catalina Sequoia – OSU: Water Quality Library – document knowledge</li> <li>• 2012 2ds: OHA study on sediment in Siletz (David Westgate has document) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Property by property</li> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> erosion/bank erosion</li> <li>○ 2<sup>nd</sup> instream</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Economic impact of exceedance: turbidity, bacterial exceedance – economic impact on tourism and city operations</li> <li>• Septic Systems – impact on water quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal Zone Reauthorization Act (CZARA) – not reauthorized – water quality \$\$ DLCD website</li> <li>• Public understanding of water quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is safe?</li> <li>○ What is water quality target? Taste?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How is water treated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is considered clean water?</li> <li>○ What is our water quality target?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Water quality – how does storage impact?</li> <li>• Forest Practices Act</li> <li>• 303d – ODF Rules</li> <li>•</li> </ul>

## 2.5 Ecology

### Focus – Table Group Reports by Wayne Hoffman and Jitesh Pattni



Informational resources to focus on:

- Other wildlife (beyond salmon) - lamprey, beaver, mussels, salamander, etc.
- In-stream habitat – complexity and capacity
- Riparian conditions (broad view of condition of riparian areas and how that will affect temperature and withdrawals on habitat quality)
- Water withdrawals and impact on estuarine ecosystems, food chain, salinity
- Water rights – where is the water going and how is it used? (who, how much, when, where)
- Particulate reduction from roads – track out regulations
- Water requirements for plant species communities
- Plans: ODFW, USFS and Municipal
- Forest Practices Act (efficacy)
- Infrastructure that we’ve placed on top of our ecological systems and how those are intertwined
- Relationship of Invasive species and water quality – effects on stream morphology and riparian vegetation
- Improving ecological conditions via water conservation – grey water and rain capture at household level
- Tribal priorities

Data Gaps: Minimum instream flows needed for fish and wildlife

### 2.5 Ecology - Table Group Discussion Notes:

Informational Resources	Data Gaps
<p><b>Table 1, Round 1 Participants:</b> Wayne Hoffman, Mid Coast Watersheds Council (Table Host); Ingria Jones, GSI; Mike Adams, City of Toledo; Maryanne Bozza, Hatfield Marine Science Ctr.; Mark Saelens, City of Newport, Lincoln County; Evan Hayduk, MidCoast Watersheds Council; Rachel Hood, Chase Park Grants</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potentially another group: Water Economy / Innovative Funding Solutions</li> <li>• More information about other species (more diverse) – examples: ODFW Beaver Pyrography, Endangered Species – Marbled Murrelette, estuary species, food chain</li> <li>• ODFW Basin Plans for fisheries (late 90’s – 2000’s) written by Kevin Goodson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of relevant species to the watersheds:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Native freshwater mussels and health of populations</li> <li>○ White sturgeon</li> </ul> </li> <li>• More on estuaries</li> <li>• Habitat Quality Reports: substrate, substrate sorting, channel complexity, cover complexity – focus on water supply benefit</li> <li>• Broader view of the region               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OWRI database of riparian projects</li> <li>○ ODFW aquatic habitat inventory</li> <li>○ Water withdrawal effect on estuarine ecosystems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Informational Resources	Data Gaps
<p><b>Table 1, Round 2 Participants:</b> Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council (Table Host); Pam Lind, CTSI</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing camas marshes – hydrology</li> <li>• CTSI Tribal Forest Management Plan</li> <li>• Lower Siletz Mainstem Restoration: Tribal requirements, island construction</li> <li>• Grey Water Use</li> <li>• Rainwater Collection (permitting)</li> <li>• Water for landscapes</li> <li>• Public Works Plans to reduce leakage, infiltration</li> <li>• Particulate reduction from roads – track out regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need better modeling of relationship between flow and temperature</li> <li>• Invasive species connection to water quality impairment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Table 2, Round 1 Participants:</b> Jitesh Pattni, ODFW (Table Host); Jennifer Beathe, Starker Forests; John Spangler, ODFW; Seth Barnes, OFIC; Celeste Lebo, OPRD</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon Conservation Strategy (ODFW) 2015/16</li> <li>• Coastal Multi Species Plan (ODFW) 2014</li> <li>• Oregon Plan Reports (ODFW)</li> <li>• National Council of Air and Stream Improvement</li> <li>• Watershed Research WOP (OSU)</li> <li>• ISWR</li> <li>• Fish Preserve – GIS Layers – SSBT (GIS Layer)</li> <li>• Forest Practices Act</li> <li>• USFS Reports</li> <li>• Coastal Coho Conservation (ODFW)</li> <li>• Lamprey Plan (ODFW) 2018-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many WRS are there on the books?</li> <li>• How many CRS are there?</li> <li>• How many EFS are there?</li> <li>• Composition – who is taking what, where?</li> <li>• Minimum instream flow. ER flow?</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Table 2, Round 2 Participants:</b> Jitesh Pattni, ODFW (Table Host); Eric Ferry, Landowner; Mike Adams, City of Toledo; Patti Ferry, Newport Chamber of Commerce; Joyce Sherman, NW Steelheaders; David Waltz, DEQ</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Practices Act – most problems to lower mainstems – protect upper reaches</li> <li>• Estuary Assessment – Laura Brofy</li> <li>• Bio cover options for streams</li> <li>• Plant community needs of water</li> <li>• OSU studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies of climate change impact on species</li> </ul> 

## Work Plan – Study Groups

Four study groups are being formed to work with Technical Consultant GSI Water Resources to develop information to characterize our water resources. It is anticipated that the Study Groups will meet at least twice between now and late October. Partners indicated their interest by signing up for the kickoff meetings of the Study Groups June 21 and 22.

- Water Quantity: June 21 and September 12, 9:30 – noon
  - Margaret Matter, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
  - Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District
  - Harmony Burrigh, OWRD
  - Pam Lind, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI)
  - Tim Gross, City of Newport
  - Cyndi Karp, Ecosystem Advocate
  
- Water Quality: June 21 and September 12, 2:00 – 4:30 pm
  - Jo Morgan, Oregon Department of Agriculture
  - David Westgate, Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Maryanne Reiter, Weyerhaeuser Corp.
  - Tim Gross, City of Newport
  - Cyndi Karp, Ecosystem Advocate
  - David Waltz, DEQ
  
- Built Systems: June 22 and September 13, 9:30 – noon
  - Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water Dist.
  - Scott Andry, City of Waldport
  - Preson Phillips, Oregon Park and Recreation Dept.
  - Tim Gross, City of Newport
  
- Ecology: June 22 and September 13, 2:00 – 4:30 pm
  - John Spangler, ODFW
  - Mark Saelens, Lincoln County
  - Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council
  - Stan vande Wetering, CTSI, was ‘volunteered’

A notice will be sent to the Partnership inviting them to participate.

All meetings will be held at the Newport Recreation Center. Please check the Partnership website at [www.midcoastwaterpartners.com](http://www.midcoastwaterpartners.com) for updates.

## Funding

Tia Cavender, Chase Park Grants, provided an update on funding for the Mid Coast Water Planning Partnership project.

- The Pilot grant from OWRD provided \$135K to initiate the process. City of Newport provided an additional \$135K in matching funds.

- We are working on raising the remainder of the funding – about \$650K to \$700K to complete the process.
- We currently have 2 pending funding applications:
  - Army Corps of Engineers – we have applied for a grant of \$70K (in the form of technical assistance). We have attained the first level of approval and hope to receive final approval by September 2017.
  - Meyer Memorial Trust – we have submitted a letter of interest to for a \$175K grant to fund communication and outreach. We expect to hear by June 12 if we will be invited to apply for the grant.
- We have also initiated discussions with Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation and other funders. As the process progresses, we will also be looking at funding to support implementation, but for right now the funding is really intended to just sustain the work that we already committed ourselves to do.

Tia requested that partners keep us informed of your grant pursuits so that we can coordinate to support one another and avoid competing for the same funding. She also asked partners to keep an open dialogue about funding opportunities. Updates will be provided at each Partnership meeting.

Tia explained that her company has been compiling information about potential grant opportunities. She offered to make this information available so that partners can pursue opportunities. Please connect with Tia at [tia@chaseparkgrants.com](mailto:tia@chaseparkgrants.com) if you would like to receive the information on grant opportunities.

Tim Gross explained that he had discussions with the Ford Family Foundation while in Bend for the planning conference. He emphasized that we are competing with other planning groups around the state, and it might make some sense for us to partner with the other pilot groups because we are all working to fulfill the same goals.

### **Coho Business Plan**

Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watersheds Council (MCWC) explained that the MCWC partnered with NOAA, the Wild Salmon Center, and ODFW to pursue a Coho Business Planning effort that will identify priorities to restore habitat for Coho Salmon on the Siletz River. They have solicited and received letters of support from a number of partners. He expressed his appreciation for the support and believes there will be opportunities for synergy between the Coho Business Plan efforts and the work of the Partnership. Wayne expects to hear the status of the application in the next couple of months.

### **Communication and Outreach Plan**

Harmony Burrett, OWRD, provided an overview of the Partnership’s Communication and Outreach Plan that was developed in collaboration with a working group of approximately 15 partners.

- This is a foundational plan that will evolve over time.
- The plan will guide and support Partnership efforts in communication, education and outreach.
- The plan uses a goal based strategy. Communication and outreach tools will be developed to achieve Partnership goals.

- Materials will be maintained online for ease of Partner access.
- The Communication and Outreach Working Group will use a distributed leadership model with members leading in areas of interest / expertise.
- The Communication and Outreach Plan can be viewed on the Partnership website at [www.midcoastwaterpartners.com](http://www.midcoastwaterpartners.com)

Harmony reviewed Communication and Outreach activities to date:

2016

- Developed initial Partnership database
- Sent out invitation letters and emails and conducted 1:1 outreach to invite potential partners to the table
- Created a mailing list that currently has 146 subscriptions
- Developed the Partnership website

2017

- Formed the CO Working Group
- Drafted CO Plan
- Identified next steps
- Reviewed CO Plan with the Partnership

Field Trips – Harmony explained that the current focus of the CO Working Group is to plan Field Trips to educate the Partnership about our Water Resources. The Field Trips will be developed on topics that are complementary to the Technical Work Plan. Field Trips are being planned for the following dates:

- July 27 – Watershed Processes: Salmon Creek Watershed
- September 28 – Watershed Quantity & Supply: Siletz River Watershed
- November 9 – Built Infrastructure: Waldport / Yachats

Please watch the Partnership website for more information and sign up opportunities for field trips!

## **Charter**

The Partnership adopted the Charter at its May 29 meeting. An additional 10 partners signed the Charter at tonight's meeting, making a total number of 35 partners signed to date.

## **Comment Cards – Suggestions**

- Email out a copy of the Charter to sign online via Tim's mailing list at City of Newport and other email lists.
- Salmon Drift Creek WC Paul Katen contact for Salmon River Field Trip. Paul Katen is President of SDCWC.
- Send out second notice of bi-monthly meeting a couple or day before meeting.

## Attendance List for May 31 Partnership Meeting

Seal Rock Water District	Adam	Denlinger
GSI Water Solutions	Adam	Sussman
Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.	Celeste	Lebo
Interested Member of the Public	Cyndi	Karp
Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District	David	Westgate
Dept. of Environmental Quality	David	Waltz
Interested Member of the Public	Eric	Ferry
Mid-Coast Watersheds Council	Evan	Hayduk
Oregon Water Resources Dept.	Harmony	Burright
GSI Water Solutions	Ingria	Jones
Starker Forests, Inc.	Jennifer	Beathe
Hancock Forest Management	Jerry	Anderson
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	Jitesh	Pattni
Oregon Dept. of Agriculture	Jo	Morgan
Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife	John	Spangler
Northwest Steelheaders/Stewards of Rocky Creek	Joyce	Sherman
City of Newport	Mark	Saelens
Weyerhaeuser	Mary Ann	Reiter
Hatfield Marine Science Center	Maryann	Bozza
City of Toledo	Michael J.	Adams
City of Toledo	Mike E.	Adams
Oregon Water Resources Department	Nikki	Hendricks
City of Newport	Olaf	Sweetman
Confederate Tribes of Siletz Indians	Pam	Lind
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development	Patrick	Wingard
Newport Chamber of Commerce	Patti	Ferry
Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District	Paul	Robertson
Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept	Preson	Phillips
Chase Park Grants	Rachel	Hood
City of Waldport	Scott	Andry
Oregon Forest and Industries Council	Seth	Barnes
Interested Member of the Public	Steve	Bemis
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