

**Notes from Coordinating Committee Meeting**  
**August 10, 2018**  
**9-12n**  
**Hatfield Marine Science Center**

In attendance were Harmony Burrig, Adam Sussman, Tim Gross, Ann Mooney, Adam Denlinger, Jim Tooke, Caroline Bauman, Jeanne Nyquist, Shirlene Warnock, Wayne Hoffman, Stan van de Wetering, Charlie Plybon, Lee Ann Prchal, and Jackie Mikalonis attended by conference phone.

**Overview**

Decisions:

- The CC agreed (by full consensus) to look into hiring a local planning coordinator.
- The CC agreed (by full consensus) to hold a Partnership meeting in late October.
- The CC agreed (by full consensus) to continue Oregon Kitchen Table's survey work and to have it align with the next Partnership meeting.
- The CC agreed (by full consensus) to add Ann Mooney of the Climate Impacts Research Consortium to the Committee

Discussion:

The CC discussed the need for Working Groups to take on more of a leadership role going forward. The Working Groups will work to identify their top 2-4 focus issues and will have a clear path forward and some information to share by our next Partnership meeting.

The CC discussed that at this stage we need to clearly define and quantify the problems we are trying to solve. This will be critical for partner engagement as well as public outreach.

The CC discussed the need to collect Step 3 technical information (current and future water needs/demands) in the near-term with available funding resources – the scope for technical consultants needs to be clearly defined and the work needs to be prioritized. This can be an important input for Working Groups and the communication and outreach materials. The funding available for this work is uncertain.

The CC discussed the need to make better use of Step 2 materials such as asking the Working Groups to distill the reports down into a couple of key takeaways with associated infographics, using Step 2 to generate effective communication and outreach materials, etc. Step 2 materials also need to be made more accessible via the website.

The CC discussed the need to balance partner engagement with the technical work and ways that they may be able to accomplish that.

The CC discussed the need for flexibility and adaptive management so that we can adjust our work to correspond with existing resources and constraints.

## Detailed Discussion

The meeting started with Harmony asking everyone to write down a goal for the meeting.

Stan - need a clear path/outline for moving forward

Tim - talked about funds, how to use them, and the need for a local planning coordinator. Wayne might be able to help with hiring a new person that can take on these duties as part of their job. Tim said we need consultants but need to change how we use them to match reduced funding. We need them for technical assistance and need to use them as efficiently as possible so we can continue to get their expertise. We need to set it up so consultants don't have to do coordination work and attend every meeting. Tim said we have \$45,000 for consultants. The question is, how do we stretch that out? A local coordinator can help with day to day logistics of keeping the Partnership connected and moving forward, but they also need to have a vision and a strategy. This is more than just an administrative role.

Jim - brought up going to legislature for additional resources.

Caroline - need for outreach, developing integrative solutions, and the current drought. She thinks that a local person talking to groups would be valuable and recognizes that someone will need to hire this person and provide guidance and supervision.

Tim - the vision and goals haven't changed. Now we need to determine a plan for moving forward.

Harmony has a list of priorities developed by the co-conveners and asks for input from everyone. Modifications in red.

- Continued adherence to the Mission, Vision, and Goals of the Partnership
- Partner engagement and coordination
- Baseline technical work – higher priority
- Financial stability/fiscal management – acknowledge our constraints - how do we know when we've achieved stability?
- Local leadership and coordination capacity
- Working group momentum and coordination
- Existing grant agreements and contracts
- Adaptive management and flexibility

Jeanne – we need material in order to have a partnership meeting

Tim – baseline data needs to be exact numbers for people to understand – need to quantify the issue.

Charlie – need communication. Take what we have and give it to the public as educational material. Have panels and field tours. These are low cost.

Caroline – need to satisfy existing contracts/grant agreements.

Tim – create statements for working groups to look into.

There's a question about where information is on the website.

Jeanne – Need to know what the problem is to be able to tell the public. Suggest delaying the OKT survey until we have baseline technical data, as originally planned.

Wayne – could easily make one to two sentences from current water situation for the public (referring to the article in the paper today about the drought situation in Lincoln County).

Caroline – Step 3 should consist of a lot of outreach and communication.

Jim – however we get there is fine. Water supply is limited. People respond to facts such as their property is worth zero without water.

Adam D. – Need to scale back work plan and task working groups. We need to work with consultants to identify our expectations of them.

Tim – Need to tell working groups what we need using existing information.

Wayne – have six questions and wants the CC to reach resolution. He thinks we have enough material to hold a Partnership meeting in October.

Harmony – OWRD will also be able to share water rights analysis, which is part of the baseline technical information.

Tim – wants working groups to mine existing GSI data and make statements from them.

Caroline – part of the Community and Outreach working group. OKT is going. Don't slow them down. Caroline is helping them with their survey and getting information. She says that she is happy doing this and her plate is full. She said it's best for fundraising to send a positive message not negative. Show how successful you have been and the good you are doing.

Harmony directs the Committee back to Wayne's concerns. The subject of having a local person is discussed. Tim said he can get a job description together and partner with Wayne and produce a proposed job description. He said Rianne in Harney County would be a good resource. This is what

she's doing and it works really well. Charlie, Ann, Jeanne, and Shirlene can also help with the job description.

It was discussed if there should be a partnership meeting in September/October.

Tim – no, we need more data from work groups. Maybe a partnership meeting in December. He suggested having a field trip.

Harmony – based on messaging from last meeting there is concern that the Partnership is “dead” – need to continue to engage partners and reassure them that this is not the case. OKT needs a partnership meeting to start their survey.

Jeanne - IGS is not available in December.

Wayne said he has an outline for a meeting that can happen in October.

1. OKT update to the group – help with outreach
2. Instream working group can have a report by then and a presentation on which streams to focus on and answer critical questions such as how much water can be pulled.  
Municipal working group can each say where they stand – how much water they have and for how long.  
Maybe self-supplied could report on how much water is being sold.

Harmony – OWRD can have a report ready on water rights for the next partnership meeting.

A vote was taken regarding if we should have a meeting in October. It was decided that it needs to be the end of October. Jeanne and Shirlene are available October 29 and 30. Jim will check if Yachats can do it one of those days.

We need work groups to step up and determine their priorities and what they need from the consultants. Identify top 2-4 priorities/focus issues.

Tim – needs the work groups to tell the consultants what they need from them. Tim will be too busy the next couple of months to be the coordinator between them. Jeanne and Shirlene confirmed that they are not at all clear what's needed from them.

A vote was taken on if the Committee supports what OKT are doing and their survey. There were questions about the survey, and Tim pointed out that it's a leap of faith and he's willing to take it. Wayne sees it as a good source of information on how the public feels. The consultants expressed some concerns about timing. The Committee agreed to maintain the current work with OKT.

Harmony mentioned an agency huddle happening on September 17<sup>th</sup> with some Oregon agencies that can be a source of technical information. Tim would like to attend.

Field Tour – Wayne says he could do a mid to late September field tour that would go to Beaver Creek Headwaters and Yaquina estuary. Adam D. said he could rent the vans and help coordinate.

Harmony summarized and filled in actions on Work Plan:

- Tim will do a local coordinator job description
- Stan will keep working on BIA
- There will be a partnership meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> depending on Yachats' availability (Jim)
- Adam D. will coordinate with working groups
- The Partnership will move forward with OKT survey work
- Wayne will work on a field tour
- Caroline and Jerry will continue work on an Economic Water Use panel
- CIRC – Army Corp – Harmony will work with them to figure out scope of work/work plan
- A big outstanding question is - What is GSI's technical scope?
- Harmony can help coordinate for now but this will need to transition to the local coordinator in the future.

A motion was made to put Ann on the Committee. The vote for yes was unanimous.

Wayne - wants to know IGS's tasks for putting on the meetings so that Committee members can help – can also be useful for developing a task list for the new local coordinator and committee. Tim will follow-up.

The meeting was adjourned.