



Meeting Notes January 9th, 2020

Date: January 9th, 2020, 4:00 - 7:15pm

Location: Toledo Fire Hall, Toledo, Oregon

Participants: 40+ in attendance see pages 5-6 for list of participants

Conveners: Timothy Gross, Public Works Director, City of Newport, Harmony Burrig, Planning Coordinator, Oregon Water Resources Dept., Alan Fujishin, Owner, Gibson Farms, Adam Denlinger, General Manager, Seal Rock Water District.

Project Team: Alexandria Scott - Planning Coordinator

Next Steps

- **Working Groups** - currently scheduled meetings are as follows:
 - Instream Summit: February 10th 10am – 3pm at the Center for Health Education in Newport
 - Municipalities & Special Districts: No meetings scheduled at this time
 - Self-Supplied Water Users: No meetings scheduled at this time
 - Inter-Working Group Meeting: All day, Date range April 20th-24th (TBD)

If you are interested in working group updates, please go to our website and enroll for our mailing lists at: <http://midcoastwaterpartners.com/working-group-meetings/>

- **Partnership Meetings & Events:** Mark your calendar –
 - Partnership Survey – Consensus Criteria for Problems/Issues: **Please fill out this survey by February 5!** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej8Ek4PkXvm-yR_pbYZxu0Hf27Zud1zsw9fiL-QqNHLzD2w/viewform
 - Partnership Survey – Preliminary Consensus on Problems/Issues: expected in early May 2020 (TBD)
 - Partnership Meeting to reach consensus on Problems/Issues: expected in late May 2020 (TBD)
- **If you have any funding opportunities or partner updates you wish to share with the Partnership**, please email them to contact@midcoastwaterpartners.com so we can include them in our monthly email blasts

Discussion Notes

Meeting Objectives: Get to know each other and build networks, learn about the interests and needs of self-supplied water users as well as potential solutions, identify criteria to evaluate and prioritize the issues we want to work on together.

Welcome and Introductions

Alan Fujishin, Gibson Farms, welcomed the Partnership to Toledo and went over the objectives for the evening. In the spirit of cooperation and collaboration he reminded everyone of the guiding principles/shared values in the Charter, meeting guidelines and what step we are at in the planning process. Alan reminded everyone that each of the Working Groups has helped to put on a meeting of

the Partnership to share what they have been learning over the past 1+ years. The Municipal/District Working Group hosted a meeting in April 2019, the Instream/Ecology Working Group hosted a meeting in September 2019. This meeting is hosted by the Self-Supplied Working Group.

Our host **Rod Cross, Mayor of Toledo** highlighted the work of the Partnership and emphasized the importance of collaboration in meeting our water challenges and future water security.

Representative David Gomberg gave some opening remarks about how unique the region is, the difficult task that we are faced with of trying to support the economy while preserving natural resources for future generations. He also gave a short session update, how his work at the state can tie into local projects such as Big Creek Dam and he thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Introductions/Networking

This was an opportunity for partners to get to know each other beyond the traditional “hi my name is, and I work for” introductions to help facilitate the creation of new networks. The group went around the room and each person introduced themselves and answered one of the questions provided or both. Everyone in the Appendix on page 5 participated in the exercise.

Q1: What is the value of water to me?

Q2: How can water help us build community on the coast?

A common trend in the room was that “water is life” and “without water there isn’t community”.

Learning from the Self-Supplied Water User Working Group

Nikki Hendricks, Dist. 1 Watermaster, provided an overview of self-supplied issues and solutions generated by the Self-Supplied Water User Working Group, which provided context for the guest presentations. See the presentation on the MCWPP website at

<http://midcoastwaterpartners.com/partnership-meetings/>.

- What is a self-supplied water user?
 - Persons, businesses, or industries that supply their own water source from either ground or surface water for beneficial use.
- Nikki went over the difference between domestic (surface water vs groundwater), irrigation, and industry use.
- Out-of-stream diversions in the Mid-Coast
 - 72% of water diverted goes to self-supplied uses: 34% Self-Supplied Industrial, 29% Self-Supplied Aquaculture, 6% Self-Supplied Agriculture, 3% Self-Supplied Domestic.
- Self-Supplied current and future water priorities
 - Nikki discussed the approach of the Self-Supplied Work Group to Step 3 and introduced their four focus issues.
 - Nikki presented the Problem/Issue Statements developed by the Working Group: Domestic Water Quality, Conservation Opportunities, Infrastructure Status and Needs and Water Supply Vulnerabilities & Opportunities.
 - Nikki focused on the problem/issue statement for infrastructure. She talked about shallow wells because they can be an infrastructure issue. Many systems are/may be failing, which can affect not only water quality but quantity as well. Nikki went over

some pros of shallow wells such as: they are cost effective, favorable for local geology, quick installation, improved water quality to surface water sources and less than 20' deep.

OSU Extension Domestic Well Stewardship Presentation

Chrissy Lucas, Outreach Program Director, OSU Extension Service, provided a presentation on well stewardship and safety efforts. See the presentation on the MCWPP website at <http://midcoastwaterpartners.com/partnership-meetings/>.

Notes about the presentation:

- Statewide there are roughly 355,000 active domestic wells and about 3,500-3,800 new wells are added each year. Very few wells are listed as abandoned and/or properly decommissioned.
- Chrissy talked about the goals of the program which are to:
 - Increase awareness of groundwater issues, improve community involvement opportunities, and promote behavior changes that enhance the safety of public and private drinking water supplies and protect regional groundwater quality.
 - Reduce the potential for groundwater contamination from residential sources by providing residents with the tools and knowledge necessary to identify household risks to drinking water quality, evaluate groundwater protection strategies and adopt sustainable management practices.
- She does outreach methods such as: one on one (phone, email, screen clinics), formal/informal presentations, website (<http://wellwater.oregonstate.edu>), OSU publications & newsletters.
- She teaches people what groundwater is, what septic tanks look like and how they work, well inspection points, how to maintain their well, how to care for their water, and the types of water testing and treatment that are available. Chrissy educates people on costs associated with inspecting and maintaining their well and ways that they can conserve water if possible.
- Right now, Chrissy serves several counties. Lincoln County is not in her service area, but Lincoln County could be added to her service area if there was interest/support within the region and funding for extension.

Partner Updates

This was an opportunity for partners to update each other on what is going on in the region related to water – “open mic”.

- **Tim Gross, City of Newport** let the group know that during the summer self-supplied water users can come to the City and buy water at a moderate rate. The city is tracking these purchases.

Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Presentation

Kirk Cook, Oregon Department of Agriculture, provided a presentation about the work of the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership in the Yamhill watershed and its potential applicability to the Mid-Coast. See the presentation on the MCWPP website at <http://midcoastwaterpartners.com/partnership-meetings/>.

Notes about the presentation:

- Kirk provided information on the background, process of the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership and its overall goal, which is to: promote voluntary changes in pesticide use practices that improve water quality. This approach complements regulatory based actions to address water quality concerns.
- Pesticide Stewardship Partnership activities include:
 - develop a process for identifying and tracking pesticides of concern (POC's) & pesticides of interest (POI's)
 - prioritize geographic areas for protection based on watershed vulnerability
 - support pesticide monitoring efforts
 - identify water quality benchmarks for "high risk" water contaminants
 - based on water quality data discuss & recommend management actions per the response outlined in the Water Quality Pesticide Management Plan (WQPMP)
 - develop a joint communication strategy
 - share information related to ongoing education/outreach programs
 - support develop of pesticide related water quality education efforts
 - assess pesticide mitigation recommendations from other agency plans
- Kirk talked to the Partnership about their decision matrix, current list of pesticides of concern and 3 watersheds of interest (South Yamhill, Palmer Creek, Greater Yamhill).
- Kirk also let the Partnership know that they do waste collection events where they come in and collect old waste for free and they want to do one on the coast. They are thinking about doing a collection event in Coos Bay but they are open to suggestions.
- The Pesticide Stewardship Partnership is always open to hearing from places that are concerned about pesticides and interested in the Partnership approach.

Working Group Updates

Instream/Ecology - Emily-Bell Dinan, Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

- The group has been focusing on how we can provide water supply for human use without overly stressing instream needs, as well as identifying what we need to do to protect important aspects of the stream, healthy Salmon runs, etc. They are attempting to understand and manage the consequences for public and private use.
- The working group and some of our regional technical support partners will be coming together to work on Problem/Issue Statements on February 10th from 10am - 3pm. Please email our Planning Coordinator, Alexandria Scott if you would like to attend and participate.

Municipal & Special District Work Group – Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District

- Surveyed Water Suppliers – identified major issues and chose to focus on them: Water Quantity (Completed), Water Quality (Completed), Infrastructure (Completed final vote to approve will be 01/21), Financing (Completed final vote to approve will be 01/21) and Lack of Regional Collaboration.
- The WG has teamed up with GSI Water Solutions to assist them in forming the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium. This is a group of Lincoln County water providers who will work together and support each other on conservation messaging and projects. This is an important interim outcome of the work of the Partnership.

Criteria for Gaining Consensus on Step 3 Issues

This exercise was designed for partners to provide input to the Working Groups on how they should be evaluating their issues to improve the likelihood of gaining consensus from the full Partnership. Please take a moment to provide your input via this survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej8Ek4PkXvm-yR_pbYZxu0Hf27Zud1zsw9fil-QqNHLzD2w/viewform.

Quick Recap & Thank You

Alan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded them of what the Partnerships Next Steps are. See page 1 for Next Steps.

Appendix: Attendance, Partnership Meeting January 9, 2020

1. # of participants – 44 people

2. Names of participants (Highlighted indicates who have signed the Charter)

* = First Time

First Name	Last Name	Organization
*Rod	Cross	Mayor of Toledo
*Connie	Morgan	Public
*Jerry	Leech	Public
Jay	Macpherson	OHA
Alan	Fujishin	Gibson Farms
Alexandria	Scott	MCWPP
Harmony	Burright	OWRD
Bradley	Wynn	SRWD
*Byron & Stacy	Alldredge	PumPro
Tim	Gross	City of Newport
Sally	Rose	Public
David	Gomberg	State Representative
Matt	Thomas	ODF
Geoff	Wilkie	Toledo Planning
Pamela	Monnette	OSU Extension Service
Sarah	Means	Regional Solutions
Jeanne	Anstine	Newport Community Garden
*Phebe	Howe	OHA
Roxy	Nayar	OR DEQ
*Hojeong	Kim	PSU
Leon	Nelson	Beverly Beach Water District
Chris	Janigo	City of Newport
*Kirk	Cook	ODA
*Merrick	Kriz	Public
Penelope	Kaczmarek	Public
Annie	Young-Matthews	USDA-NRCS
David	Waltz	OR DEQ
*Chrissy	Lucas	OSU Extension
Bill	Montgomery	Public
Kaety	Jacobson	Lincoln County
*John	Daigle	Newport

Stephanie	Reid	Lincoln City Public Works
Clare	Paul	Newport Public Works
Amy	Chapman	Lincoln County Public Health
Joe	Moll	McKenzie River Trust
Jo	Morgan	ODA
Emily-Bell	Dinan	LSWCD
Jennifer	Beathe	Starker Forests
Adam	Denlinger	SRWD
Rick	Mark	Lincoln City, City Council
Leo	Williamson	ODF
Jim	Tooke	Yachats City Council
Cyndi	Karp	Public