

Mid-Coast Partnership Coordinating Committee Meeting

DRAFT Meeting Notes

September 11, 2025 | 9:00 – 10:00 am via MS Teams

Attendees

Adam Denlinger	Seal Rock Water District
Alan Fujishin	Gibson Farms
Alyssa Mucken	Oregon Water Resources Dept. (facilitating)
Billie Jo Smith	Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance
Evan Hayduk	MidCoast Watersheds Council
Steve Parrett	Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
Tyler Clouse	Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Unable to Attend

David Rupp	Oregon State University
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Action Item Summary

- ☐ **Alyssa** – revise agenda and send to Tyler. Tyler sends out to Partnership.
- ☐ **Adam** – check on van use from City of Newport
- ☐ **Alyssa** – set up monthly Coordinating Committee meetings for remainder of year
- ☐ **Alyssa and Tyler** – discuss weaving drought into the Web Connections meeting.

Agenda & Meeting Notes Review

- Committee reviewed the August 14, 2025 meeting notes. Approved, with correction to Alan's last name. Updated version here: [8/14/2025 notes revised](#).

Bundle Workgroup Activity for 9/24 Meeting

- Provide directions on what we expect during meeting.
- Goal is to have the groups work on identifying funding opportunities and to define who is the main coordinator for each workplan.
- Have groups start documenting projects.
- Alyssa and Tyler will look for bundle workgroup leaders from GSI files.
- Alyssa will print the bundle workplan for the meeting.
- Billie Jo is the lead for the LCWSA – don't have anyone helping me (David, but not attending). She will commit to writing some type of update about their project and progress.
- Make sure we have a note-taker for each workgroup.
- When we adjourn the regular meeting, invite others to stay and join a bundle workgroup discussion, even if it's just to listen and learn.

Web Connections Activity for 9/24 Meeting

- On a large poster sheet, participants jot down their project and connect each to funding, technical assistance, and organizations that can support the project in various ways. This activity has been done with NRCS projects focused on conservation and it worked well.
- Should we group tables by sector? Committee recommended mixing sectors.
- Put partnership at the center of the poster sheet – how can the Partnership support each project?
- Expect about twenty people in person attending.
- Katie from Lincoln SWCD can help moderate an online session for this activity, if enough people join.
- Decided since there isn't sufficient time to report out, we'll collect posters and write a short synopsis.

Drought Update Discussion

- Discussed whether to keep the drought discussion or replace it with the Web Connections activity, noting that there isn't sufficient time to do both items.
- A few thought that having drought on the agenda will bring people to the meeting and it's been on the minds of many this year.
- Use this topic to encourage partners to report drought impacts to the USDA's Conditions Monitoring Report.
- **Action Item:** Alyssa and Tyler will chat after this meeting to discuss weaving drought into the Web Connections activity.

Roundtable Updates

- Lincoln SWCD Kayak Series River Floats – Tyler mentioned the recent float on the Salmon River. Kayakers started at the ODFW hatchery, which is slated for closure, with 12 boaters on the water. The timing was great – we saw many chinook salmon during the event. We floated downstream four miles and it took about three hours.
- Steve – The Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) will be before the Water Resources Commission for adoption today, 9/11. Next steps include workplan development to better support implementation. ODFW recently hired Emily-Bell Dinan to help with water planning. Oregon DEQ has hired its fourth IWRS position, located on the east side of the state. Steve also noted that the Oregon Department of Agriculture has hired Nick Sirovatka, who will be involved in IWRS work, including place-based integrated water resources planning.
- Billie Jo – Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance is hosting an in-person meeting at the end of October, inviting leaders from tribes, cities, and county. Alliance members continue to work through the governance structure.

Meeting Wrap Up & Next Steps

- Discussed having Alyssa continue supporting for the coordinating committee or whether others may want to take on this role. Committee agreed that it would be helpful if Alyssa continued helping, allowing Tyler the time and capacity to tackle other projects under the Roundhouse grant.