

Mid-Coast Partnership Coordinating Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes (reviewed and approved at 9/11/25 meeting)
August 14, 2025 | 9:00 – 10:00 am via MS Teams

Attendees

Adam Denlinger	Seal Rock Water District
Alyssa Mucken	Oregon Water Resources Dept. (facilitating)
Billie Jo Smith	Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance
David Rupp	Oregon State University
Steve Parrett	Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality

Unable to Attend

Alan Fujishin	Gibson Farms
Evan Hayduk	MidCoast Watersheds Council
Tyler Clouse	Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Action Item Summary (9/24 Full Partnership Meeting Planning Tasks)

- ☒ **Alyssa** – send the Committee’s revised flyer edits to Tyler.
- ☒ **Alyssa** – contact Nikki Hendricks about co-presenting with David re: historic low streamflows.
- ☒ **Alyssa** – ask if Crystal would be available to join meeting for an update on the 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy.
- ☒ **Billie Jo** – check on use of AV equipment at OCCC to determine if virtual can be a meeting option, and how early we can arrive to set up room.
- ☒ **Alyssa** – confirm whether all grant types will be offered during Fall 2025 Place-Based Planning Grant Solicitation.
- ☒ **Steve** – confirm Harmony’s availability and in-person for a legislative update.

Agenda & Meeting Notes Review

- Committee reviewed the [7/10/2025 Meeting Notes](#). No changes suggested.

General Updates

- Alyssa noted that she heard a [coastal-focused water conservation outreach message on KGW News](#) and was really impressed with the local articles and ongoing campaign to conserve water.
- The Siletz River is on track for being the lowest flow ever recorded, possibly worse than 2015.
- The Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium is doing a lot of the targeted outreach, sharing not only water conservation tips, but also the importance and value of water. The Consortium targeted various sectors: commercial and industrial sectors, vacation rentals, with specialized flyers and information that can be posted at bed and breakfast locations, online rentals, or hotels. Those efforts have been effective, with several calls coming and folks using the website and information.

Draft Flyer Edits

- The Committee reviewed a draft flyer to advertise the 9/24 Partnership meeting. Minor edits were suggested and sent along to Tyler.

Discussion: 9/24 Partnership Meeting Draft Agenda

- Introduce Tyler as new convener.
- Consider adding IWRS. Invite OWRD's project coordinator, Crystal Grinnell, to provide a short update on the recent adoption and key priorities. **Action Item:** Alyssa will reach out to Crystal.
- Add a water year summary with a climate change lens. Ask Watermaster Nikki Hendricks if she can participate and partner with David on a few slides showing hydrographs and how climate change will exacerbate these conditions, with the goal to remind people about climate change impacts on the region and set the stage for the drought-themed community connections/web activity. **Action Item:** Alyssa will connect with Nikki.
- Funding Workgroup – during updates, Steve can make a call for more members to join the Funding Bundle workgroup, which will be needed to help prepare a grant application for OWRD's solicitation this Fall.
- Legislative Update – During meeting, Steve confirmed that Harmony Burright is available provide a 2025 Legislative Update and 30 minutes should be sufficient.
- Room Set-Up – Billie Jo volunteered, but another person or two would be helpful. David could be backup if we lack volunteers.
- Room Clean-Up – Billie Jo, Steve, and Alyssa volunteered.
- Transportation – likely won't have rented vehicles for transportation. Possibility of using Newport's vehicles if we coordinate early. Seal Rock also has a few vehicles.
- Food Order – Need to confirm food pickup (who) and style (buffet or grab/go), and who to set up in meeting room space. Coordinate with Billie Jo to determine room set-up and configuration.

Roundtable Updates

- Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (Billie Jo). Partners continue to work through the legal aspects of how to work together by developing IGA's, MOUs, etc.
- Next Meeting – The next Coordinating Committee meeting will be Thu. 9/11 @ 9:00 am. Alyssa will send out a meeting invitation.