

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2022, 10:00am – 11:09am

Coordinating Committee Meeting Attendance:

David Rupp - Oregon State University

Adam Denlinger - Seal Rock Water District

Clare Paul - City of Newport

Paul Schuytema - Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County

Alan Fujishin - Gibson Farms

Steve Parrett - Oregon Water Resources Department

Alexandria Scott - MCWPP Local Planning Coordinator

Update on Timeline

Alexandria gave an update on any changes to the timeline.

- The 30-day public review of the draft plan will take place from January 8th - February 7th.
- The Oregon's Kitchen Table Survey (English) closed January 9th. The Spanish version has been extended until January 21st. We will hopefully have the paper surveys from Stan next week from the community tribal outreach. We are looking at a final report mid-February
- The meeting with the Plan Review Team is scheduled for January 24th from 3-4pm. Charter Signatories are welcome to attend.
- Alexandria will be meeting with Charter Signatories who offered to help draft solutions to yellow card concerns the first week of February.
- Alexandria heard from OWRD that we will have the compiled results of the state agency review by COB March 4th.
- 3-hour solution building workshop to address any of the required improvements to the draft for state recognition the week of March 28th - April 1st.

Draft Declaration of Cooperation

Alexandria sent this draft document to the Coordinating after the December meeting for their feedback/thoughts. David Rupp and Alan Fujishin both submitted edits on the draft, and they were accepted to move forward. This document will be used to for organizations to adopt the plan and express their commitment to implementation on the sign-on page. Documents will be signed every 2-years to keep up with budget cycles, partner turnover and to allow for new partners to come into the process. The Declaration of Cooperation will be a great way to track plan adoption more broadly, but it does not account implementing specific actions and projects. The Committee proposed that a memorandum of agreement (MOA) template should be provided by the Partnership to partners who wish to pursue specific projects and actions. The MOA's will be how we can track implementation. Alexandria will reach out to some of our partners who use these documents for examples and work on drafting one between now and May.

Preparing for 3-Hour Solution Building Workshop

Alexandria is going to start planning for the 3-hour solution building workshop that take place sometime the week of March 28th - April 1st. The main objective of this workshop is to address the mandatory edits to receive the state agencies recommendation for the WRC to formally recognize the plan. Alexandria discussed the pros and cons of a virtual or in-person workshop with the Committee. Many conferences and meetings that were intended to be in-person in the New Year have been moved to virtual or cancelled due to this new omicron variant of Covid-19. Hybrid options tend to be more trouble than they are worth so it would need to be either or. Given the uncertainty around this new variant the safest, most inclusive option is to do a virtual workshop. Alexandria recommended that the Partnership hire a facilitator for this workshop, because there is a lot to accomplish in the 3-hours and it would be difficult to run meeting logistics, take notes and facilitate the workshop successfully on her own. She will touch base with Harmony Burright to see if she has any recommendations for who might be a good fit and that could meet our extreme budget restrictions. Paul sent Alexandria some tips for how to run a successful zoom meeting to help her plan the workshop.

Preparing for the presentation to the PRT

Alexandria asked the Committee for suggestions for the presentation her and Adam will be giving on the draft plan to the Plan Review Team (PRT) on January 24th. This meeting is open to Charter Signatories who wish to attend. It is meant to be informal, but also gives us time to practice talking about the plan before getting in front of the Commission in June. This is also an opportunity for the PRT to ask any questions that they have about the plan directly to the planning group. There will be 25 minutes of presentation and 20 minutes for questions. The main suggestions from the Committee were to focus on how we worked to get a balanced representation of interests and adding context to the issues and how they were prioritized. It was also suggested to use photos from Partnership events in the slides. Steve said he will try to collect questions from the PRT in advance of the meeting so Adam and Alexandria can be prepared to answer them.

Action Items

- Alexandria will work on drafting an MOA between now and May for the Committee to review
- Alexandria will see what funding, if any, could be used for a facilitator for the 3-hour workshop and talk to Harmony about some suggestions
- Optional: Attend the meet and greet/presentation with the Plan Review team January 24th from 3-4pm
- Optional: Attend or watch the Upper Grande Ronde Place-Based Plan Presentation to the Water Resource Commission March 17th or 18th