

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2021, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Mid-Coast Coordinating Committee Meeting Attendance:

David Rupp - Oregon State University
Laura Mazaud - Oregon State University
Leo Williamson - Oregon Department of Forestry
Chris Janigo - City of Newport
Alan Fujishin - Gibson Farms
Steve Parrett - Oregon Water Resources Department
Alexandria Scott - MC-WPP Local Planning Coordinator

Charter Signatory Meeting November 18th

Alexandria reviewed the agenda and PowerPoint for the upcoming Charter Signatory meeting on November 18th with the Committee. The group discussed the results of the 9/28 post webinar survey, proposed edits to actions 45-47 in the plan and reasoning for the proposal to omit appendix H from the draft plan. This appendix was not produced by the Partnership, it was one of the last appendices produced by the consultants, so it was not thoroughly reviewed by the Signatories and multiple Charter Signatories that did read the appendix did not support it being incorporated in the plan. The Coordinating Committee was in support of the changes being posed to the Charter Signatories for their consideration. They were also in support of the proposed timeline for reaching consensus on submitting the plan for state recognition and a 30-day public review process.

State Recognition Process

Alexandria went over the steps of the state recognition process with the Committee. A couple changes have been made to the state recognition process by OWRD, this includes not adopting a plan until after it has gone through state review and public review and the conveners of each pilot giving a presentation about the plan to the state review team so they can ask questions about the plan before fully diving into it. These changes will make the state recognition process more efficient and will hopefully result in less mandatory edits that need to be made to the plan so it can be recognized by the state.

OKT Survey Update

The Partnership is doing a second community outreach project in collaboration with Oregon's Kitchen Table for \$15,000. The first project took place in 2018 and helped inform planning steps 2 and 3. The Partnership did not have funding to do a second project, but the Partnership's Planning Coordinator wrote grants so that it could. While the state recognition process is underway, we will be preparing for implementation of the Mid-Coast Water Action Plan. For this second community outreach project we want to hear the communities' thoughts and ideas about what actions we should focus on first and how people see themselves as being a part of making those actions happen. The survey is now live here - link: https://bit.ly/midcoast_water_plan. We will be asking the Partners to share this with their networks. The survey will be open until January 7th. For this survey we also wanted to do specific outreach to groups who we didn't get to hear from as much in the planning process. These groups include latinx and indigenous mam speakers, tribal community members, and local businesses and industry.

Brief Grants Update

The Seal Rock Water District closed out the 2020 OWRD grant for the consultants to produce the draft plan. A new grant for \$50,000 will be issued with OWRD before the end of the year to get the Partnership through the state recognition process. This will cover the Partnership's admin expenses and the Planning Coordinator position until June 2022, but additional funding will be needed to sustain the Partnership past that point. The type of support that will be needed from the Partnership for partners implementing the plan remains unclear until implementation conversations begin in the New Year.

Action Items

- If Committee members are also Charter Signatories, try to attend the November 18th meeting. If you cannot attend, please use the 3-weeks given to submit your consensus vote to submit the plan for state recognition & public review.