

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Coordinating Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 1 PM-2 PM

Location: Zoom

Coordinating Committee Meeting Attendees

Coordinating Committee Members Present:

Steve Parrett – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Adam Denlinger – Seal Rock Water District

David Rupp – Oregon State University

Coordinating Committee Members Absent:

Billie Jo Smith – Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance

Alyssa Mucken – Oregon Water Resources Department

Alan Fujishin – Gibson Farms

Mike Broili – MidCoast Watersheds Council

Henry Pitts – Oregon State University student

Facilitators:

Suzanne de Szoeko – GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

Meeting Agenda

- Financial report and planned activities
- Partnership meeting and tour planning update
- Remaining Coordinating Committee and Work Group meetings
- Added agenda items:
 - the recent Place-based planning Rules Advisory Committee meeting
 - Oregon State University Transdisciplinary Seed Project field meeting on August 27

Summary of Major Points of Discussion

- Steve requested that a discussion about the Place-based Planning Rules Advisory Committee meeting be added to the discussion
- David asked about adding the Oregon State University Transdisciplinary Seed Project field meeting on August 27 water to the agenda and then he asked if Suzanne knew much about it and was planning to participate; Suzanne said that she did not know details about the field meeting and would contact the organizer
- The Coordinating Committee had no comments on the previous meeting minutes
- Suzanne discussed how the Coordinating Committee members agreed via email that the Partner reimbursement of \$3000 maximum per organization will not change, but Partners could potentially receive additional reimbursement if there are funds remaining after work to complete grant deliverables at the end of the grant. This decision is in response to a Partner question about whether the Partner reimbursement

maximum could be increased. This decision reaffirms the July Coordinating Committee meeting decision that the remaining balance of the Partnership reimbursement that will not be used by partners (\$8000) be moved in August back into the budget to support GSI's completion of grant deliverables (Deliverables include developing the early implementation work plan, facilitating the October Partnership meeting, and facilitating Work Group and Coordinating Committee meetings through the end of the year)

- **Decision:** Partner reimbursement of \$3000 maximum per organization will not change, but Partners could potentially receive additional reimbursement if there are funds remaining after work to complete grant deliverables at the end of the grant.
- Suzanne shared that GSI's estimated remaining budget as of mid-August is \$5600 (this is the remaining budget after moving \$8000 back into the budget to support GSI's completion of grant deliverables)
- The Coordinating Committee noted that the remaining budget is tight. Suzanne described how much of the preparation for the Partnership meeting has already occurred and how the draft early implementation work plan has been pulled together with remaining effort focused on minor refinements. GSI plans to also hold some shorter (half hour) Coordinating Committee meetings and Early Implementation Work Group meetings due to the budget status.
- Suzanne reviewed the October 22 Partnership meeting agenda, noted that she had secured speakers, and asked about which Coordinating Committee member could assist with the Charter Updates portion of the meeting
- Adam expressed an interest in having Alan lead the discussion if he plans to attend the Partnership meeting and said he would contact Alan
- Suzanne asked if the Coordinating Committee would be interested in having Alyssa lead the discussion as a backup and they said yes
- Steve recommended identifying the Water Action Plan actions associated with the riparian restoration activities to be shared during the tour, and Suzanne responded that she would add that to the tour information and could have that information in the Partnership the for the OSU talk
- Suzanne shared draft Coordinating Committee meeting agendas for late September/early October and November
- Steve recommended including a discussion about reviewing the annual/final report in the November agenda
- Suzanne shared the draft Early Implementation Work Group meeting agendas for September, November, and December
 - September would be a half-hour meeting with the some bundle work groups meeting separately the second half hour; there would be no meeting in October due to the Partnership meeting that month; the November meeting could be up to one hour long and would focus on work plans developed by the bundle work groups; the December meeting could be a half-hour long to discuss how Early Implementation Work Group members could participate in the Partnership moving forward in 2025

- Suzanne added that at least the Bundle Work Groups for Bundles 2, 3, and 5 were planning to develop work plans
- David asked for more information about the bundles; Suzanne shared the bundles table that was included in the draft Early Implementation Work Plan sent out to the Early Implementation Work Group for input
- Steve shared information from the Place-based planning Rules Advisory Committee meeting that occurred earlier in the week; he said that a question came up about whether existing groups would be eligible to get plan implementation coordination funding and plan update funding, and Oregon Water Resources Department said yes
- The Coordinating Committee did not need to revisit the OSU field meeting agenda topic as it was discussed earlier in the meeting
- The Coordinating Committee decided that sometime between September 26 and October 2 would be a good time for the next Coordinating Committee meeting, and Suzanne said she would send out an email with potential meeting times
- Steve provided an update on the Funding Committee; he said that they have not been able to find a time to meet due to the busy summer schedules of committee members, so the committee was not able to develop a Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart grant application before the deadline; he added that he is trying to find time to meet before the next Partnership meeting so that they will have information to share
- Steve added a comment about the 2025 schedule in the draft Early Implementation Work Plan, saying that he thought monthly Coordinating Committee meetings could be feasible, but thought that less frequent meetings would likely be more feasible for the committees due to lack of coordination resources