Project Tracking Database Research for the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

The following are potential options identified thus far for tracking projects that fall within the Water Action Plan. To gather information, GSI contacted the other place-based planning groups, Eric Hartstein of OWEB-Focused Investment Partnership (FIP), and Focused Investment Partnership grant recipients (Central Coast Estuary FIP, Coos Basin Coho FIP, and Siuslaw Coho FIP).

- Google Sheets
  - https://www.google.com/sheets/about/
  - Basic spreadsheet that can be viewed online and edited
  - Free or business option ($12/month)
  - Requires a Gmail account
  - You can share with specific people by entering email addresses and identify their access (editor, commenter, or viewer) or simply share the link intake "Anyone with the link" and select the permission (editor, commenter, or viewer)
  - It states that it tracks the editing history, but another place-based planning group (Harney County) stated it needed to color code who made edits to help with tracking
- Smart Sheet
  - The enterprise work management platform (smartsheet.com)
  - Spreadsheet with cells that can have different functionality (be a checkbox, choose from a drop down, or enter information); forms can be built and data entered into the forms will populate the spreadsheet; reports/graphics (bar charts, pie charts) can be developed using the software
  - A variety of pricing schemes are available, but the Partnership would likely want the Business option, which is currently $300 per year (a sign up for an annual membership) and slightly more per year if paying for a monthly membership; discount is available to nonprofits
  - You can designate individuals using their email addresses as editors, commenters, or viewers
  - Example users
    - Partners of the North Santiam is beginning to use the software and
    - MidCoast Watersheds Council is using the software for its Central Coast Estuary Focused Investment Partnership project
      - It settled on Smart Sheet after doing a lot of research and seeing a demonstration provided by staff at the Wild Salmon Center, which uses it for grant tracking
      - It liked the functionality, ease-of-use, ability to pull reports, and price
- ProjectFirma
  - ProjectFirma® — Environmental Science Associates (esassoc.com)
  - Robust project tracking database, enables linking projects to a map, and reports can be developed using the software
    - Features: Track results, monitor indicators, track financials, manage data, and tell your story using reports and a Public-facing web portal
  - Costs approximately $12,000 annually
  - Example user

- John Day Basin Partnership
  - It is beginning to use the software and is paying for the services with OWEB funds, and here is its website: [John Day Basin Partnership's ProjectFirma Tracker](#)
  - It shared this free database for tracking projects is a major component of restoration is process-based restoration: [Home | Low-Tech Restoration Explorer (bda-explorer.herokuapp.com)](#)