

**Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership
Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning
Stakeholder Meeting**

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2017

Integrated Services Building, 1607 Gekeler Lane

ATTENDANCE: Donna Beverage, Steve Parrett, Kyle Carpenter, Jed Hassinger, Nick Myatt, Dana Kurtz, Darcy Johnson Carreiro, Rod McKee, Matt Insko, Rodger Huffman, Shad Hattan, Rachel Lovellford, Curt Ricker, Darrin Walenta, Brett Rudd, Jessica Humphreys, Leticia Henderson, Aaron Belizner, Larry Larsen, Adrienne Averette, Levi Old, Margaret Matter.

Via Computer conference call in:

Convener, Donna Beverage opened the meeting at 5:02 pm

I. Welcome & Introductions:

- A. Donna asked the group to introduce themselves & share a recent water memory with everyone.
- B. Donna shared general meeting rules, showed everyone new paperwork and asked them to remember to sign in and spread the word of this group.
- C. Dana asked the group to approve the last meeting minutes, which the Stakeholder group did.
- D. Dana shared a re-cap of the April 12th meeting. There was recommendation to reach out to the EOU Geography professor asking for student internships to help with collecting data and interviewing individuals for this project.
- E. She also explained the Integrated Water Resource Strategy 2017 comment process. She asked everyone to feel free to share any comments during this meeting or email them to her anytime. Steve explained this in more detail to the group and how the OWRD uses this information and places it into reports. Steve also shared the updated version and will email the document to Dana to distribute to the entire group.

II. Process Check In:

- A. Donna shared her experience from the Bend Water Planning Pilot program Conference that included all four pilot programs. She shared what they learned from other groups. First and foremost our group is ahead of the other three. She shared the idea of a “field trip” that the other groups have done and had success with. She presented this idea to our Stakeholder group and will elaborate more at the end of the meeting. Our group was excited to learn about opportunities moving forward as well as sharing things that have worked for us. All four groups asked that state of Oregon for help collecting appropriate data and statistics that they already have on file. Steve added that they had a specialist who studies water conflict all over the world speak at the

meeting in Bend. Dana asked for feedback and what this group would like them to ask of the other three pilot groups when they convene.

- B. Jed Hassinger shared his experience of the Crop Tour he attended today hosted by the OSU Ag Extension Office. The first stop was a ranch up Catherine Creek; the tour then went to the OSU Experiment Station in Union and concluded the tour with a presentation and lunch at Rudd Farms, who were named Conservation Farm of the Year.
- C. Donna explained how she would like to see this first break out session work using the “Why is water in the Upper Grande Ronde watershed important to you” papers on the wall. After breaking off into small groups, each group shared their feedback with the group. She asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves and share a recent story about how water has affected them.

III. Step 2 Updates:

- A. Dana presented a revised timeline with the Stakeholders group for finishing Step 2 and beginning Step 3 and that there will be some overlap. She thanked the Technical Committee for the hard work they have been doing. She invited everyone to feel free to attend a Tech Committee meeting anytime they would like, even if it’s just to listen and review data presented.
- B & C. Dana shared a quick overview of what Step 3 will look like and where we will be headed soon. What the goals and work will look like moving forward in a timeline form.
- D. Margaret Matter, Water Resource Specialist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture gave a power point presentation on Stationarity and Non-Stationarity in Stream water flow; sharing graphs and data.
- E. Dana and Donna shared comments received from Stakeholders after the last meeting, discussion followed with the group. Dana shared the new maps and graphs that were presented/included in the hand out today.
- F. Dana shared the Table of Contents for reports that was handed out. She asked the Stakeholders to break into the same small groups again and reviewed the Draft TOC. Then came back together and shared the recommendations with the entire group. Dana will take these comments & recommendations and bring a new draft to the next Stakeholder meeting.

Additional comments & questions for follow up:

1. Please send Margaret's presentation to everyone electronically.
2. Add to table of contents 2.3 historic overview: efforts to document what the use has been in the valley. Possibly have the EOU Geography students help do these interviews.
3. Add temperature models to a section, are they in data sources we already have? Possibly part of surface water and ground water.
4. 2.5 (L) should there be industrial water use added there? Dana said that is in the permanent discharges section.

5. 2.3.2 Species & habitat, Split that out.
6. 3.4 clearly outline consumption and water quality outlined in 3.4.1
7. 3.4.6 designated uses per sub-basin, maybe re-title this section to focus on beneficial uses that are effected by sub-section
8. Ground water discussion needs to be "ecological" as well
9. Surface water section, more sub section dedicated to quality aspect instead of quantity... maybe look to balance that
10. 3.3.1 water supply, list it by sub-basin volume, by acre feet per year
11. Condense some of the section & sub-section summaries
12. Steve Parrett suggested that the table of contents include a section focused on "Municipal Water Systems".

IV. Conclusion:

- A. The next Stakeholder meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 16th 2017. The "Field Trip" is tentatively scheduled for July 28th 9am-12pm. Dana will send out an email asking for recommendations for dates. Please respond to this email.
- B. Donna adjourned the June 21st 2017 Stakeholder meeting at 7:14pm.
- C. Donna reminded everyone to submit IWRS comments if they would like via email prior to the next Tech Committee meeting.
- D. Other Suggestions/ Comments:

<http://union-county.org/planning/place-based-integrated-water-resources-planning/>

Respectfully Submitted,

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