

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

## Meeting Minutes

October 4th, 2017

Union County OSU Extension Office

10507 N McAlister Rd. LaGrande, OR

**ATTENDANCE:** Donna Beverage, Steve Parrett, Kyle Carpenter, Jed Hassinger, Dana Kurtz, Scott Hartell, Brett Moore, Tim Bailey, Connor Stone, Anton Chiono, Margaret Matter, Jim Webster, Rodger Huffman, Gary Miller, Larry Larson, Darrell Dyke, Tony Malmberg, Curt Ricker, Matt Insko, Tim Wallender, Karen Wagoner, Kim Ogden & Tom Byler.

Donna Beverage opened the Stakeholder meeting at 5:00 pm.

### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

- A. Donna welcomed everyone present and introduced Tom Byler as our guest speaker. Donna asked everyone to share who they represent and that they would like to see as a goal for this group moving forward when they introduce themselves.  
Tom introduced himself and shared what his position and purpose is and will be moving forward as a member of this group. He thanked everyone present for their time served on this committee and for the leadership of Commissioner Beverage and Union County. Dana opened up the floor for questions of Tom and Kim Ogden.
- B. Dana shared a recap of the progress this group has made so far and reviewed some of the documents, data and handouts for any new members. She can provide these documents to anyone who would like them.
- C. Dana shared high lights of the past Stakeholder meeting September 6th. The group has decided that this current room will be the meeting location moving forward. Based on feedback she received, the time of the Stakeholder meetings has been changed to 12-2 pm moving forward.
- D. Approval of September 6th Stakeholder meeting minutes. There was recommendation to add the list of suggestions taken from attendees at the Sept. 6th meeting to be added as an addendum to the Sept. 6th Minutes so that it is part of the record.
- E. Donna stated that she had an outreach opportunity with the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition called the "Ag Blast". This group will tour the tri county area water projects. She said she will do a presentation for them about our project, explaining our needs, etc. The tour will be this spring.  
Kyle Carpenter shared that the City of LaGrande in partnership with the Department of Forestry will be doing a green infrastructure workshop, serving a free lunch. City of LaGrande received a grant from the DOF to do some green infrastructure work. He brought flyers and asked that anyone wants to attend to sign up in advance.

## II. Step 2 Report Review:

A. Dana shared what she has created as the "Step 2 document", after receiving comments from the group. She stated that most of the comments were positive supporting the data, just adding to it. She sorted through all of the comments and placed them in categories. Those categories will be prioritized and worked through one at a time. Stakeholders went over these changes & comments page by page on the projector. She also shared the list of comments that were not included, because they require more work to be done before they can be added. The group went over all of the comments shared. Dana said that they will be adding more maps. One example; adding a map of Ladd Marsh with an overlay of the marsh now with a map from the late 1800's. They will also be adding clarity to how numbers were calculated as well as surface water data, with more detail. She gave an overview of each different demand of water: municipal, agriculture and in stream needs and the calculation methods for each.

Darrell Dyke stated the graphs regarding Point of Diversions (POD's) are a bit confusing. He asked that the POD's are explained a little more, adding the single withdrawal point.

Brett Moore stated that basins should be specified.

Tim Bailey stated that the number of miles (segments) in-stream, are included in each water right.

Connor Stone pointed out that there are several sections of the document that are duplicated. He asked why have both graphs are included? Dana explained that there are some differences, all agreed.

Jed Hassinger asked what the difference was between ag and irrigation (regarding water rights, ag rights, etc.).

Dana stated that this will be a living document. It will be posted as draft form on the webpage.

Connor Stone spoke about the role of trees and how much water is used by the forest. Brett said that they added language touching on current forest practices to this document, hoping to capture the concerns of consumption from forest needs.

Tim Wallender asked about the pie chart regarding stored water, and where that falls into the surface water diversion? Where is it accounted for?

Surface water, stored water and ground water are the 3 groups addressed, Steve thinks it is addressed in a different part of the document. Dana said she will look into that and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Darrell asked for clarification of Figure 3.11 "Beneficial use diagram". Dana explained that this is data from DEQ and is a thesis of the presentation they gave this group in the spring. Steve provided further explanation also. Connor tried to explain his understanding of the figure and stated that this diagram is useful and provides information on how it ties the triangle together. After discussion, the group decided to remove Figure 3.11 from the document.

### III. Step 3 Demand Introduction Presentation and Feedback:

- Steve provided a power point presentation on municipal water supply, demand and plans. He covered the 3 major types of demands on municipal water. He stated that you can search/query municipal water through the Oregon Health Authority. Steve said that they collect data and report on all city water use systems in Oregon. He provided the website, link and contact information to the department in charge of this data a OHA. Steve shared LaGrande/Island City data as his example of the data, graphs, etc. that is collected by the OHA. He also shared the state wide "water forecast" done by the Oregon Water Resource Department based on data collected in 2015. He showed the equations on how the data collected is applied to these estimates/forecasts studies. Tim asked Steve several clarifying questions about numbers reported on page 10 and throughout his presentation as compared to data shared. He stated the numbers did not make sense. Steve said he can't do the math right now to answer the questions of why the numbers do not add up.  
Dana talked about the possibility of adding all cities in the County to these reports moving forward to make it helpful for this project.
- Margaret Matter spoke about Agricultural Uses. She shared three different methods to calculate agricultural demand. She went through each in detail based on a power point slide show presentation she shared. She talked about stock water, irrigational needs, water rights and well water. She shared examples of estimates and equations used to calculate "need" numbers. She showed how they are broke down by month, seasonally, etc. as distributed equally for use. Margaret asked if it would be helpful to email this slide show to Stakeholders. Dana will distribute it to the group.  
Jed asked if they could get an estimation of demand based on acreage of different crops then use an ET model and distribution of the water rights based on the crop demand instead of measured monthly. Margaret said that she could do that.  
Rodger Huffman stated that if we are looking at a 50 year estimate, the group shouldn't limit itself too much if you only base this off of crop needs instead of basing the number on water rights. Margaret said she understands.  
Brett Rudd stated that you do not want to get too detailed and spend too much money on this. He thinks that the ET stations that we already collect data from should give a pretty close estimate already.
- Tim Bailey spoke about fish instream needs. He shared data in each basin and specified each species. He suggested that you look at distribution of fish, protective status and what work is already being done to protect these species. He shared data already collected and graphs with the group. He stated that his department can quantity and provide narrative for analysis. They are already aware that there are areas where there needs to be instream protection that are not met currently. Quality, flow, temperature and quantity of the water all affect fish spawning, survival and biological needs & effects of the fish.

Jim Webster stated there is data analysis that is already out there that could be added to this narrative.

Steve asked about tracking water rights that have instream rights versus those that are not. That is something that should be tracked and reported if possible.

Larry Larson asked where this data came from and if it was real data. Steve stated that it was modeled.

Dana encouraged everyone to provide feedback to her if they have anything to add.

Donna asked that the Stakeholder group keep reaching out to anyone else who would benefit from outreach from this group.

**IV. Conclusion:**

- A. The next Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for November 8th from 12-2pm in the Conference room at the OSU Extension Office. This meeting will be focusing on Municipal demands. Dana will have Darcy reach out to each mayor personally ask for their attendance at the November 8th meeting.
- B. Donna adjourned the October 4th, 2017 Stakeholder meeting at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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