

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

Meeting Minutes

February 7th, 2018

OSU Extension Office Conference Room

10507 N. McAlister LaGrande, OR

ATTENDANCE: Donna Beverage, Scott Hartell, Kyle Carpenter, Jed Hassinger, Dana Kurtz, Brett Moore, Darrin Walenta, Tim Bailey, Rodger Huffman, Jeff Oveson, Bill Gamble, Anton Chiono, Shad Hattan, Matt Insko, Kathleen Cathey, Curt Ricker, Smita Mehta, Tony Mahlberg, Bill White, Darrell Dyke, Courtney Winterqual, Brett Rudd, Connor Stone, Cam Young, Larry Larson, Darcy Johnson Carreiro

Via Polycom: Adrienne Averette, Steve Parrett, Margaret Matter, Gretchen Salsen

Donna Beverage opened the Stakeholder meeting at 12:02 pm.

I. Welcome & Introductions

- A. Donna welcomed everyone present and asked them to introduce themselves, share the organization they represent, explain what each feel went well with Step 2 and what are their greatest concerns with in-stream flow issues.
- B. Donna shared information about a meeting that was held last week regarding State Water questions. Dana offered to send newcomer packets to the new people that attended today via email.
- C. Dana gave a quick update from the last Stakeholder meeting.
- D. Minutes from the January were accepted and approved. Darcy will post the minutes to the County webpage.

II. Step 3 In-Stream Demand Presentation & Feedback:

A. Presentations

- (1) Anton Chiono gave a presentation on tribal views and management of land, water, food, livestock, range, etc. He shared the tribes mission statement, their philosophy of water management, which they call the “River Vision” that includes 5 different components. He explained how each of those components are used/managed by the tribe.
- (2) Bill Gamble spoke about major hydrologic processes in forestry. He shared how they manage the different impacts to the processes including: wildlife, vegetation, livestock, timber management, prescribed fire management and road management. He shared how they also prepare for circumstances that are created by climate.
- (3) Jeff Oveson spoke about beavers and salmon worked together historically. He shared information about upper Catherine Creek and Jim Creek flow, habitat, and management of the streams. He said they are hoping to do more research at Sheep Creek in the near future. The data they collect from these projects is very valuable; the beavers create a very natural balance in the upper

stream/creeks. Rodger shared that there is a lot of information in Salem from a Committee that he served on before retirement that has a substantial amount of beaver data collected already. Jeff stated that that information would be helpful.

- (4) Tim Bailey spoke about ecological water demand for aquatic life. He shared salmon and other fish distribution in-stream in this basin, spawning criteria and how it was reported. He shared a list of in-stream water rights. All of this data was in his hand out that he distributed.
 - (5) Tony Malmberg of the Fresh Water Trust spoke about in-stream leases. He shared graphs reporting on data gathered locally in the UGRR basin. Fresh water trust is working to encourage increasing leasing and split season leasing.
- B. Dana asked if there were any more questions for the in stream demand presentations. Rodger asked about the old, “fencing streams” because livestock was spreading the streams out to protect fish. In turn deeper narrower channels were created as a result of that concern. Now he is seeing, in these presentations the increase in wider shallower streams once again for fish.

III. Step 3 Updates:

- A. Kyle Carpenter is still leading the Municipal demand group.
- B. Jed Hassinger is leading the Agricultural demand group
- C. Natural Hazard Updates will be done by JB Brock.
- D. Maren Peterson of EOU is still working on the History of this project in Union County.

IV. Step 2 Report Review:

- A. Step 2 Report comments were shared. Dana has the Final living document. She will get this posted to the County webpage.

V. Conclusion:

- A. The next Stakeholder meeting will be March 13th, 12-2pm in the Conference room at the OSU Extension Office.
- B. Donna adjourned the February 7th, 2018 Stakeholder meeting at 2:21 pm.
- C. Dana and Donna stated that they will have JB Brock at the next meeting and share how Union County handles Natural hazards and potential problems that may arise.

Respectfully Submitted,

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