

**Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership
Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning
Partial Tech Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes
August 30th, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Donna Beverage, Steve Parrett, Kyle Carpenter, Jed Hassinger, Dana Kurtz, Darrin Walenta, Scott Hartell, Brett Moore, Tim Bailey, Connor Stone, Anton Chiono, Smita Mehta, Margaret Matter

Via Computer conference call in:

Convener, Donna Beverage opened the meeting at 9:00 am

I. Welcome & Introductions:

- A. Donna asked everyone present to introduce themselves
- B. Steve shared an overview/recap of what has been going on behind the scenes at the State level recently. Recently he stated that they had a quarterly call for all of the pilot groups. He shared there was a document developed at the State level to help assist the Pilot groups as they begin working through Step 2 and 3. They will be working to develop/provide options for approaches that may be helpful to the groups moving forward in Step 3. They are working on webinars as well. They asked for feedback from the pilot groups, all of the pilot groups said they felt these tools would be helpful. Donna shared that she and Dana have been participating in training with the OWRD and have another training in LaGrande tomorrow. She asked that everyone share how they feel about where we are at in this process, moving into Step 2, 3 & 4.

II. Step 2 Report Review

A. Step 2 review

Comments from the group:

- A female voice began by thanking Dana for creating this document. She created small summaries for each sub basin and large basin that she would like to see added to make each section hoping this helps it become more effective. She named this new section "water balance". Regarding data sets: She asked, can we use forestry information and possibly mitigate help for the instream effects within the forested areas? Also identify the areas with the two words "contributions" & "vulnerabilities" to help summarize it appropriately. Place that issue with the other issues within the context of the basin. Brett agreed with this and agreed that the Technical Committee should provide/present that to the Stakeholder.
- Kyle Carpenter shared, from the municipal side, that each data group needs continuity within each basin addressing municipal concerns or demands. Dana asked if Kyle would take the lead on that, he agreed to do this for the Technical Committee.

- Connor read through the sections he was assigned and was impressed with the data send to him. He thought it was written well with the ability for anyone to understand the data if they reviewed it.
- Unable to hear this comment on the recording, male voice
- Jeff Oveson spoke to the historic data information that was shared in the document.
- Dana spoke to the Current Cultural significance section, asking the group what they would like to do with it. She shared that she felt it was very relatable but asked if it should be part of Step 3. Male voice spoke to her but I cannot understand or hear him.
- Steve shared that he reviewed the document and was interested in the Tribal water resources/needs that are available and where are they located. He also agrees with Kyle, and does not want to lose site of the municipal effects and needs of water. Kyle shared that the City of Cove hydro plant was not included in the municipal information. He also wanted to hear about the forested land from the Forest Service and how they are managing that land and their resources. Steve said that he wanted information about endangered species; where are they at; where or which fish have the most need for water; which are the most important and what is that available for each region. Include Catherine Creek & Ladd Marsh data, or clarify that data.
- Female voice said that she would send Dana her review next week; that she was not prepared this evening to present.
- Margaret Matter shared her review but I couldn't hear her very well. She stated that we need to identify what other methods are out there, what historically has been done, how it's been done and why it's been done that way. 3 main mechanisms: operations, basin plan and water resources administration system.
- Jed Hassinger thanked Dana for putting this document together. He stated that he is curious how much flexibility there will be to modify this document as we get to Step 3 & 4. He thinks there could be redundancy within each report in the end. He wondered if we could re-arrange, and organize this moving forward or is this locked in. Dana said that she believed that we could re-visit it but is also concerned. Jed thinks it would be interesting to add how different irrigation systems were established in the valley and the history behind that. Brett said he agrees and thinks we need to share the history of water rights as they pertain to irrigation with demand of water. Jed thinks that flood history needs to be included in the agriculture section and how it affected agriculture that particular year. Jed thinks that a study of the effect of water quality during flood years.
- Anton Chiono spoke to ecological health care characteristics are a list of species. He thinks there needs to be more narrative and explanation within each "basins summary" of the "ecological health" component within each; creating a separate section for each basin. He also suggested including maps to that as well helping to show species in each basin helping tie in the different land management strategies as well.
- Female voice spoke (EOU student), stated that since she is a new addition to the group, reading this document was very helpful and educational for her. It helped her to start brainstorming whom she should interview (what groups of people) when getting the historical perspective that would be the most helpful to this group. She will use the confederated tribes draft of the upland vision is almost complete as well. She

stated that the tribes have a student that she is hoping will join in working with her. She is open to suggestions of people to speak with as well as additional topics this group with like her to focus on.

III. Step 3 Brainstorming

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IV. Conclusion:

A. The next Stakeholder meeting is October 4th @ 5pm at the Union County OSU Extension Office.

B. Donna adjourned the September 6th 2017 Stakeholder meeting at 7:30pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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