

**Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership**  
**Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning**  
**Stakeholder Meeting No. 35**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 9, 2020**  
**Conference Call**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jesse Steel, Kyle Carpenter, Jed Hassinger, Steve Parrett, Rodger Huffman, Jim Webster, Larry Larson, Matt Insko, Dave Johnson, Cheryl Murchison, Bill Gamble, Curt Ricker, Anton Chiono, Gretchen Sausen, Darrin Walenta, Donna Beverage, Dana Kurtz, Brett Moore

**I. WELCOME**

a. Introductions

Donna called the meeting to order at 5:10p.m.

b. Meeting Guidelines

Donna explained that today's meeting goals were to go over changes in the Step 4 Report and then vote at the end of the meeting.

c. Recap of November 16, 2020 Stakeholder meeting

- The Partnership voted to send a Letter of Support to the Legislature for the Wallowa Dam Rehabilitation Project; it will be sent to the Union County Commissioners for their signatures.
- Members were asked if they would support a 'yes' vote to approve the Step 4 Report with the most recent revisions; it was determined through an informal vote that it would not pass due to changes requested. Dana made revisions from suggestions and said she would email the updated report to everyone.
- Dana reviewed the Governance Agreement, clarifying definitions of a 'yes' vote.
- Plans were made for sub-groups to convene and define implementation tasks for Step 5 (during December meeting).

**II. Step 4 Report**

a. Revisions

Dana explained all new revisions to the Step 4 Report. Donna stated that the group would take an informal vote to see if everyone was supportive of changes. The result of the informal vote was a Yes for all attendees with three Abstaining votes. Comments and revisions during the informal vote included:

- Larry stated that he was concerned with table 2-3 and the irrigation period including November. This was changed to "late summer early fall"
- Bill stated that were significant changes related to climate change messaging in the report that he did not support. These changes appeared to cast doubt on the certainty of climate change occurring. He stated he would abstain from voting.
- Anton stated the he wanted to strike a balance and not dilute message of climate change concerns. He stated he would abstain from voting.
- Gretchen stated that she would like to wait to vote and would abstain from voting.

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- Steve and Cheryl requested rewording in the infrastructure section for clarity.

After changes were made, a final vote to support adoption of the Step 4 Report with all eligible voting Stakeholders was taken; the Step 4 Report was unanimously approved. The following Stakeholders voted yes: Jesse Steel, Kyle Carpenter, Jed Hassinger, Steve Parrett, Rodger Huffman, Jim Webster, Larry Larson, Matt Insko, Dave Johnson, Cheryl Murchison, Curt Ricker, Anton Chiono, Darrin Walenta, and Donna Beverage.

**III. Step 5 Action Plan**

- a. Dana explained the next steps for Step 5.

**IV. Conclusion**

- a. Next meeting is January 13, 2020 (5-7) Conference Call
- b. Other Comments

Donna adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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