Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Planning Team Meeting Draft Notes

Friday, December 1, 2023 | 10:30-12:30 | Hybrid

Members: Tod Heisler, Central Oregon LandWatch; Owen McMurtrey, COCO; Mike Britton, NUID

Tri-Chairs: Commissioner Phil Chang, Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners; Steve Johnson, AID

Staff: Scott Aycock, Lauren Street, Sommers Taylor, COIC; Kate Fitzpatrick, Lisa Seales, DRC; Alex Ehrens, Andrew Purkey, AMP Insights; Emelie McKain, OWRD

Action Items:

Scott will be updating the process flow chart to incorporate the new processes the Planning Team discussed today. These new processes entail incorporating an agency review and a Working Group review of a draft that was not formally proposed by the Planning Team.

Alex is working on scheduling an ad-hoc groundwater meeting with folks pivotal to this conversation to resolve final language around the groundwater topic in chapter 2. After this, the Planning Team hopes to recommend the Working Group vote on chapter 2.

After speaking through comments that came in from the Planning Team on chapter 3, staff are going to work on finalizing another draft of chapter 3. An ad-hoc meeting will take place to discuss the irrigation districts' demands for water. After this, the chapter will be sent out to agencies and the Ecological Needs Committee for review before going to the Working Group.

Updates/Outcomes:

The next Planning Team meeting will be on Friday, January 5th. Planning Team meetings will be returning to meeting every month on the first Friday of the month.

DRAFT NOTES

1. **Welcome & October Meeting Recap** *Scott Aycock, COIC*

Attachment A_October Meeting Notes

Scott reviewed the October meeting notes as well as this meeting agenda.

2. **Debrief November Working Group Meeting** *Scott Aycock, COIC*

As of late, some Working Group members have expressed interest in attending Planning Team meetings. Planning Team members discussed the possibility of ramping up Working Group meetings and opening Planning Team meetings to Working Group members. Planning Team members want to open their meetings to Working Group members and emphasize to members that these meetings are for the Planning Team to dive in and get work done on chapter building, not necessarily a time for providing comments/input.

3. **Plan Build Process** *Scott Aycock, COIC*

Scott reviewed a proposed chapter review process. This process includes going back to monthly Planning Team meetings.

During the November Working Group meeting, ODFW mentioned they would like to see there be an agency review before Working Group members vote on approving chapters. Planning Team members discussed how they would like to see an agency review incorporated into the process timeline. The Planning Team decided draft chapters would be sent out to agencies for red flag reviews before the Planning Team does their review. Agencies will not be asked to provide a narrative or content review, just a review for anything that would cause them to vote with a red flag. After an agency review, the draft chapter will be sent to the Working Group for review but will not come as a recommendation from the Planning Team because they would not have had the opportunity to make this formal recommendation. After the Working Group meeting, the Planning Team will take agency and Working Group comments into consideration as they conduct their review of the chapter. **Scott will create a new version of the process flow chart incorporating this decision.**

Alex is working on scheduling an ad-hoc meeting with folks pivotal to the groundwater discussion before finalizing chapter 2. After this discussion and finalizing the groundwater language, Planning Team members hope to bring chapter 2 forward to Working Group members for a vote.

4. **Joint Caucus Review**

Tod proposed an agenda item that wasn't originally included in the agenda.

Representative Owens reached out to Tod to review the October water caucus along with the last legislative session. The conversation got Tod wondering if the DBWC could work together to prepare a request for the next long session. This could look like the DBWC forming a policy group that presents water legislative concepts to the water committee. Planning Team members took time discussing the idea of a DBWC policy group. Emelie mentioned that whatever is proposed to legislators needs to align with final Place Based Plan to not weaken the plan.

5. **Chapter 3 Discussion** *DBWC Staff*
   - Review Presumptive Standard ***Attachment B_ODFW Guidance***
     Attachment C_Summary of ODFW Guidance
     Attachment D_Chapter 3

Alex reviewed comments that came in regarding chapter 3. Planning Team members took time reviewing the comments and discussed how the Ecological Needs Committee got to some language that was included in this chapter. Ad-hoc discussions will take place next to discuss the irrigation districts' demands. There will be another Planning Team meeting to discuss chapter 3, and then it will be sent out to agencies and the Ecological Needs

Committee to review before the chapter is sent out to the Working Group. COCO expressed wanting to see the chapter before it gets sent out to the Working Group.

6. **Roundtable Updates**