Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Planning Team Meeting Draft Notes

Friday, January 12, 2024 | 10:30-12:30 | Hybrid

Tri-Chairs: Robert Brunoe (Bobby), Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Members: Owen McMurtrey, COCO; Jessi Talbott, CUID; Bruce Scanlon, OID; Craig, COID; Tod Heisler, Central Oregon LandWatch; Josh Bailey, NUID; Carolyn Sufit, OWRD

Staff: Scott Aycock, Lauren Street, Jen Greco, COIC; Kate Fitzpatrick, Lisa Seales, Jim Bond, DRC; Alex Ehrens, Andrew Purkey, AMP Insights; Emelie McKain, OWRD

Action Items:

Lisa will make some calculations to show some ranges of crop water use, including three acre-feet per acre. and will share that with COID and OID representative. DRC will also work with OWRD to get updated crop water use numbers if/as available.

DRC will send Owen Chapter 3 and try to incorporate the analysis and descriptions. Owen will then send it to Alex, Kate, and Lisa to see if it works and they will craft it together.

A meeting will be organized with GSI, OWRD, DRC, WW to discuss concerns about Chapter 2.

Alex will make a presentation on Chapter 3 to present at the next Working Group meeting.

Updates:

The next Planning Team Meeting will be on Friday, February 2nd from 10:30 – 12:30.

Draft Notes

1. **Welcome, Introductions, & December Meeting Recap** *Scott Aycock, COIC*
   Attachment A December Meeting Notes

2. **DBWC Plan Chapter 3**

   Scott shared a PowerPoint regarding the process to build the Plan and all the needed reviews. Key points included:

   - DBWC has agreed to build a collaborative plan, not regulatory.
   - The Plan will be iterative as staff moves forward in time, overall, and as we build even this first version of the Plan.
   - The purpose is to support funding, policy, advocacy, when broad support is achieved

- Once the Plan is finalized, staff will create a "summary plan" for easier consumption by residents, legislators, etc.
- The group has agreed to use OWRD Place Based Planning guideline's steps.

We are on step three which we went over: Characterize current demands & future needs.

a. <u>Agricultural Needs</u>

The way staff previously characterized agricultural needs was based on water rights. Discussion occurred around future agricultural demand and it being based on scientific data points so that the Plan is more precise about what the actual agricultural demands are, given all the planned conservation projects. DRC mentioned that Oregon State University has charts with crop water use and that the team is trying to get as close to that as we can and how best to describe that in Chapter 3.

The Planning Team discussed how to define demand in the plan, taking into account future needs that change with the economy such as markets, temperatures, drought, and other changes which allow flexibility for these changes over time. The Planning Team also discussed the changing agricultural footprint over time, given things like urbanization. Planning Team members will reach out to OWRD for status on updated numbers similar to the Cuenca numbers describing crop water use.

b. <u>Municipal Needs</u>

Owen discussed how the municipal water needs had been characterized by mitigation credits because the ability to deliver on those credits is how the communities will be able to access the water. Interest in a water bank was expressed and stated that it could create ~~a~~ new mechanisms for municipal water supply. The group discussed the opportunity to consider municipal water needs based on current and projected population forecasts, consumption per capita, and existing and planned conservation efforts over time. Oregon Water Resource Department representatives posed the question of what are the operational demands and what are the credits, stating that these need to be defined in the chapter. The Plan can acknowledge where there are updated numbers.

3. <u>DBWC Plan Chapter 5: Implementation Plan</u> *DBW Staff Team Member*

Lisa reviewed a spreadsheet covering the implementation plan. This included timelines (near 2023 – 2028, medium 2028 – 2033, long term 2033 – 2038). The spreadsheet also covered project types, flows, and priority actions. Priority enabling actions within the medium and long term will also be identified as action items. Conversation around the best way to present and have structured conversation on

the implementation plan occurred. The Planning Team might do another whiteboard session on this.

4. <u>Working Group Meeting Agenda</u>

Members discussed the November Working Group meeting and started planning for the upcoming January DBWC Working Group meeting. Proposed items for the January Working Group meeting were:

- DBWC Plan and Plan Build Process, recap of plan framing, intent, and plan build process
- OWRD groundwater allocation rulemaking and rulemaking updates
- Chapter 3 overview and presentation by Alex. High level review with municipal and agricultural demands.

5. <u>Planning Team Scheduling</u> *Scott Aycock, COIC*

The team quickly decided to go with the original Planning Team meeting schedule – every first Friday of the month, from 10:30 to 12:30.

6. <u>Roundtable Updates and Sharing</u>