Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Planning Team Meeting Draft Notes

Friday, April 12th, 2024 | 10:30-12:30 | Hybrid

Tri-Chairs: Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner; Bob Brunoe, Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs

Members: Owen McMurtrey, COCO; Jeremy Austin, Central Oregon LandWatch; Kimberly Priestly, Oregon Water Watch;

Others in attendance: Jessi Talbott, COID; Juliana Cartright, Becky Powell, Celest Brody, Oregon League of Women Voters; Jim Powel, citizen; Jeff Shaw, Portland Citizen; Anona Dutton, EKI; Mike Britton, ID; Carolyn Sufit, OWRI;

Staff: Scott Aycock, Jenn Greco, Lauren Street, COIC; Lisa Seales, Gen Hubert, DRC; Alex Ehrens, Andrew Purkey, AMP Insights.

Action Items and Decisions:

Add multiple review processes to the end of the plan build process.

Have Ad-HOC conversations about water savings and Duffy Decree

Updates:

The next Working Group Meeting will be on Friday, May 31st from 10:30 – 12:30

The next Planning Team Meeting will be on Friday, June 7th from 10:30 – 12:30

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

Attachment A March Meeting Notes

Scott welcomed the Planning Team. Staff discussed the plan build process including not asking the change of waiting until the end for final approval on chapters. There was also discussion on the amount of detail and the differences in opinion on this. The Planning Team discussed using appendices to include additional detail. A "summary" plan was also discussed. The Planning Team also went over the OWRD Pathway Memo. There was conversation about creating the framework for a groundwater subcommittee.

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

There was discussion about the approval from the Working Group to vote on chapters at the end. Staff will be sending Chapter 3 out next week to the Planning Team and Working

Group. There will be flexibility at the end for multiple reviews. Staff will add that to the plan build process.

3. Draft Chapter 4 Review *DBWC Staff*

Andrew discussed some of the changes that Staff made to sections in Chapter 4. The Planning Team stated that Habitat Conservation Plan progress and work should be mentioned somewhere in Chapter 4.

Duffy Decree Discussion

The Planning Team discussed the Duffy Decree on a higher level. There was conversation about how the decree was confusing to some. Staff stated that the Duffy Decree has come up so much that it should be discussed and address with the Planning Team and Working Group if needed. There was conversation about how other districts are delivering water in new ways/systems. There will be water savings and this needs to be discussed. The Planning Team agreed that there is a need for an ad hoc meeting around water savings and the Duffy Decree.

Sections 4.1-4.2 (Conservation and Markets) review (previously reviewed)

Jessi stated that in section 4.1.1 there were two incidental take permits instead of one. This is important for accuracy in this section. Lisa posed a question to the Planning Team about costs and acknowledged that the Basin Study costs are not 7 years old and do not represent present day costs. It might serve the Plan well not to have exact costs due to the aged Basin Study costs. Staff could use something like percentages to represent the range of cost for implementation projects. Staff could increase and adjust to inflation however costs might not have accurate representation. Staff can quote real time costs for piping, but this might not capture the magnitude of the overall implementation projects. Jeremy stated that it could be helpful to just use the seven-year-old cost data because adding more to this could be confusing, but just stating that these costs are out of date.

New Section 4.3 (Storage) review

Alex included a map in this section of potential storage relocation sites in the Upper Deschutes Basin. Mike Britton stated that it is worth mentioning the Lake Billy Chinook even though it is very conceptual at this point. It was also stated that small scale storage within irrigation districts is important to have language on.

Sections 4.4-4.8 (Other concepts) – Incomplete. Attachment C 4.4-4.8 Outline

Alex reviewed sections 4.4-4.8. Alex stated that this section covers “other strategies” and “other options”. Alex asked for feedback on all sections.

Alex asked the Planning Team about what could be included in the Plan Effectiveness and Quality Effectiveness section. Scott stated that Chapter 4 discusses the tools and strategy, and Chapter 5 will be the actual implementation plan. The Planning Team had discussion

on if certain language should be in Chapter 4, Chapter 5, or both. Jessie stated that there are specific action items for the Irrigation Districts sprinkled in throughout Chapter 4 that would be better suited to go in Chapter 5.

In the Plan Effectiveness section 4.4.2, Staff will need to add objectives to measure effectiveness. There could be a certain amount of description in Chapter 4 and then actual credits, water, and objectives in Chapter 5. Staff will work backwards from water supply and demands in Chapter 3 for Plan Effectiveness.

The Planning Team discussed the level of analysis for fish necessary for this plan. If agencies can't assist with this then Staff can include language in the Plan that there is a need for this, but it will require more research.

Section 4.6 Infrastructure – Language is about irrigation infrastructure and this section is meant to be about non-irrigation infrastructure. Staff will need additional language from cities and municipalities in this section. Owen stated that cities have significantly upgraded wastewater systems in the past 20 years or so, so there isn't much of a need there. La Pine recently updated water and sewer infrastructure and Staff will add language about this. Scott addressed that there should be a short mention of the areas outside of UGBs put on sewer and it's tie with groundwater contamination.

Section 4.6.2 Energy Efficiency – Jessi will check with Craig about the hydro language. Lisa mentioned that it would be important to highlight energy savings through on-farm practices. The Planning Team discussed basin projects that include solar panel installation on canals.

Section 6.4.3 – Owen discussed the reuse of graywater for agricultural uses. Scott stated that there could be an action item here if there is a need for policy change or a waiver. Owen stated that Bend's graywater is unique because of permeability and that there is not much conversation around it.

Section 4.6.5 Safety – Jessi mentioned the safety from canal piping, fewer cars and humans falling into canals. Mike Britton mentioned canal bank collapses could cause flooding and that piping may be a solution to this.

4. Roundtable Updates and Sharing

Chapter 3 will be going out to Planning Team and Working Group through the Google Drive.

Staff will review task force on failed consensus items.