Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Planning Team Meeting Draft Notes

Friday, August 2, 2024 | 10:30-12:30 | Hybrid

Tri-Chairs: Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner

Members: Owen McMurtrey, COCO; Kimberley Priestley, WaterWatch of Oregon; Tod Heisler, Jeremy Austin, Central Oregon LandWatch

Others in Attendance: Jessi Talbott, John Skidmoore, COID; Becky Powell, Oregon League of Women Voters; Mike Britton, NUID; Carolyn Sufit, Emelie McKain, OWRD

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

Action Items and Decisions:

- Organize the brainstorming document
- Add Tri-chair to the September 27th action item list/agenda

Updates:

The next Working Group Meeting will be on September 27th from 10:30 – 12:30

The next Planning Team Meeting will be on September 6th from 10:30 – 12:30

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1. **<u>Welcome & June Meeting Recap</u>** *Scott Aycock, COIC*
   Attachment A June Meeting Notes

   Scott opened the meeting up with a June meeting recap. DBWC did not have a July Planning Team meeting. Scott went through the agenda. Kate led the group in the last meeting. There was conversation around the Tri-chair positions. Chapter 4 and the process was discussed. There was a brainstormed list of items that may not have full consensus, but all ideas should be captured.

2. **<u>Finalize Chapter 4 Strategy List</u>** *DBWC Staff*
   Attachment B Strategy List

   Alex covered the DBWC Potential Strategy Brainstorming List. This is the "menu of what is possible" and as a group we can choose what we want to move forward with. Alex went through the list and asked the group for comments, questions, and input. Kimberly Priestley raises concern about how all concerns in this document will be captured. Alex addressed how this will be structured and laid out in this list. Then there will be language drafted for the Plan and this will go through the standard process of approval. There was additional discussion around how we characterize

the brainstorm list of concerns and strategies. Alex has been working on the organization and grouping of these items. Jessi Talbott stated that it is important to capture all of these and have them included in Chapter 4 for future folks that utilize this Plan, even the items that are hard to discuss and might not have consensus. DBWC Staff agreed with this statement and agreed that this is how they are thinking about the structure of the Plan. Kimberly stated that if this is included in the Plan, it needs to be clear that these items do not have consensus to the reader so that this cannot be misconstrued in the future. Emelie would encourage the group to include the engagement with OWRD throughout this strategy process. There was discussion around the mitigation program and water-bank credits by municipalities. OWRD expressed that they would like to support this group in the Plan build process as well as the implementation of the strategies that will be listed in Chapter 5. They are in support of the strategies as they have been developed. There was also discussion from Staff around policy changes. OWRD stated that they can interact with the existing laws and policy and how they are interpreted.

3. **<u>Chapter 4 Review Process</u>** *DBWC Staff*

   There will be a draft Chapter 4 in the next few weeks that will be ready for review at a Staff Team Meeting as well as the next DBWC Working Group Meeting. There was concern expressed about the Tri-chair vote and when that would be filled. Scott stated that if we move forward with filling a Tri-chair position, he would like to see the work of the Plan move forward in parallel with the filling of this seat and not pausing the drafting and review processes.

4. **<u>Possible Approaches for Developing Chapter 5</u>** *Scott Aycock, COIC*

   Scott shared his notes for developing Chapter 5 for the Plan. He revisited the "why are we building this Plan?" and "how will this Plan be used?". It will focus support on funding and policy change, drive coordination among parties, and serves as a tool for public engagement. Tod stated that there should be broad language on the power of true consensus on a Plan like this. Scott listed what Staff believe the principles for Chapter 5 are; aspirational and functional, maximize outcomes, balance outcomes between needs, cost-effective, recognize complexity and address necessary barriers, supportive of partners, and consider impacts on related basin priorities. These are draft principles and will be revisited. Scott covered Option 1 & 2 for approaching Chapter 5 process. Staff supports Option 1 because it would identify places with disagreement/complexity and set up ad hoc meetings to resolve/work through details. There was discussion within the Planning Team about support for Option 1 or Option 2. There is concern around putting out draft Chapters without any discussion beforehand. Kimberly recommended a mix of both Option 1 and Option 2. A bundle being put forth in Chapter 5 will bind the group together to work towards a collective goal and Plan. Scott stated that it sounds like a hybrid approach may be

best between the two Options. Kate mentioned that it might be beneficial to have an ad hoc meeting about scenario packaging for Chapter 5 and the "hard issues".

5. **Roundtable Updates and Sharing** *All*