Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Planning Team Meeting Draft Notes

Friday, September 6, 2024 | 10:30-12:30 | Hybrid

Tri-Chairs: Commissioner Phil Chang, Deschutes County, Bobby Brunoe, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

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

Others in Attendance: Jessi Talbott, Jon Skidmore, Craig Horrell COID; Carolyn Sufit, OWRD; Lasse Langdahl, Graduate Student

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

Action Items and Decisions:

- Reconvene Tri-Chair Meeting.
- DRC Staff send past parking lot document so the group can cross check while doing written comments.
- DRC Staff send out Chapter 5 Ranking Spreadsheet.
- Kimberley will provide language for the beginning of Chapter 4 being a list of ideas.

Updates:

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

The next Planning Team Meeting will be on October 4 from 10:30 – 12:30.

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1. **<u>Welcome & August Meeting Recap</u>** *Scott Aycock, COIC*

   Attachment A: August Meeting Notes

   Scott opened the meeting up with an August meeting recap. Scott went through the agenda. Scott emphasized that the draft list of strategies for Chapter 4 is simply a list of strategies, and that Chapter 5 will be the recommended strategies. The group can continue to brainstorm strategies today, during the Chapter 4 review process, along with how to build Chapter 5.

2. **<u>DBWC Tri-Chair Seat</u>** *Scott Aycock, COIC*

   Scott reminded the group that when Steve Johnson from Arnold Irrigation District left, his seat was not filled. There was discussion if filling the empty Tri-Chair role would distract the group during the plan build process, but that there was a question if the Planning Team wanted to recommend Craig Horrell for the Tri-Chair seat on September 27's Working Group Meeting. DBBC asked the group to consider

Craig, and it would not be an interest supporting seat. Scott then opened it up to the group for discussion. Bobby Brunoe said he supported Craig as another Tri-Chair.

The group asked if this would mean the Chairs start doing more, like outreach and representation. It was asked if Tri-Chairs would vote but not the interest area seats, and Scott said that to recommend a decision to the Working Group that it has to be a full consensus of Planning Team. The group agreed to recommend appointing Craig as the third chair, and Craig is happy to talk to interest groups with Scott.

3. **Chapter 4 Review** *DRC Staff*

Attachment B: Chapter 4

DRC Staff reminded the group that they saw Chapter 4 months ago, and as they started to add additional strategies, they ended up with a 50-page chapter that was challenging to wade through. They went back to the drawing board to simplify it and make it concise. This is intended to be a menu of strategies to choose from and are by no means the final decisions. The structure is based on the three legs of the stool, strategy, and tools. The plan is to pair it with a survey/spreadsheet to start the prioritization process. Please provide feedback on layout, strategies, anything missing, or areas that are not viable.

The group emphasized that this was much easier to read, and the content is clear. There was specific feedback about making it clear that these are not the strategies that are final. There was also feedback about consistency between the three sections and ensuring that everything matches up better. Discussion continued about the use of the word "challenges" and the group considered using different terminology to capture that to some it's a challenge, and to some it's an opportunity.

Other suggestions included more context with the strategies, writing Chapters 3 and 4 to paint a more coherent picture, discuss incentives, and emphasize what is currently being done versus could be done.

Next steps include presenting this to Working Group, not sending a draft ahead of time. Besides Planning Team submitting comments, it was suggested to have Agencies review this draft, as they haven't seen anything since this edit was done. The group determined that it will happen during the larger Chapter 4 review with Working Group.

4. **Chapter 5 Pre-Work** *DRC Staff*

Lisa showed the group the spreadsheet and survey to prioritize the strategies that will make it into the implementation plan. This will go to Planning Team and Working Group for feedback, and then staff will take that feedback to create

scenarios for Chapter 5.

Initial feedback from the group was that implementation is a term not everyone is ready to use. It was discussed that it's an important term, and that caveats need to be made as to which will need further review. People discussed that a plan with timing is necessary before implementation. Some in the group suggested that someone sifts through criteria and gives scenarios, like with the Basin Study. It would be helpful to have a glossary and potentially an ad-hoc meeting so everyone is on the same page. An additional column was added to the spreadsheet for "Need More Information" with room to describe what's needed.

5. **<u>September 27 Working Group Meeting Agenda</u>** *Scott Aycock, COIC*

Proposed Agenda

- Chapter 4 Review (Presentation) Not In Packet
- OWRD Place-Based Planning Rulemaking Process Update: Emelie
- Tri-Chair

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

Staff asked that everyone send their comments and changes for the spreadsheet.

Owen suggested an ad-hoc group to create additional mitigation credits under the current rule. That looks like applying facts to law, which is beyond the scope of what people can do without being a lawyer. Hopefully one legal department will help with this.

Jim announced that Alex is officially with DRC and continuing with the work he was doing with AMP on this project.

Lassel introduced themselves as a graduate student doing a project on water management in the Deschutes Basin until November 7.