Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Planning Team Draft Notes

Friday, November 1, 2024 | 10:30-12:30 | Hybrid

Tri-Chairs: Commissioner Phil Chang, Deschutes County

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; Lori Faha, City of Bend;

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

Updates:

The next Working Group Meeting will be on November 22nd from 10:30 – 12:30

The next Planning Team Meeting will be on December 6th from 12:30 – 2:30.

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

   Attachment A September Meeting Notes

   Scott opened the meeting and went through the Planning Team meeting agenda. Scott covered the previous Planning Team meeting notes covering the tri-chair conversation as well as several items related to Chapters 4 and 5.

2. **<u>Chapter 4 Comments Discussion</u>** *DBWC Staff*

   Alex discussed a few changes to Chapter 4. There was discussion on moving exempt wells from where it currently is into an "other" section. Alex asked the Planning Team if there were any other opinions or thoughts on that or where else it could be placed. It was stated that properties with exempt wells have a significant opportunity to conserve water. Lori Faha with the City of Bend agreed that the exempt wells should be in an "other" category due to this. Owen stated that aquifer recharge is speculative and that we need to talk about the big issues. Phil stated that this plan must address the aspects that we have control over, including exempt wells. Scott brought the conversation back to the structure of the chapter and the three legs of the stool. DRC staff will rework the chapter based on this conversation. Tod mentioned the potential of wells having their own category. Craig asked if the State will be updating the study that was put out which the memo references. Emilie addressed this saying that requests can be made to the

State for clarification and for planning and technical assistance. It was also mentioned that legislative information just came out about the Deschutes Basin.

Alex noted other changes that have been made to the environmental section which iare now reflected in Chapter 4. Alex stated that water banking was split up into different action categories: legislative/policy change and pilot projects. Owen stated that additional discussion needs to happen around what it would mean to have access to additional ground water rights. Emelie stated that the process to acquire new ground water rights is an OWRD led effort, and that information is readily available. As information comes out OWRD can push that out to the group.

The Planning Team discussed a land use section which could include exempt wells and preexisting regulatory frameworks that other areas in the state have in place. The group also discussed La Pine/South County septic issues, and the Planning Team agreed that this could go into a land use section.

Staff mentioned that the plan is to send out Chapter 2,3, and 4 to everyone. Before this is sent out there will be some changes to Chapter 4.

3. **Prep for Chapter 5: Survey Results/Comments** *DBWC Staff*
   - One by One Roundtable/Listening Session: PT Member thoughts regarding survey results
   - Group Discussion
   - Next Steps: Using survey results to structure deliberation meetings

   Attachment B Survey Results

   Scott stated that there were benefits to the survey reflecting where points of disagreements are and any confusion. The group needs to hear each other clearly and take disagreements head on and talk them through and address them. The meeting floor was opened for members to share their thoughts and input one by one on the survey responses, clarification to responses, disagreements that they are seeing. Alex captured the detailed feedback from members for internal use. Staff clarified that we are looking for feedback on what member's reaction is to what they are seeing in the survey responses.

4. **Working Group Meeting Agenda Review/Build** *Scott Aycock, COIC*
   The group discussed and finalized a draft Working Group meeting agenda.

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