

DRAFT – CBWP Meeting Notes | Wednesday, October 26, 2022

The Harney Community-Based Water Planning (CBWP) Collaborative held a meeting on Wednesday, October 26 from 5:00-7:30pm via Zoom. An in-person option was offered at the Harney County Community Center. An audio/video recording of the meeting can be accessed by clicking [here](#). A participant list for the meeting is provided on page 5-6.

Action Items

- Mark your calendars for the next CBWP Collaborative Meeting: Thursday, November 17 at 5:00pm.
- Consider joining the Coordinating Committee for the Surface Water Planning phase. Contact Holly (holly@hcwatershedcouncil.com) for more information.
- Consider becoming a signatory to the CBWP Collaborative's Working Agreement. To be eligible to participate in future consensus events, you must be a signatory to this document AND attend 2 out of the last 4 meetings.

CBWP-Related Updates

CREP - USDA has reviewed the Programmatic Environmental Assessment and provided comments for a final review. The final review should occur this week. OWRD is still pushing forward on internal processes. The Department recently resolved the potential problem surrounding issuing out limited licenses in the GHVGAC and are currently figuring out the criteria/ methods for eligibility determination for potential enrollees. OWRD has also started to work with The Nature Conservancy to create a criteria for the GDE incentives.

OWRD Meeting Schedule - OWRD hosted a community meeting on November 3 from 5-8pm at the Harney County Community Center. The focus of the meeting was on the results of the OWRD/USGS Groundwater Study with presentations from OWRD staff. The public had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussion.

Surface Water Pre-Planning | Place-Based Planning Steps + CBWP Working Groups + CBWP Schedule

The Collaborative heard a refresher of the place-based planning steps and the CBWP process with a focus on how Steps 2 and 3 will be accomplished via Working Groups. For presentation slides, click [here](#).

★: Where the Collaborative is currently focusing efforts

Place-Based Planning Step	Due Date	Who is responsible for completing the step?	How will the step be completed?
1. ★ <i>Build a Collaborative</i> - Create a structure and	Ongoing	CBWP Project Staff and Collaborative	This is an ongoing step and is achieved through outreach,

process that fosters collaboration, bringing together various sectors and interests to work toward the common purpose of maintaining healthy water resources to meet the needs of the community and the environment. Ensure a balanced representation of interests and a meaningful process for public involvement.			checking in with the Coordinating Committee and Collaborative, and aligning with OWRD on guidelines.
2. ★ <i>Characterize Water Resources, Water Quality, and Ecological Issues</i> - Describe and assess current water supplies, water quality, and the status of ecosystem health to determine any existing challenges and potential opportunities	May 2023	Working Groups: Provide technical assistance and more detailed information review and deliberation through monitoring, evaluating, and making recommendations on specific water strategies to the Collaborative	Collaborative determine what information we already have and what information we need to gather Compile information from previous working groups (wetlands, lakes, streamflow, watershed conditions, water rights, etc.). Existing Working Groups provide presentations on their work to date
3. ★ <i>Quantify Existing and Future Needs/Demands</i> - Define how much water is needed to meet current and future water needs – instream and out-of-stream – water quantity and quality and ecosystem needs/demands. Plans should address how	May 2023	Focus on specific topics as needed to support the CBWP Collaborative's vision Typically meet once per month, more often as needed. Members are expected to make a	Determine what new working groups need to form + convene (Refer to Working Group Proposal). New Working Groups convene and get to

climate change, population growth, and land use affect water resources and the ability to meet those needs within the community. Meeting water needs should be within the context of specific watersheds, accounting for the hydrological, geological, biological, climatic, socio-economic, cultural, legal, and political conditions of a community.		good faith effort to attend all meetings ALL INFORMATION/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS ARE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COLLABORATIVE FOR FINAL DECISION-MAKING	work, providing monthly updates to the Collaborative on their progress and findings Each Working Group will draft a Step 2 and 3 report on their topic. This report will include a key takeaways document, list of issues to address, list of data gaps, and a list of potential solutions/strategies to address issues for the Collaborative to deliberate. Working Groups will provide updates to the Collaborative throughout their process. Working Groups will provide a final presentation before consensus event on Step 2 and 3 information.
4. <i>Develop Integrated Solutions for Meeting Long Term Water Needs</i> - Recommend a suite of actions to address the community's water-related challenges with the goal of meeting both	September 2023	Collaborative	TBD

instream and out-of-stream needs.			
5. <i>Adopt the Plan</i> - Planning groups should formally adopt the plan. Agencies will review the plan and the Water Resources Commission will have an opportunity to formally accept the plan, based upon whether it meets the goals and objectives of the statewide Integrated Water Resources Strategy.	February 2024	Collaborative	TBD

Surface Water Planning | Proposal for New Working Groups

The Collaborative then refined a [proposal](#) for new Working Groups and supported that the following groups convene:

New Working Group	Topics	Participants
Surface-Groundwater Interaction	Recharge Beaver reintroduction? Opportunities for managed recharge Catchment contributions (crossover with Vegetation Management)	Graham Thomas Chris Colson Ken Bierly
Surface Water Management	Legal requirements Practical limitations Agency practice Infrastructure needs	John Short Keith Baltzor Katie Baltzor Dave Banks Chris Colson Kristen Shelman Lisa Brown Ken Bierly

	Information needs System description Coping with system dynamics Challenges to management given a fixed management system and a dynamic hydraulic system Optimization challenges Water storage (?)	
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Please note that there are Working Groups that existed prior to the surface water planning phase - Ecological and Vegetation Management. The Ecological Working Group meets monthly and covers topics related to wetlands, lakes and reservoirs, and stream ecosystems. The Vegetation Management Working Group completed their Step 2 and 3 report in 2020. The Collaborative will hear from the Vegetation Management Working Group in December.

Surface Water Planning | Characterizing Current Conditions: Lakes + Reservoirs

Ken Bierly (CBWP Technical Consultant, Ecological Working Group member) gave a [presentation](#) on his Step 2 work on lakes and reservoirs to date. Topics of the presentation include: information on Malheur Lake, flows to the lake, predicting lake levels, yearly and seasonal fluctuation, exploring waterbird use with lake level changes, seasonal waterfowl use, other lakes and reservoirs, what information is needed, and potential issues that the Collaborative could address.

CBWP Meeting Schedule

- Thursday, November 17 at 5pm
- Thursday, December 15 at 5pm
- Thursday, January 19 at 5pm

What to Expect at the November Full Collaborative Meeting

- Separate presentations from ODFW, members of the Ecological Working Group and the Harney Basin Wetland Collaborative. There will be a question/ answer period after each presentation.

CBWP 10/26 Meeting Participants

1. Sam Artaiz
2. Mitch Baker
3. Katie Baltzor
4. Keith Baltzor
5. Dave Banks
6. Ken Bierly

7. Lisa Brown
8. Barbara Cannady
9. Chris Colson
10. Brandon Haslick
11. Cole Hendrickson
12. Dustin Johnson
13. Jeff Mackay
14. Holly Mondo
15. Karen Moon
16. Manuel Mose
17. Steve Parrett
18. Pat Sharp
19. John Short
20. Brenda Smitgh
21. Jack Southworth
22. Janna Stevens
23. Tony Svejcar
24. Teresa Wicks
25. Tara Wertz