DRAFT – CBWP Meeting Notes | Thursday, August 25, 2022
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KEN!

The Harney Community-Based Water Planning (CBWP) Collaborative held a meeting on Thursday, July 28 from 5:00-8:00pm 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 (Access Passcode: X=4^wy9^). A participant list for the meeting is provided on page 4.

Action Items

- Mark your calendars for the next CBWP Collaborative Meeting: Wednesday, September 21 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.
- Send Holly contact information for those folks you feel should be at the table for the Surface Water planning phase.

CBWP-Related Updates

CREP - OWRD and USDA are finalizing the language of the Agreement between Oregon and USDA. A scoping meeting was held in Burns and by Zoom on August 10 to get input on the alternatives being considered and the issues needed to be considered in the development of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA). A draft is expected to be shared with OWRD and FSA in the near future and made public through a formal release by FSA for a 30-day comment period. A brochure on the PEA process and requirement was provided at the Collaborative meeting. Once a draft is available it will take some 4 months to develop a Final PEA and findings for FSA to consider.

USGS Groundwater Study Summary Document - A 6-page summary on the study's approach, results, and implications available now.

OWRD Groundwater Study Summary Documents - OWRD is developing summary materials on what was learned from the groundwater study.

CBWP Groundwater Portion of the Integrated Water Plan - The Groundwater Plan has been submitted to the Interagency Plan Review Team. Project staff is in the midst of scheduling a presentation for the Plan Review Team and the County Court; the presentation will orient folks on the Groundwater Plan and provide an opportunity for project staff to discuss the process and next steps. The Coordinating Committee is developing a process for the public comment period, which will likely open sometime in October.

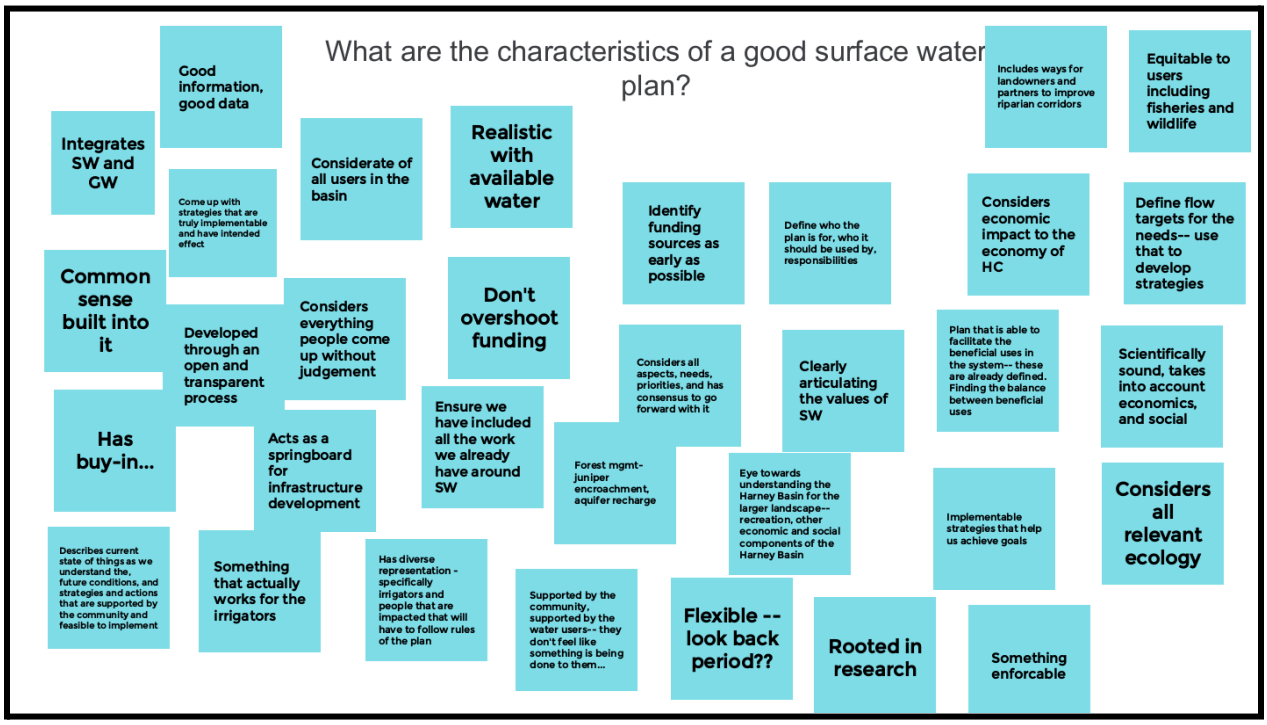
Surface Water Kick-Off | Pre-Planning Step

Holly Mondo (CBWP Project Manager) first gave an overview of place-based planning and the Harney CBWP Collaborative's process to date to help get new Collaborative members up to

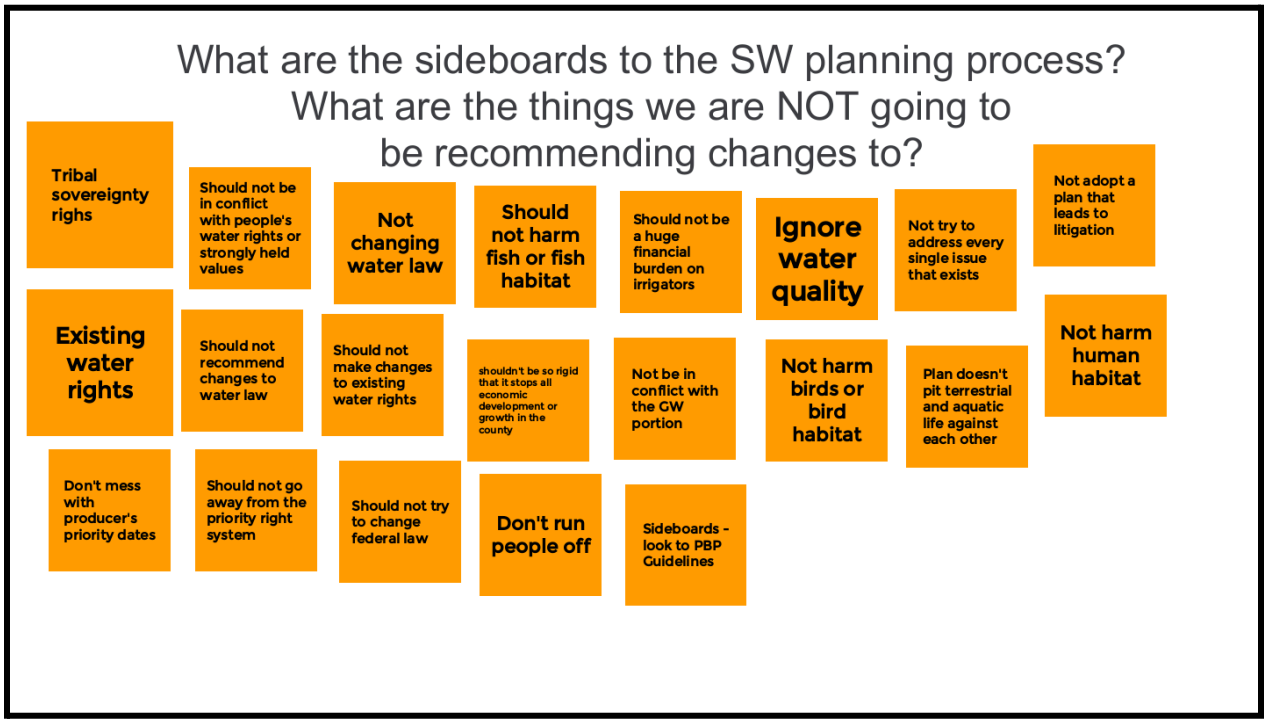
speed on the task(s) at hand. For those new members that would like a full rundown of place-based planning, please click here for OWRD's guidelines.

Before diving deep into the surface water planning phase, the project team (project manager, facilitator, technical consultant) felt it necessary to ask a few questions to get folks grounded into the process. The first question posed was: *What are your worst fears about surface water planning?* In summary, Collaborative members fear more regulation in the basin, that we'll undergo this process and our plan will "sit on the shelf," that the situation in the basin will get worse instead of improve, more lawsuits will occur, we won't be able to come together and come up with solutions, the plan we come up won't consider economics, the plan won't be flexible/adaptable, and lastly that surface water users will get polarized against other surface water users.

The Collaborative then transitioned to a JamBoard session where they brainstormed the other questions asked. Screenshots of the JamBoard session can be found below. Note: text size/box size doesn't denote importance - all ideas are considered equally.







The project team will refer back to these ideas to 1) help create a robust surface water planning phase process, 2) help scope the process, and 3) keep the Collaborative on track.

Surface Water Kick-Off | Creating a Robust Process

Holly then went through a process proposal, created with input from the Coordinating Committee, for the surface water planning phase.

Feedback from the Collaborative included the following:

- 18-month process is achievable
- Make sure to align with other work ongoing in the Basin
- Perhaps have OWRD give a presentation on surface water in the basin to help build a shared understanding - can plan for this in October
- Consider holding 2-hour meetings instead of 3-hour meetings
- Consider hosting 30-minute community meetings outside of Burns/Hines to inform the broader community of the surface water planning phase

Questions project staff will consider:

- What Working Groups do we need? Are we going to reconvene previous Working Groups? Who will be the "leader" of each Working Group?
- How are we going to continue moving the groundwater plan forward while working on surface water planning? Consider giving community presentations on the groundwater plan in areas outside of Burns/Hines.
- How can we improve the consensus process for the surface water planning phase? Is eligibility going to be the same (i.e. signatory of Working Agreement and attended 2 out of last 4 meetings)?

The process proposal is a living document and will be used as the baseline for the surface water planning phase. We'll do our best to stick to the timelines, but can be flexible.

CBWP Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, September 21 at 5pm
- Wednesday, October 26 at 5pm
- Thursday, November 17 at 5pm

What to Expect at the September Full Collaborative Meeting

- A rundown of the Collaborative's Working Agreement
- A deeper dive into the information we already have on surface water

CBWP 8/25 Meeting Participants

1. Sam Artize
2. Katie Baltzor
3. Keith Baltzor
4. Dave Banks
5. Ken Bierly
6. Darrick Boschman
7. Barbara Cannady
8. Stacey Davies
9. Scott Franklin
10. Bill Hart
11. Brandon Haslick

12. Cole Hendrickson
13. Dustin Johnson
14. Chad Karges
15. Jeff Mackay
16. Holly Mondo
17. Karen Moon
18. Rachel O'Connor
19. Steve Parrett
20. Mario Petrelli
21. Melissa Petschauer
22. Bill Peila
23. Lesley Richman
24. Steve Rickman
25. Jon Sanfilippo
26. Alexandria Scott
27. Kristen Shelman
28. John Short
29. Brenda Smith
30. Jack Southworth
31. Janna Stevens
32. Dally Swindlehurst
33. Graham Thomas
34. Janelle Wicks
35. Teresa Wicks