

## **DRAFT – CBWP Meeting Notes | Thursday, July 28, 2022**

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: L1\*+Kwd\*). A participant list for the meeting is provided on pages 2-3.

### **CBWP-Related Updates**

**CREP** - The CREP program is moving forward. OWRD has hired Graham Thomas who will start on August 15 as the CREP specialist for Harney County. A scoping meeting for the Programmatic Environmental Assessment is scheduled for August 10 at the Harney County Community Center and also available on Zoom. The meeting will start the process to develop the Environmental Assessment which is necessary for the program to go forward. Oregon Water Resources Department is negotiating an agreement with USDA that establishes the program. OWRD and FSA would like to have the program up and running before the 2023 irrigation season.

**OWRD WARRF Press Release** - The Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund (WARRF) provides financial assistance to persons or members of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon to permanently abandon, repair, or replace a water well used for household purposes. The Department is accepting applications from low-to-moderate income households with domestic wells in areas that are impacted by drought or wildfire. These impacted households are prioritized to meet urgent public health needs and based on the direction from the Oregon Legislature during the December 2021 special session. The Department anticipates a broader set of wells will be eligible for funding in future biennia. This statewide well repair fund was established by the Legislature and OWRD has developed funding criteria and application forms. They can be obtained at <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/GWWL/WARRF/Pages/default.aspx>

The Harney County Well Fund program is separate and OWRD has not yet developed application forms or criteria for funding. The program should be developed late summer or fall this year. In the meantime Harney County residents are eligible for the statewide WARRF program. The Collaborative will be notified when the Harney County program is live.

### **Discussion: Suggested Edits on Draft 4 and 5 of the Groundwater Plan**

Holly Mondo (CBW Project Manager) proposed to skip over edits made on Draft 4 since those had been available for several months for Collaborative members to review. The Collaborative accepted the proposal and moved on to reviewing comments and suggested edits collected throughout the month of July on Draft 5. The Collaborative started at the beginning of Draft 5 and discussed each comment to determine whether to accept or reject for the Final Draft. Draft 5, along with all comments addressed during the meeting can be found [here](#). Please note that all comments labeled “Anonymous” are actually from the County’s attorney.

### **Consensus Decision: Draft 5 Groundwater Plan**

After spending most of the meeting going through suggested edits and comments, the Collaborative moved into a consensus event on the following recommendation:

*The Harney Community-Based Water Planning (CBWP) Collaborative supports that the Final Draft of the Groundwater Portion of the Integrated Water Resources Plan be circulated for public comment and submitted to the state agencies for review.*

To view the recommendation in entirety, click [here](#).

Jack Southworth (CBWP Facilitator) asked each meeting attendee for their vote (1-5) on the recommendation. Those eligible to participate in the consensus event are highlighted in purple.

- Steve Paret (OWRD) – 1
- Lisa Brown (WaterWatch) – 2
- Justin Iverson (OWRD)– 1
- Jeff Mackay (Malheur Refuge) – 1
- Jerry Grondin (USGS) – no vote
- Brandon Haslick (Burns-Paiute Tribe) – 1
- Laurie O’Connor (Landowner/ Exempt Well User) – 4
- Teresa Wicks (Portland Audobon Society) – 2
- Ben McCanna (Landowner/ Exempt Well User) – 2
- Melissa Petschauer (High Desert Partnership) – 2
- Sam Artize (SONNEC) - 1
- Pat Sharp (Landowner) - 1
- John Short (Irrigator Representative) – 2
- Barbara Cannady – no vote
- Brenda Smith (High Desert Partnership)– 1
- Zach Freed (The Nature Conservancy) – 1
- Karen Moon (Harney County Watershed Council) - 1
- Ken Bierly (CBWP Technical Consultant) – no vote
- Mark Owens (Harney County Court) - 1
- Steve Rickman (Irrigator) – 4
- Jack Southworth (CBWP Facilitator) - no vote

**Based on the list above, the Collaborative achieved consensus on the recommendation.**

The Final Draft of the Groundwater Portion of the Integrated Water Resources Plan can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or visiting the [Document Clearinghouse](#) webpage.

### **What to Expect at the August Full Collaborative Meeting**

Surface water planning phase kick-off.

### **CBWP 7/28 Meeting Participants**

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| 1. Artize, Sam | 4. Cannady, Barbara |
| 2. Bierly, Ken | 5. Dorroh, Patty    |
| 3. Brown, Lisa | 6. Freed, Zach      |

7. Gingerich, Steve
8. Grondin, Jerry
9. Haslick, Brandon
10. Iverson, Justin
11. Karim, Elissa
12. Mackay, Jeff
13. McCanna, Ben
14. Mondo, Holly
15. Moon, Karen
16. O'Connor, Laurie

17. Owens, Mark
18. Parrett, Steve
19. Petschauer, Melissa
20. Rickman, Steve
21. Sallinger, Bob
22. Sharp, Pat
23. Short, John
24. Smith, Brenda
25. Southworth, Jack
26. Wicks, Teresa