

CBWP-Related Updates- February 2022

February 2022 updates:

Groundwater Portion on the Integrated Water Plan

- Project staff received suggestions on draft 1 from many Collaborative members and partners (thank you!). At this point, we are working to compile all edits into one document and will then work our way through all edits. We will also be redrafting the last couple chapters of the plan based on input from focus group meeting participants. The draft has been taken offline to allow project staff time to develop draft 2. Draft 2 is expected to circulate in early March.

CREP

- OWRD has advertised for the position to help with implementation of the program and will be conducting interviews in the next few weeks. I have heard from FSA asking two factual questions about the proposal. We do not have full feedback from FSA yet. OWRD has a draft agreement to be shared with USDA to implement the program when the proposal is final.
- **Update 2/24/22** The Harney Valley Groundwater CREP proposal is scheduled for a meeting with FSA leadership this week to review the CREP proposal. The program manager will schedule a call with me and Ivan sometime next week to review any comments received and look at next steps. The FSA has provided guidance for development of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the proposal (as agreed on).

Place-Based Planning Participatory Evaluation Validation Workshops

- Please see below for a message from the researchers at Portland State University regarding the Place-Based Planning Participatory Evaluation:

****Update 2/23/22****

As the final step in the participatory evaluation of Oregon's pilot program on place-based water planning, the Portland State University evaluation team is hosting a virtual validation workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to give participants in the place-based planning program an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft evaluation report, which will be available for review on February 22nd. We will be sending the draft to the planning group conveners to pass it along on that date.

To provide flexibility, we have scheduled one morning and one evening workshop. You can attend whichever option works better for you by clicking on the appropriate zoom link below.

Option 1: Monday, February 28, 2022; 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://pdx.zoom.us/j/82099813964>

Meeting ID: 820 9981 3964

Phone one tap mobile: +19712471195,,82099813964# US (Portland)

Option 2: Thursday, March 3, 2022; 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://pdx.zoom.us/j/89376443481>

Meeting ID: 893 7644 3481

Phone one tap mobile: +19712471195,,89376443481# US (Portland)

If you have questions, please contact Sadie Boyers (sboyers@pdx.edu), Project Assistant. If you are unable to attend either of the workshops, and would like to provide feedback on the draft report, please let Sadie know.

January 2022 updates:

Groundwater Portion of the Integrated Water Plan

- The first draft of the groundwater portion of the Integrated Water Plan is now available for Collaborative members to review. The draft can be accessed [>>here<<](#) or by visiting the [CBWP Document Clearinghouse](#) webpage. Please keep in mind that this is a living document meaning it will continuously be edited and refined until the Collaborative deems it acceptable.
- From now until February 15, project staff are asking Collaborative members to do a high-level review of the draft while keeping in mind the following questions:
 - Is it clear that a balanced representation of interests participated in the development of the plan?
 - Is the draft representative of the community's interests?
 - Is the plan readable and digestible by someone not involved in the Collaborative effort?
 - Are we missing anything that would enhance the plan?
 - Are there any sections that are not helpful to the plan?
- It is also important to project staff that input is received on Chapters 5 (specifically on the Priority Issues on page 37) and Chapter 9 (specifically on Priority Strategies on pages 52-53). These sections are up for Collaborative consideration and will need to be discussed over the next couple months. Collaborative members should ignore any issues with formatting for now and know that appendices have not yet been added to the draft. All comments on the draft can be emailed to holly@hcwatershedcouncil.com.
- **For those Collaborative members that would like to dive deeper into the plan and discuss necessary edits, project staff invite you to participate in a focus group about strengths/weaknesses as well as red flags in the current draft. The small group discussion will be held on Thursday, February 3 at a 5pm via Zoom.**
- Whether you plan to participate in the small group discussion or review the plan on your own time, project staff look forward to receiving your comments and insights. We are eager to make the draft plan stronger with your help.

December 2021 updates:

Groundwater Portion of the Integrated Water Plan

- Holly Mondo (CBWP Project Manager) and Ken Bierly (CBWP Technical Consultant) are in the thick of drafting the first version of the Groundwater Plan. Chapters 1-7 have been drafted to date; Chapters 8-10 are planned to be drafted by December 17. Between

December 17 and December 31, Holly and Ken will edit internally (taking the week of Christmas off of course). The complete draft will be available to the Collaborative by December 31. The Coordinating Committee is still determining what the review process for Collaborative members will look like, but will likely entail a month of review time with specific focal points, questions to consider, and needed insights on certain sections.

Groundwater Market Feasibility Study

- The Aspect Team has completed their [DRAFT Final Groundwater Market Feasibility Study report](#). While the Harney Community-Based Water Planning (CBWP) Collaborative has already reviewed much of the content in the report, the Aspect Team welcomes your feedback regarding opportunities to enhance the value of the report. It is their request that Collaborative members review the report and submit any comments or feedback to Zach Freed (zach.freed@tnc.org) by Friday, December 10, 2021. The Aspect Team will then incorporate feedback and deliver the final version of their report prior to the December 16 Collaborative meeting.

Information Session on OWRD Rulemaking- Division 10

- The Oregon Water Resources Department is undertaking rulemaking to update its Division 10 rules relating to the processes for establishing critical groundwater area (CGWA) designations and controls. The Department invites interested persons to attend an upcoming informational session on **December 16, 2021 from 1 PM to 3 PM** to learn more about this rulemaking. Please see the agenda for additional information.
- Pre-registration is required. Interested persons can register to attend this informational session by visiting <https://forms.office.com/g/TsVby87Prg> and filling out the required fields. Registration closes at noon on December 14, 2021. Information about how to access the virtual meeting will be provided via email to all registered attendees on December 15, 2021. If you do not have email and intend to join by phone, we will call you and provide instructions on how to join.
- Click [here](#) for more information.