

Consortium Technical Committee Meeting Summary

JUNE 19, 2019 CALLED TO ORDER: 1:32 PM ADJOURNED: 3:20 PM

QUORUM PRESENT - YES - 13 MEMBERS



Approval of March 6 and April 3, 2019 Meeting Summaries

Kari Duncan made a motion to approve the March 6 and April 3, 2019 meeting summaries as presented. Todd Heidgerken seconded the motion. The Consortium Technical Committee unanimously approved the March 6 and April 3, 2019 meeting summaries as presented. (13:0:0)

Director Report

City of Newberg Membership – Rebecca Geisen, Managing Director reported that the Consortium Board approved the City of Newberg’s request to join the Consortium as a non-regional member. Consortium staff has drafted a non-regional membership memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be signed by both the City of Newberg and the Consortium. The drafted MOU has been shared with the membership subcommittee and is being reviewed by the City of Portland attorney’s office.

Consortium Staff Update – Rebecca advised that interviews will be held over the next few weeks for the Program Support Specialist position (Katy Asher’s old position).

Equipment Drill – A drill of the regional emergency equipment, i.e., mobile water distribution systems, mobile water treatment systems, portable pipe systems, etc. is planned for September 26, 2019. Rebecca noted that she is waiting to hear from several agencies that own equipment regarding their participation in the drill.

Shared Worker Agreement – Rebecca reminded CTC members that the ORWARN Board has endorsed the Shared Worker Agreement Addendum that the Consortium developed and has shared it with its membership. Participation in the shared worker addendum is voluntary and does not in any way change the ORWARN agreement. This addendum allows for the sharing of qualified workers amongst ORWARN members during catastrophic emergencies. Rebecca encouraged CTC members to consider signing the agreement.

Niki Iverson mentioned that the City of Hillsboro Council plans to vote on the agreement in July.

Mike Grimm advised the West Slope Water District Board will consider the agreement at their meeting in July as well.

Senate Bill 935 – Rebecca advised that Senate Bill 935 is scheduled for a vote in the Oregon Legislature on June 30. Senate Bill 935 would create a modified landscape construction profession license to allow for the installation of residential-sized irrigation systems without requiring proven knowledge or experience.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funding - Rebecca reported that the City of Gresham received its 2017 UASI funded portable pipeline system in May. The new system is designed to transport potable water during an emergency by creating an interconnection between two pipes or systems or tapping a fire hydrant. There are now two of these systems in the region.

Rebecca explained that the Portland Water Bureau submitted a 2019 UASI funding request for a second mobile water treatment plant which was not approved. The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) is suspending funding for most regional equipment until plans are developed that outline a regional strategy and need for additional equipment. \$54,000 has been allocated to begin developing a regional emergency water plan with regional stakeholders.

Workshop – Rebecca advised that she attended a workshop in Vancouver BC hosted by the Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management. The workshop covered planning for the provision of drinking water in the metro Vancouver region. Vancouver BC has developed a Regional Temporary Provision of Drinking Water Plan that Rebecca will share with CTC members.

RDPO Emergency Water-related Projects

The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) is a five-county, multi-state organization whose mission is to build and maintain regional disaster capabilities in the Portland Metropolitan region through strategic and coordinated planning, training and exercising, and investment in technology and specialized equipment. Laura Hanson, Regional Planning Coordinator with the RDPO joined the CTC meeting to provide an update on RDPO water-related projects.

Laura noted that the RDPO is working with ECONorthwest to map and model the economic impacts and effects of a 9.0 earthquake on small business in various locations throughout the Portland metropolitan area and big business in the core metro area. This work builds on the work the RDPO did with Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) and will wrap up in January 2020.

For the past couple of years, the RDPO has been working to develop a recovery framework to guide rebuilding, redevelopment, and recovery efforts following a disaster. This framework looks beyond the disaster event itself, to imagine life in the weeks, months, and years after the disaster; to seize the opportunity to creatively redesign the region to be even stronger and more resilient for the future. Laura mentioned that the framework, which has been developed from work done in a variety of conferences, workshops, meetings and documents conducted and produced over the past two years, will be out for review in the next couple of months. Laura advised this framework is a start to what will be a long-term planning effort for the region. Laura noted that she will let the CTC know when the framework is available for the review, likely in July or August.

The RDPO and Metro are partnering to update the designated regional Emergency Transportation Routes (ETRs) for the five-county Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region, which includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah and Washington counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington. This is a necessary step to better integrate transportation with planning for resiliency, recovery and emergency response.

Laura advised that the RDPO, over the next 18 months, will be spending time on the development of a regional fuel plan. UASI and Homeland Security grant funding has been secured for this effort. CTC members discussed and asked questions on how fuel gets prioritized and distributed specifically to special water districts.

Rebecca commented that work will begin on a Regional Emergency Water Plan that identifies regional emergency water equipment needs, roles and responsibilities of water providers and other stakeholders, how much water is needed and where, and a deeper assessment of how and what will be needed for water restoration in the aftermath of a regional emergency event.

The RDPO has allocated \$54,000 for this continuity of operations planning work with the potential of additional reprogramming funds. Rebecca commented that although not a lot, this funding may be enough to develop a scope of work for how to go about putting the Plan together. Rebecca is looking for volunteers to develop concepts for the Plan and next steps for moving forward.

Program Updates

Bonny Cushman, Program Coordinator, mentioned that the summer media campaign is underway. Bonny will update the Consortium website and share links with the various Consortium committees.

Bonny reported that she worked with Alpha Media and Coast to Coast Productions to develop the Consortium's new radio jingle and ad copy. The Consortium owns these ads outright and can utilize them in future years with other radio partners. The new ads began airing in June.

Bonny said the Consortium is again partnering with KUNP (Spanish language TV Univision) this summer. Bonny worked with the station to develop Spanish versions of the four television ads that were developed with KATU in 2018 and to produce a radio ad which will be played on Bustos-KZZR in July. The station provided station news personality Evelin Hernandez as a spokesperson for the television and radio ads and pro-bono television ad production. Staff also coordinated with the station on scheduling the campaign's on-air interviews, three digital newsletters, and a four-week radio campaign, all of which will occur June-September.

Bonny noted that she has finalized the paperwork for the Clean Water Partners Campaign (formerly called Water Do Your Part campaign) and for the Consortium's Emergency Preparedness Campaign with KPTV. She has coordinated with Clean Water Partnership members and KPTV about the Clean Water Partners Campaign which begins in July. On-air interview opportunities to talk about regional summer supply may be available. Bonny will be reaching out to CTC and Communication Network committee members for interest and availability. The four-week September Preparedness campaign package was negotiated to include 148 ads (116 paid, 32 bonus), a campaign page on the station's website, a post on the station's Facebook page, and at least

one on-air interview on the station's evening news and rebroadcast on the station's morning program Good Day Oregon.

Summer Supply Discussion

Clackamas River Water Providers – Todd Heidgerken distributed a flow graph of the Clackamas River. Todd noted that June flows began looking pretty good but have fallen off somewhat quickly. Flows however are above the levels they experienced both last year and in 2015.

Todd advised that the Clackamas River Water Providers continue to refine their conservation messaging campaign and engaging their boards and community stakeholders. He noted they hope to have the messaging finalized in July. The campaign is slated to begin in September. Todd reminded CTC members that the conservation messaging campaign is being developed for Clackamas River customers to help address sensitive fish runs on the river in September and the need for additional water for fish. It will include articles for newsletters and websites; brochures and flyers; conservation pledges and yard signs; PGE fish data; and PSAs.

Joint Water Commission – Niki Iverson reported that last year the Joint Water Commission experienced their longest and latest release season, 186 days. As a result, Hagg Lake/Scoggins Dam filled completely but later than usual, however, Barney Reservoir only filled to 97%. Niki said it appears that there will still be adequate stored water to get them through the summer based on last year's demand but more planning with partners will be done on stored water projections than in past years in case adjustments need to be made. Niki advised that the JWC is working with the Tualatin Valley Water District and the City of Portland on an emergency water supply agreement.

City of Portland – Sarah Santner reported that the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) experienced their earliest drawdown, which began May 7, in recent history due to unusually warm weather. A critical spring was declared which allows PWB to reduce their fish flow demands in Bull Run. This declaration can only be done once every three years. The Portland Water Bureau will begin a groundwater system maintenance run on July 10 and may leave groundwater on to augment summer supplies. Sarah provided a drawdown curve handout. Currently, there is 8.8 billion gallons of stored water in Bull Run. Sarah said they anticipate standard conservation messaging throughout the summer.

It was determined that the Consortium should stay the course with its regular summer messaging. Consortium staff will arrange phone-in CTC meetings for July and August to check in on summer supply scenarios.

June Consortium Board Meeting Debrief

Rebecca commented that there was Consortium Board interest and discussion regarding the membership and resource sharing agenda item so there may be a need to revisit the matrix for consistency and clarity and to include their feedback. The matrix will serve as an initial internal document to provide membership and resource sharing guidelines for Consortium staff and the Board.

CTC members discussed the process for at-large Executive Committee member elections and making the process more open to new members.

Update of Consortium IGA and By-Laws

Rebecca reported that the Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and by-laws need updating. The last update of the IGA and by-laws was done in 2005. Rebecca noted that the plan is to work on these updates in FY 2019-20 and will reach out to Consortium members to garner interest in assisting with the updates. Rebecca will put together a memorandum outlining the parts of the IGA and by-laws that are outdated and in need of revisions for discussion at the next CTC meeting in September.

Meeting Attendees:

Brion Barnett – City of Beaverton
(phone)

Todd Heidgerken – Clackamas River
Water

Marcey Crowell – City of Forest
Grove (phone)

Niki Iverson – City of Hillsboro

Kari Duncan – City of Lake Oswego

Jason Rice – Oak Lodge Water
Services

Sarah Santner – City of Portland

Brian Stahl – Rockwood Water PUD

Elizabeth Edgar – Sunrise Water
Authority

John Goodrich – City of Tigard

Jeff Fuchs – City of Tualatin

Carrie Pak – Tualatin Valley Water
District

Mike Grimm – West Slope Water
District

Mike Saling – Portland Water Bureau

Laura Hanson - RDPO

Rebecca Geisen, Bonny Cushman
and Patty Burk – RWPC Staff

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 @ Tualatin Valley Water District