



Consortium Technical Committee Meeting Summary

NOVEMBER 2, 2022 CALLED TO ORDER: 1:34 PM ADJOURNED: 3:00 PM

QUORUM PRESENT – YES – 12 MEMBERS

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM/VIDEOCONFERENCE

Approval of September 7, 2022 Meeting Summaries

Todd Heidgerken made a motion to approve the September 7, 2022 meeting summary as presented. Mike Grimm seconded the motion. The September 7, 2022 meeting summary was unanimously approved as presented. (12:0:0)

Supply Updates

Clackamas River Water:

- Supply looks good. No concerns.

Bull Run:

- Supply looks good.
- Turning off groundwater tomorrow.

Rockwood Water PUD:

- Record October for production.

West Slope Water District:

- Sold more water in October than in June.

JWC:

- Still regulated off the Tualatin River.
- Storage at approximately 36%.

TVWD:

- Demand was up the past two months but ramping down to normal demand.

Forest Grove:

- Watershed picking up a bit. Flow is what would be expected for this time of year.

Director Report

Rebecca Geisen, Consortium Managing Director shared the following updates:

Provision of Emergency Drinking Water Framework Plan: Rebecca reported that the Provision of Emergency Drinking Water Framework Plan has been completed and they are awaiting the final copy of the report from the consultants. The 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funding window is open now. Rebecca is working on identifying project recommendations from the report that may lend themselves well to applying for UASI grant funds. Proposals for funding are due by the end of November. Possible project ideas include funding for a phase 2 of the framework to include emergency water beyond residential needs; consolidating and enhancing mapping information; additional training exercises for more detailed emergency drinking water planning; identification and update of specifications for treatment and distribution equipment; working with CERTS/NETS to assist with water distribution; and incorporating more multilingual outreach continuing to work with community engagement liaison. Rebecca asked CTC members to let her know if they have other ideas for UASI grant-funded projects. Rebecca noted that she has included a \$20,000 line item in the 2023-24 Consortium budget to be used for matching funds for any projects that may receive UASI grant funding. It was suggested that assistance with the development of emergency intertie agreements; identification of emergency intertie locations; and the development of a framework for emergency intertie decision-making could be a potential UASI-grant funded project.

IGA Update: Rebecca mentioned that Consortium Staff has been working with the City of Portland Attorney's office to update the Consortium IGA. A draft revised IGA has been completed. Currently, each voting member of the Consortium is a signatory to the IGA and must adopt any changes. The IGA was first developed and adopted by individual members in 1996 and was last updated and adopted in 2005. The draft update is more streamlined and proposes to remove references to Metro, and the development, adoption, and implementation of the Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP). It also includes new definitions and language for different types of membership. Rebecca noted that there are still a few questions to be resolved around the frequency of updating the RWSP; adding dues information for associate members, i.e., amount and a minimum dues per member requirement; purpose; and term limits for Executive Committee members. There was a consensus to remove terms for updating the Regional Water Supply Plan and to include a minimum dues amount to be set and approved by the Board.

The proposed revisions also included integrating the data sharing and confidentiality agreement into the IGA. CTC members discussed the joining of the two documents and recommended that the current data sharing agreement remain in effect and not be integrated into the IGA. Their concerns were related to the different types of members and how data might be shared and protected.

Rebecca advised that she will share the draft IGA with the Executive Committee at their meeting in December.

Strategic Plan Update Subcommittee Update: Rebecca advise that the Strategic Plan Update subcommittee recently met to lay out a game plan for the update of the Consortium 5-year Strategic Plan. Rebecca noted that a survey will be created for members to review and validate the mission, vision, and values; identify updated strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; and solicit ideas for the future of the Consortium. Rebecca noted that it is likely that the focus areas will remain the same, but the strategic initiatives and work tasks will be updated. The subcommittee will continue to meet to prepare for the January CTC and EC meetings and the February Board meeting.

Program Updates

Bonny Cushman, Consortium Program Coordinator mentioned that the Conservation, Emergency Preparedness and Communication Network committees met to develop work plans for the FY 2022-23 year and provide feedback and thoughts for the Strategic Plan update.

Bonny advised she has applied for three UASI reprogramming grants for the following – additional post production work for the how-to-videos; phase two of the how-to video which would include four additional languages; and funding for multilingual outreach for the how-to-videos.

Bonny reminded CTC members that several years ago a decision was made to include Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties in the annual print order for emergency preparedness pieces and how-to videos. Bonny advised that Consortium staff recommends extending that decision to now include Clark and Columbia counties and other non-profit community-based organizations that serve the five-county region. Bonny reminded CTC members that the Consortium has received a sizable amount of funding from UASI whose region includes Clark and Columbia counties for the how-to-video project and to support multilingual emergency preparedness print material projects. Bonny noted that allowing these organizations access to these resources demonstrates good regional partnerships and furthers getting the Consortium’s emergency preparedness information and materials out into the community.

Andrew Degner made a motion to support inclusion of Clark and Columbia Counties and other non-profit community-based organizations that serve the five-county region access to emergency preparedness resources and recommend approval to the Executive Committee. Wyatt Parno seconded the motion. The CTC unanimously approved the motion to support inclusion of Clark and Columbia Counties and other non-profit community-based organizations that serve the five-county region access to emergency preparedness resources and recommend approval to the Executive Committee. (12:0:0)

October Consortium Board Meeting Follow Up

Rebecca asked for general feedback from the October Consortium Board meeting. It was mentioned that the Time for Connection breakout session at the start of the meeting was well received, and Board members appreciated the opportunity to connect with one another.

FY 2023-24 Budget and Work Plan Discussion

Rebecca advised that staffing costs from the City of Portland are expected in late December or early January so final budget costs are not yet available. In the interim, with estimated staffing cost and keeping the materials and services budget flat, the dues increase is about 6.5%, a bit above the CTC recommendation of 5%. Rebecca noted that she hesitates at this time to cut materials and services to offset staffing costs. Rebecca hopes to have firm staffing costs in time for the CTC's meeting in January.

Rockwood Water PUD DN Tanks Project and Tour

Kari Duncan, Rockwood Water PUD General Manager gave a brief overview of Rockwood and the City of Gresham's Cascade Groundwater Alliance Improvements project. Rockwood and Gresham have formed a partnership to expand their groundwater supply to improve water supply resiliency for the region and avoid future wholesale water purchase cost increases from the City of Portland. The project includes three groundwater treatment plants; one new 6.0 MG water tank; five new wells and wellhouses; 57,000 feet of water transmission piping; and the rehabilitation of two water storage tanks. Kari advised that this is a WIFIA funded project. The total project cost is \$132 million shared approximately 50/50 between Rockwood and Gresham. Specific pieces of the project are managed in a split between the two entities to help minimize the use of consultants. Kari shared a site map that illustrated where the current and new wells are/will be located. Kari advised that upon completion it anticipated that the groundwater supply for Rockwood and Gresham will be 26.4 MGD. Updated production modeling shows a potential of up to 35 MGD of supply. Kari noted that they are issuing several design packages currently and are beginning construction on several sites. Kari shared a video of the new reservoir being steel wired wrapped.

Interested CTC members were taken on a tour of the 6.0 MG pre-stressed concrete reservoir being built on the Rockwood Administrative Office site.



Meeting Attendees:

David Winship – City of Beaverton

Todd Heidgerken – Clackamas River
Water

Greg Robertson – City of Forest Grove

Andrew Degner – City of Gresham

Sarah Jo Chaplen – Oak Lodge Water
Services Authority

Edward Campbell – City of Portland

Kari Duncan – Rockwood Water PUD

Wyatt Parno – South Fork Water Board

Tim Janssen – Sunrise Water Authority

Rachel Sykes – City of Tualatin

Nick Augustus – Tualatin Valley Water
District

Mike Grimm – West Slope Water
District

Rebecca Geisen, Bonny Cushman, Riley
Berger and Patty Burk – RWPC Staff

Next CTC Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 via Zoom/videoconference.