



Consortium Board Meeting Summary

FEBRUARY 4, 2026 CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM ADJOURNED: 8:07 PM

QUORUM PRESENT – YES – 19 MEMBERS

(MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM/VIDEOCONFERENCE)

Approval of October 8, 2025 Meeting Summary

Commissioner Jim Yent made a motion to approve the October 8, 2025 Consortium Board meeting summary as presented. Councilor Bridget Brooks seconded the motion. The Consortium Board approved the October 8, 2025 Consortium Board meeting summary as presented (16:0:1)(Abstention – Magura).

Public Comment

None

Director Report

Bonny Cushman, new Managing Director shared her priorities for 2026 which included:

- Keeping a steady state – The Consortium programs and projects are strong, so there will be no big changes there.
- Getting fully staffed – Plan to bring on a new staff person this spring or early summer. That position will be different from what the Management Assistant currently does, and will have an open recruitment to fill it.
- Build on past member engagement efforts:
 - Transition steering committee: Ms. Cushman will be putting together a small group from the Consortium Technical Committee to act as a sounding board as she transitions into her new role.
 - Member meetings: Ms. Cushman will be setting up meetings with each of the member entities to connect with them to learn more about member priorities and needs. These meetings will take place over the spring and summer and may help inform work planning for FY 2027-28.

Ms. Cushman also shared the following program and project updates:

- Tri-Annual Activity Report: A detailed tri-annual activity report was included in the meeting materials packet. Board members were encouraged to look over the report for information on activities conducted since the last Board meeting in October.
- Framework Phase II: Phase II of this project consists of five county-specific tabletop exercises which ensured that participants could focus on addressing local issues rather than using the same playbook for all counties. The exercises planning team consisted of staff from water providers, county emergency management, the project consultant, and Consortium staff. Four out of the five tabletop exercises have been done. The Washington County exercise was just completed and planning for the final exercise in Clackamas County is underway. Rebecca Geisen is staying on as a working retiree to close out this project and will come to present at the June Consortium Board meeting to share highlights from the Phase II summary report.
- What Do You Know about H2O Activity Book: Completed a listening session with 10 teachers and are road testing some of the draft content with students. The updated activity book will be ready in late spring. Members will get a startup supply of the book and have the opportunity to order additional copies as well.
- Trust Your Tap Project: Modeled after the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Annual Public Perceptions in Drinking Water Survey, the goal of this project is to collect more localized information about perceptions of drinking water and barriers to use. Staff are working with a small work group of water provider staff to develop a request for proposal which is expected to go out to bid spring 2026.
- Portland State University (PSU) Population & Household Estimates Project: This year the Consortium is updating their Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Portland State University's Population Research Center. This project is expected to be completed by the end of this fiscal year.
- Emergency Water Bag Project: The Consortium was awarded an additional \$25,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant money to purchase emergency water bags. Waiting on final paperwork and will complete order this spring. Members will have the opportunity to order additional bags. UASI grant funding must be expended by May.

NIST Plumbing Research Program and EPA WaterSense Program: The Consortium received requests to sign on to letters that support funding for the EPA WaterSense and NIST Plumbing Research programs. Copies of the letters were provided in the meeting materials packet.

Councilor Bridget Brooks made a motion to sign letters of support for the EPA WaterSense and NIST Plumbing Research Programs. Councilor Adam Cunningham seconded the motion. The Consortium Board unanimously approved the motion to sign letters of support for the EPA WaterSense and NIST Plumbing Research Programs. (19:0:0)

FY 2026-27 Budget and Workplan Concepts Discussion

Ms. Cushman summarized the proposed Consortium budget and work plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for Board. She noted that the proposed budget maintains the Consortium Technical Committee's (CTC) and Board's goal for a budget that has minimum impact on member dues and maintains core programming.

The proposed FY 2026-27 Consortium budget was \$1,331,519 which is a 1.6% increase from the current year's budget. There was a carryover fund from FY 2024-25 of \$182,884. If the full carryover is applied to the FY 2026-27 Consortium budget it would result in a proposed dues-based budget of \$1,148,635, a 2.2% decrease from the current budget. For the FY 2026-2027 Consortium budget and work plan, Consortium staff recommended the full carryover fund from FY 2024-25 is used to defray member dues.

Ms. Cushman advised that Consortium staff received final staffing costs from the City of Portland and incorporated them into the proposed budget. She noted that FY 2026-2027 will be the first full year under a new staffing model. The new staffing model includes a Managing Director, two full-time staff, and one temporary, part-time staff position.

Ms. Cushman proposed that the Consortium increase its contingency line item from \$10,000 to \$50,000 starting in FY 2026-27. This action will result in the Consortium's contingency representing 4.35% of its operating budget. The CTC and Executive Committee supported taking this action at their meetings in January. Taking this action now will help to stabilize fluctuation of member dues in the short-term and ensure that the Consortium has ample contingency funding to respond to emerging issues in the longer term.

Councilor Bridget Brooks made a motion to approve increasing the contingency line item from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Commissioner Jim Duggan seconded the motion. The Consortium Board unanimously approved increasing the contingency line item from \$10,000 to \$50,000. (19:0:0)

Councilor Mitch Green made a motion to approve the FY 2026-27 Consortium budget and work plan as proposed. Councilor Bridget Brooks seconded the motion. The Consortium Board unanimously approved the FY 2026-27 Consortium budget and work plan as proposed. (19:0:0)

Resiliency and Our Changing Water Supply Presentations

CTC Chair Jessica Dorsey shared several member projects that have been instrumental in creating and fostering a more resilient water supply throughout the region. These projects focus on earthquake resilience, redundant water supply, aging infrastructure replacement, emergency

power supply, cybersecurity, increased capacity, and water provider collaboration and partnerships.

Examples of Consortium Member Resilient Projects:

Clackamas River Water

- Water treatment plant improvements, SCADA system replacement, I-205 trenchless pipeline crossings, increased capacity (water treatment, distribution area)

City of Hillsboro/Joint Water Commission

- JWC Disinfection Facility Mitigation Project: seismically-resilient building, infrastructure replacement
- Hillsboro/Cherry Grove Pipeline Replacement: beginning work on aging infrastructure replacement including geotechnical investigation

City of Oregon City

- Seismic reservoir upgrades, replacing and upsizing transmission main, pump station replacement, resilient transmission pipe improvements, distribution pipe rehabilitation (10,000+ linear feet of pipe)

Portland Water Bureau

- Seismically-resilient reservoir construction to supply west side customers; 3000+ linear feet of main replacement; seismically-resilient storage tank replacement

Rivergrove Water District

- Pipe replacement (3,200 linear feet), backbone hardening

Rockwood Water PUD & City of Gresham

- Cascade Groundwater Alliance: a partnership building increased water system capacity, seismically-resilient reservoirs and pipes, redundant water supply

City of Sandy

- SCADA system upgrade, treatment plant upgrade, pipeline extension and finished water pump station to incorporate Bull Run Facility; dechloramination infrastructure

City of Sherwood & Wilsonville

- On-site power generation to increase treatment capacity

Sunrise Water Authority

- Seismic valve installation, pipe replacement, backbone hardening

City of Troutdale

- Emergency backup power for critical well sites, seismic study for four reservoirs

City of Tualatin

- SCADA system upgrade, new seismically-resilient reservoir and pump station, in-pipe hydropower generation (on-site power generation, emergency backup power), seismic valve installation at 6 reservoirs

Tualatin Valley Water District

- Replacing two pump stations with one seismically-resilient pump station with standby backup power; building resilient, multidirectional interties with City of Beaverton; replacing two reservoirs with prestressed concrete reservoirs and constructing a pump station, operations building, and resilient piping on-site; constructing replacement pump station and reservoir to increase capacity, new connection and resilient fluoride control facility for connection to Willamette Water Supply System

West Slope Water District

- Designing seismically-resilient concrete reservoir with new seismic isolation valves (3 reservoirs) and back generator; replacing approximately 1,000 linear feet of cast iron mains; additional water quality quantity monitoring through SCADA connection

Mike Britch from Tualatin Valley Water District, Mike Whiteley from the City of Gresham, and Ken Ackerman from the City of Portland joined the Consortium Board meeting to present on the Willamette Water Supply Project, the Cascade Water Alliance, and the Portland Bull Run Filtration Project respectively. Copies of the PowerPoint presentations are available upon request.

Meeting Attendees:

25 Total Members		
Quorum = 13		
Councilor Kevin Teater and Councilor Allison Tivnon – City of Beaverton	Commissioner Naomi Angier and Tom Heidgerken – Clackamas River Water	Councilor Donna Gustafson – City of Forest Grove
Mike Whiteley – City of Gresham	Commissioner Jim Yent and Jessica Dorsey – City of Hillsboro	Commissioner Dan Taylor – Lake Grove Water District
Mayor Joe Buck and Dave Trotter – City of Lake Oswego	Councilor Robert Massey – City of Milwaukie	Commissioner Heidi Bullock – Oak Lodge Water Services
Councilor Mitch Green, ting Lu, Sarah Murphy Santner, Ken Ackerman, and Michelle Cheeks – City of Portland	Commissioner Larry Magura and Janine Casey – Rivergrove Water District	Director Tom Lewis, Director Nicholas Engels, Jeremy Hudson, and Andy Crocker – Rockwood Water PUD
Councilor Kristina Ramseyer and Ryan Wood – City of Sandy	Chair Renee Brouse and Rich Sattler – City of Sherwood	Commissioner Gary Barth – Sunrise Water Authority
Councilor Tom Anderson – City of Tigard	Councilor Bridget Brooks – City of Tualatin	Commissioner Jim Duggan and Mitch Britch – Tualatin Valley Water District
Commissioner Paul Schuler and Mike Grimm – West Slope Water District	Councilor Adam Cunningham and Martin Montalvo – City of Wilsonville	Bonny Cushman, Patty Burk, and Riley Berger – Consortium Staff

Consortium members agencies not represented by elected officials at this meeting included the City of Cornelius, City of Gladstone, City of Gresham, Raleigh Water District, South Fork Water Board, and City of Troutdale.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, via Zoom/videoconference