

Consortium Executive Committee Meeting Summary

April 8, 2026



CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 PM

ADJOURNED: 6:29 PM

QUORUM MET: 6 members present

Approval of the January 14, 2026 Meeting Summary

Commissioner Gary Barth made a motion to approve the January 14, 2026 Executive Committee (EC) meeting summary as presented. Councilor Bridget Brooks seconded the motion. The Consortium Executive Committee approved the January 14, 2026 Executive Committee meeting summary as presented. (6:0:0)

Managing Director's Report

Bonny Cushman, Consortium Managing Director, shared the following updates:

Trust Your Tap

The request for proposal is out for bid. Bids are due April 17. This project may carry on into next fiscal year depending on how long it takes to review proposals and complete the contract.

Emergency Water Bag Project

Ms. Cushman reminded EC members that the Consortium received an additional \$25,000 in reprogramming money as part of its UASI FY 23 grant funded Provision of Emergency Drinking Water Framework Phase II project. This grant funding was meant to purchase one-gallon emergency water bags. She explained that the vendor Consortium staff was working with to purchase the emergency water bags has been non-responsive and there is not time to find a new vendor and still meet the May 1, 2026 UASI grant deadline. As a result, Consortium staff recommended repurposing the grant funds to run a multilingual digital campaign with \$15,000 of the grant funds and return the remaining \$10,000 to the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization. In addition, Consortium staff is recommended using \$10,000 of the current fiscal year budget to support the purchase of emergency bags once a new vendor has been secured. EC members were supportive of the Consortium staff recommendations. Councilor Brouse mentioned that she may have connections and resources through ShelterBox to locate another bag vendor.

Data Processing/AI Centers

Ms. Cushman advised that at the last Executive Committee meeting, EC members had a brief discussion about AI and server farms as it relates to water and energy use, and how water providers effectively manage supply and plan for these larger water users. As a follow up, Ms. Cushman shared resources with the Executive Committee in case they are of interest/use.

Children's Clean Water Festival

Ms. Cushman reminded EC members that the Children's Clean Water Festival is on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Ms. Cushman asked EC members to let her know if they are interested in attending or volunteering.

Discussion Items

June Consortium Board Meeting Draft Agenda

Ms. Cushman reviewed the June Consortium Board meeting draft agenda. Agenda items included approval of minutes, election of Board Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee county representatives, budget carryover resolution, director's report, project spotlight – What Do You Know About H2O activity book, and an Emergency Drinking Water Framework presentation. EC members approved the agenda.

EC and Board Officer Recruitment

Ms. Cushman noted that this year, the Consortium will be electing a new Board Chair and Vice Chair and three county representatives to the Executive Committee at the June Board meeting. Ms. Cushman advised that Consortium staff has drafted a Board and Executive Committee one-pager so that members know what is expected from each of these roles.

Ms. Cushman reviewed the one-pager handouts. It was the consensus of the EC that these handouts would be beneficial and summed up the duties well.

Vice-Chair Barth expressed interest/willingness to become Board Chair if elected.

EC members shared what drew them to serving on the Executive Committee.

Director Lewis – has served on the Rockwood Water PUD Board for many years; makes sense to have the continuity of service; enjoys representing Rockwood at a regional level; appreciates learning from others; and to have a voice in the room.

Councilor Brooks – always been a fan of water; provides a continuity with other water policy she participates in; appreciates/sees the value in the power of collaboration; understands the fundamentals of how important water is to life and is very invested in it; feels Consortium team is strong and has a nice energy.

Commissioner Duggan – always appreciated the Consortium's focus on the three pillars of water – conservation, emergency preparedness and regional coordination; was part of the development of the

original Regional Water Supply Plan and has seen the implementation of the great work that came out of that effort; values the collaboration of the region's water providers and how it benefits customers; wants to continue to help foster the Consortium's interests and initiatives.

Councilor Green – saw that the City of Portland was not actively participating as they ought to; champion for regional coordination efforts, and protecting infrastructure assets; recognizes the importance of being at the regional table; utilities nerd.

Councilor Brouse – water “brat”; works in preparedness so understands how critical water is to life; being able to hear from experts and collaborate with other regional partners fit with core values.

Ms. Cushman thanked EC members for sharing their thoughts. She noted that it helps her to get a window into how elected officials are connecting with the Consortium and will help her in her role as Managing Director and more importantly tell the Consortium's story, e.g., what brings Consortium members together and why they work together.

Upcoming Board Meeting Presentation Topics: EC members were asked what presentation topics they would be interested in seeing come before the Board at their meetings. Suggestions included:

- Data center issues and their impact of utilities
- Opportunities to explore asset investments; economies of scale; collective buying power
- Workforce issues – pooled resources; career paths across agencies
- Migration patterns/planning
- Health and safety related to water – proper hydration; winter weatherization
- Water as a finite resource
- Changing climate, changing oceans; understanding how we can better respond to impacts we are seeing locally in a meaningful, tangible way
- Emergency Preparedness – preparing for the “big one”
- FEMA/grant funding updates – what are members doing
- Cybersecurity

Ms. Cushman thanked EC members for their thoughts/ideas. She advised that Consortium staff will bring these topics back to the Consortium Technical Committee for further thoughts and consideration and will then plan to bring topics of interest and value to upcoming Consortium Board meetings.

Committee Member	Present
Councilor Renee Brouse, City of Sherwood <i>Consortium Board Chair</i>	✓
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Commissioner Naomi Angier, Clackamas River Water <i>Clackamas County Representative</i>	
Director Tom Lewis, Rockwood Water PUD <i>Multnomah County Representative</i>	✓
Commissioner Jim Duggan, Tualatin Valley Water District <i>Washington County Representative</i>	✓
Councilor Bridget Brooks, City of Tualatin <i>At-large Member</i>	✓
Commissioner Gary Barth, Sunrise Water Authority <i>At-large Member, Consortium Board Vice Chair</i>	✓
Councilor Mitch Green, City of Portland <i>At-large Member</i>	✓

Other Attendees

Bonny Cushman, Regional Water Providers Consortium
Patty Burk, Regional Water Providers Consortium
Ting Lu, City of Portland
Sarah Santner, City of Portland
Jeremy Hudson, Rockwood Water PUD

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee

September 9, 2026, 5:30 PM