



Consortium Board Meeting Agenda

DATE: June 3, 2026
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom

Agenda

Introductions (5 minutes)

Approval of Consortium Board Meeting Summary for February 4, 2026 (5 minutes)

Public Comment* (5 minutes)

Election of Officers – All (15 minutes)

- To elect a Board Chair and Vice Chair.
- To elect County Executive Committee members (via caucus)

Managing Director's Report – Bonny Cushman, Managing Director (15 minutes)

- Update on recent projects, activities, and committee work
- Carryover Resolution – Trust Your Tap Project & Emergency Water Bags

Project Spotlight: What Do You Know About H2O? Activity Book (15 minutes)

- Staff will share lessons learned and sample content from the updated book

Emergency Drinking Water Framework Presentation – Rebecca Geisen, Retired Managing Director (30 minutes)

- Overview and lessons learned from county tabletop exercises

Next Meeting Date/Location:
October 7, 2026/via Zoom/videoconference



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

Consortium Board Officer Information Sheet



Thank you for your interest in serving as Chair or Vice Chair for the Consortium's Board! This document includes information on what you can expect to do in this role. We are happy to share the full bylaws if you would like to see them as well.

Officers: Chair & Vice Chair	
About the Board: The Consortium Board consists of elected officials from each of the Consortium's 25 water provider members. Each member entity has one representative and one vote. Board votes require a quorum of 13 members.	
Meeting frequency and time commitment: The Consortium Board meets three times a year in October, February, and June. The Board Chair serves as the Chair of the Consortium's Executive Committee (EC). The EC meets up to four (4) times annually. All meetings are online and one and a half hours (1.5) in length. Estimated time commitment for the Board Chair is a 15-20 hours annually and for Board Vice-Chair is 5-8 hours annually. (Estimated time includes attending meetings).	
Terms: One year with a possible succession of one more consecutive year if re-elected by the Board. Elections take place at the June Board meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair should be from different counties. However, if there are no volunteers from different counties, the Board can elect Chair & Vice Chair from the same county.	
Vacancies: The Vice Chair shall take over for the Chair should that position become vacant. A new Chair will be chosen at the next Board meeting at which there is a quorum present.	
Duties:	
CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
<p>Board Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preside over meetings. • Work with staff and the Executive Committee to create agendas & review meeting minutes. This is completed via email and in regular meetings. 	<p>Assist the Board Chair with the execution of Consortium business. Oftentimes this is simply chairing a Board or Executive Committee meeting if the Chair is unable to.</p>
<p>Meet with Consortium Managing Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As needed prior to Board or Executive Committee meetings to review agenda. • Annually to review Strategic Plan progress and annual workplan. 	
<p>Welcome new Board members to the Consortium</p>	
<p>Ensure adherence to the bylaws. These are available by request or on the regionalH2O.org member page.</p>	
<p>Sign all Consortium documents which contain statements of Consortium policy</p>	



Consortium Executive Committee Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of the Consortium’s Executive Committee! This document includes information on what you can expect to do in this role. We are happy to share the full bylaws if you would like to see them as well.

<p>About the Executive Committee: The Consortium’s Executive Committee (EC) is a subset of the Board. It consists of the Board Chair and six Consortium Board members that are appointed by the Board. The EC is intended to mirror the larger Board’s make-up by geographic location and agency type.</p>
<p>Meeting frequency and time commitment: The EC meets up to four times a year in a year in September, December, January, and April. All meetings are online and one and a half hours (1.5) in length. Estimated time commitment is a maximum of 6-8 hours annually.</p>
<p>Terms: The term of office on the EC is two years. The Board may appoint consecutive terms at its pleasure except for the Chair, which runs concurrent with the term of the Board Chair. In even-numbered years, the Board will caucus by county to select their representative to the EC. In odd-numbered years at-large EC members will be selected based on an open nomination.</p>
<p>Officer: The Consortium Board Chair is also the Chair of the EC. If the Board Chair is not present, the EC will appoint a temporary chair for that meeting. The Board Chair alternate may attend and vote at the EC meetings but does not Chair the EC meetings.</p>
<p>Vacancies:</p>
<p>Purpose: The purpose and function of this committee is designated by the Board. The EC is directed to:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review recommendations from CTC on: Board agenda; annual budget and work plan; legislative proposals, bills, rules, etc.; and other policy initiatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the Board in timely and meaningful policy action as needed and directed by the Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the proposed annual Consortium Work Plan and Budget prior to Board action and make recommendations to Board. Make recommendations to the Board on use of Budget carryovers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate review of the Strategic Plan and make recommendations to the Board for revisions and updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Oregon legislative proposals, bills, rules and relevant Federal programs or laws provided by Consortium staff. Make recommendations to bring issues to the Board or act independently of the Board if a timely action is required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Board in dispute resolution under Article 9 of the Consortium Board bylaws as requested

Regional Water Providers Consortium Board Resolution



SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Carryover

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Regional Water Providers Consortium allows the Board to establish operating procedures to conduct the Consortium financial operations in Section 5, Consortium Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland to provide staff support services to the Regional Water Providers Consortium notes in B. Financial Management, 4. "that if, at the conclusion of a fiscal year, there are excess funds in the Consortium accounts that have not been expended for Consortium purposes, the City will credit the member dues for the subsequent budget year with the excess or disburse those funds as directed by the Consortium Board", and

WHEREAS, the Consortium Board approved the FY 2025-26 Consortium budget and work plan to fund the Trust Your Tap Project and to support emergency preparedness and resilience efforts, and

WHEREAS, \$35,000 was budgeted to fund the Trust Your Tap Project and \$10,000 for the purchase of emergency water bags,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The amount of \$45,000 from the FY 2025-26 Consortium budget be carried over to the FY 2026-27 Consortium budget to fund the implementation of the Trust Your Tap Project and to purchase emergency water bags.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Regional Water Providers Consortium Board Chair

Triannual Activity Report

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

February 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026



Introduction

The Regional Water Providers Consortium provides leadership in the planning, management, stewardship, and resiliency of drinking water in the greater Portland, Oregon metropolitan region. The Consortium is comprised of 26 water provider members which represent 16 cities and 10 special districts that are located in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. Its work falls into three program areas: Meeting Water Needs, Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency, and Regional Coordination. Consortium staff compile activity reports three times per year to share accomplishments with the Board.

Meeting Water Needs

Public Outreach

Information about public education and outreach programming promoting water conservation, source water protection, the value of water, and other water-related topics can be found on pages 3-4.

Conservation-Focused Partnerships

Staff participated in several Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) Education and Outreach committee meetings. They also continued attending meetings and tracking the work of California Water Efficiency Partnership's (CalWEP) Language and Accessibility Task Force.

Youth Education Programming

Staff continued to work on updating the **"What Do You Know About H2O?" activity book**. The Consortium partnered with Tinker LLC to host a teacher work session to gather practical input from educators on how to best present math and writing content in the workbook. The book is expected to be completed in late spring 2026 with copies being available to members at the end of the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency

Public Outreach

Information about public education and outreach programming focusing on emergency preparedness and water provider resiliency can be found on pages 3-4.

Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO)

RDPO Workgroups

Consortium staff continue to participate in and contribute to several RDPO workgroups including the Steering Committee, Public Information Workgroup, and Disaster Messaging Workgroup.

Future of the RDPO

Recent federal actions have the potential to significantly impact the RDPO's main funding source: the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. The RDPO members approved implementation of an organizational change charter during this reporting period. This charter incorporates recommendations for organizational changes from their recent strategic planning efforts and includes options for changing the RDPO's services and staffing levels if its main funding source (UASI) goes away.

Urban Area Security Initiative Grants

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. Originally this grant funding was meant to purchase one-gallon emergency water bags. Unfortunately, the chosen vendor became unresponsive midway through the project which resulted in the Consortium not being able to complete the bag order within the strict grant timelines. Consortium staff pivoted and used \$15,000 of the grant funding to complete a mini media campaign (see page 3) and returned the remaining \$10,000 to the RDPO. Consortium staff presented the Consortium Technical Committee (CTC) with the option of using \$10,000 from the 2025-2026 fiscal year to support the purchase of bags and they approved this action. Consortium staff coordinated with members and the bag vendor to complete the bag order. The bags purchased with Consortium funding will be available for members in early fiscal year 2026-2027.

Tabletop Exercises and Workshops

Emergency Drinking Water Framework Phase II project concluded in April 2026. Rebecca Geisen gave presentations on this project at the May 2026 RDPO Steering Committee and Emergency Planning Committee meetings. She will also present at the June 2026 Consortium Board meeting. County-specific After Action Reports are available upon request.

The Clackamas County workshop was held March 12, 2026, at the Clackamas County Disaster Management Emergency Operations Center in Oregon City and had 35 attendees from water providers, emergency managers, and public health.

Tabletop Exercises Organized by Partner Organizations: Consortium staff also attended two tabletops organized by partners during this reporting period. By participating in these exercises staff were able to learn more about preparedness issues, practices, and network with event attendees.

- **RDPO R-JIS Framework Tabletop:** On Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 37 participants from a diverse range of local, state, and regional agencies gathered for a tabletop exercise to respond to a scenario based on a warehouse fire involving unknown Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) that tested the R-JIS Framework's ability to align regional communications, public information, and public alerting. View the [draft R-JIS Framework](#) or the [exercise final report](#).
- **Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) Tabletop:** On May 13, staff from CRWP member agencies, Oregon Health Authority, Clackamas County Public Health and Emergency Management, and Portland General Electric participated in a tabletop exercise. The purpose of this training event was to use the CRWP's Algal Communication Plan as framework for participants to explore how they would respond to a scenario based on a cyanotoxin detection incident.

Emergency Water Bag Project

Following a difficult decision to pause the UASI-funded emergency water bag order in March, Consortium staff were able to pivot to offer a bulk water bag order with a new vendor and product. The Consortium reallocated \$10,000 to help keep costs down and as a result Consortium members and partners were able to purchase one-gallon water bags at a reduced bulk rate.

Consortium staff are working on a hang tag to attach to the water bags that will provide the public with information about storing, accessing, and treating water in an emergency.

Emergency contact list

Consortium staff began collecting emergency contact information from members, other regional water providers, county partners, and state agencies. The Consortium updates this information annually so that members and regional partners have an up-to-date regional resource they can use to contact each other to request assistance or to share vital information in the event of an emergency.

Resiliency and Our Changing Water Supply Presentation

A recording of the Resiliency and Our Changing Water Supply presentation which occurred at the February 2026 Consortium Board meeting is now available on the Consortium's YouTube channel [at this link](#). The presentation included a summary of the many projects member agencies have recently completed to make the region's drinking water more resilient. It also included spotlights of the following three projects: Willamette Water Supply, the Cascade Groundwater Alliance, and the Bull Run Filtration Project.

Public Outreach and Media Campaigns

Multimedia Campaigns

The Consortium runs several multimedia campaigns annually. This work includes media campaign coordination, developing messaging materials, and following accessible communications best practices. All current year multimedia campaign elements can be accessed on the Consortium [Newsroom](#) webpage.

"Get Ready. Get Water."

The Consortium ran a short digital multilingual campaign in April 2026. The campaign included messaging in eight languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi/Persian, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese) which ran predominantly as display ads. Additional video (v) and audio (a) ads ran in Russian (v) and Spanish (a + v). This campaign was paid for through UASI grant funding which the Consortium received through its partnership with RDPO.

2025 Consortium Media Campaigns:

Staff worked with media partners and contractors to prepare for the upcoming campaign which launches in July and runs through September. The Consortium is partnering with Affiliated Media for the second year to coordinate the campaign. Media partners include: KATU television, KOIN television, I HEART radio, Alpha/Connoisseur radio, Univox, TriMet, El Rey Radio, and Noticias NW. Staff are also working Verbio to produce four video ads for the summer campaign.

"Clean Water. It's Our Future."

This [campaign](#) focuses on source water protection messaging and is funded through the Clean Water Partners. The campaign runs annually on KPTV television. The Consortium contributes to the campaign by paying a small portion of the cost and contributing staff time to coordinate with media and other project partners. This reporting period staff helped

organize the production of several ads and one on-air interview segment which ran on Good Day Oregon on May 18. Final campaign statistics will be included in the next report.

Public Outreach Project Updates

RegionalH2O.org Website

The website received 43,503 pageviews from 26,785 visitors from January 1–April 30, 2026. The web contractor completed security updates, site maintenance, and provided staff with technical support. The web contractor also began updating the content management system for regionalH2O.org, Drupal, to its newest iteration.

Staff completed seasonal updates on several existing webpages, compiled monthly analytics reports, completed weekly website maintenance tasks, and continued search engine optimization (SEO) work. In addition, staff collaborated with Consortium member subject matter experts to create two new web pages: Backflow and Cross-Connection Control and [Advanced Metering Infrastructure \(AMI\)](#). Staff also worked with Verbio to translate the content of seven webpages into Spanish. Pages included [Water Conservation](#), [Toilet](#), [Emergency Preparedness](#), [Start with Water](#), [About Us](#), and [Drinking Water Advisory Tool](#).

Consortium Social Media

The Consortium maintained a presence on its social media channels between January 1–April 30, 2026. Members reposting Consortium content, using social media copy from member toolkits, and engaging across platforms continued to be a crucial part of bringing regional resources to your customers.

- YouTube – The channel added 304 subscribers during the reporting period. Videos received 316.9K impressions resulting in 36.6K views for a total of 1.2K hours of watch time.
- Facebook – Followers remained just over 1,000 during the reporting period. Staff posted on the platform 72 times which resulted in 5,276 views and 170 engagements.
- LinkedIn – Followers increased to 123 with staff posting 14 times about public meetings, careers in the water sector, and celebrating water-related milestones and resources. Follow the page at www.linkedin.com/company/regionalH2O/ to help us reach more connections on this platform.

Newsletters

The March edition of *RegionalH2O News* was sent to 832 people and featured an article about Fix a Leak Week. It also included information about a tabletop exercise in Clackamas County, the Weekly Watering Number, and new resources on regionalH2O.org. It was opened by 46.3% of recipients and had a 10.1% click-to-open rate.

Member Toolkits

Staff created four toolkits from January–April 2026. They focused on multilingual resources about how to shut off your home's water in an emergency, our region's water, Fix a Leak Week, and the Weekly Watering Number. Toolkits include social media copy, multilingual website links, digital graphic assets, and newsletter articles for members to use in outreach to their customers. Each toolkit is available on the [Member Page](#) or [by request](#).

Weekly Watering Number

Staff kicked off the nineteenth year of the Weekly Watering Number in April. The texts and emails go out every Thursday and include watering guidelines, smart watering tips, and zip code specific watering recommendations. The Weekly

Watering Number is an opt in service which is available to customers of all Consortium members. The Consortium also hosts a Weekly Watering Number widget on its website which is also available to members upon request.

Regional Coordination

PSU Population and Household Estimates

Portland State University Population Research Center provided all Consortium members with updated population and household estimates for 2025.

Annual Print Order

Consortium staff coordinated an order for water conservation and emergency preparedness print materials for members and county partners. The order was smaller than in past years, with only six organizations purchasing print items. Consortium staff were able to work with City of Portland Printing & Distribution to offer bulk pricing for all items.

Summer Supply Message Coordination

Consortium staff coordinated with the Oregon Water Resource Department (OWRD) to share consistent messaging about ways to use water efficiently this summer. OWRD distributed a press release in late May which featured the Consortium's conservation tips* pages ([indoor](#) and [outdoor](#)) and the Weekly Watering Number as resources for conserving water this summer. Collaborating with the State in this way gives the Consortium credit for our well vetted resources and helps to ensure that the public receives consistent messaging across the region and state. Consortium staff also updates the [summer supply landing page](#) on the Consortium's regionalh2o.org website.

* The conservation tips are available in six languages.

Connecting with Regional Partners

Since transitioning to Consortium Managing Director, Bonny has met with staff from several regional and state partners including the RDPO and Oregon Department of Human Services. In addition, she has attended meetings for the Washington County Water Table, the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC), and AWWA's Oregon Water Utility Council (OWUC).

Consortium Administration

Consortium Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee (EC) met in April to provide staff with guidance and feedback on Board and Executive Committee officer recruitments, and the roles and purpose of the EC. The EC reviewed the agenda for the June Board meeting.

The Consortium Technical Committee (CTC) met in April 2026. The CTC provided input and recommendations for the CTC, EC, and Board officer recruitments, and FY 2026-27 Consortium work plan priorities. The CTC also provided input on the June Board meeting agenda. Consortium staff also enlisted several CTC members and their staff to participate in a short-term work group which will meet over the summer to help staff define the Consortium's goals around Workforce Development.

The Consortium Conservation Committee (CCC) and Water Communicators Network (WCN) held joint meetings in February and April 2026. The February meeting included conservation and outreach project updates and a discussion

about Fix a Leak Week participation. The April meeting included a presentation on satellite leak detection from Paradigm Satellite and a discussion on digital accessibility requirements. At the April meeting, Consortium staff announced that the two committees were officially combining into one “Conservation & Communications Committee” (CCC), and member staff supported the change. Both meetings included time for members to share information, updates, and resources with one another.

The Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) met in March and May 2026. The March meeting included updates on emergency drinking water tabletop exercises and discussion on upcoming projects and events. The May meeting featured a presentation by Rebecca Geisen on the Emergency Drinking Water Framework Plan Phase II. Both meetings included time for members to share information, updates, and resources with one another.

Transition Steering Committee: Several CTC members have participated in a short-term committee (March-June 2026) which was formed to serve as a sounding board for Bonny as she transitioned into her new role as Consortium Managing Director. This goal of this initiative was to build on recent member engagement efforts from the Managing Director recruitment process and to gather a diverse set of opinions from participating CTC members whose tenure with the Consortium varies from several years to several decades.

Consortium Staffing

Consortium staff are working closely with Portland Water Bureau’s management and human resources staff to begin the recruitment process for the Consortium Analyst position currently held by Patty. This recruitment will be impacted by layoffs and bumping which are expected to occur throughout the City of Portland summer 2026. As a result, Patty will continue as a working retiree into the next fiscal year as staff navigate this challenging recruitment process.

Contract Management

Website: The Consortium completed the process to extend its current contract with Resource Development, Inc. for two additional years. Staff worked with City of Portland Procurement to review and finalize a new technology services contract for website maintenance and security that will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

Portland State University Intergovernmental Agreement: The Consortium has had an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Portland State University’s (PSU) Population Research Center since 2013 to provide annual population, housing unit and household estimates and forecasts. The current agreement is through June 2026. This year, staff worked with PSU and City of Portland to create a new five-year agreement which will start July 2026 and end June 2031. The new agreement is completed and in the process of being signed by both parties.

Trust Your Tap: Consortium staff worked with staff from several Consortium members to develop a scope of work and request for proposals for this one-time project. The project goal is to use an online survey to gather regional information on the public’s perception of the quality of their drinking water, potential barriers to using local tap water for daily activities, and water user/customer communication preferences. The selection committee is in the process of reviewing the 15 proposals that the Consortium received. Consortium staff will ask the Board to pass a resolution at the June Board meeting which will enable staff to carry over funding from the current year to fiscal year 2026-2027 so that the project can be completed by fall 2026. The successful contractor will present the survey results to members at committee meetings fall 2026.

Miscellaneous Program Administrative Tasks

Staff also completed the following tasks during this reporting period: monitored the budget; completed the final expense report for FY 2025-2026, July 2025 – April 2026 (available in Board meeting packet or upon request); collected membership dues information; processed invoices and completed other accounting tasks; and provided committee meeting logistics.

Residential Water Rate Cost Survey: Each year, the Consortium gathers data on regional water rates for our members. This year 19 members completed the annual Residential Water Rate Costs Survey. Find the results from the 2026 survey and past surveys on the Consortium's [Member Page](#).

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Annual Expense Report (FY 2025-2026) July 2025 - April 2026 ^{83%} through fiscal year				
	Budgeted	Expended	Balance	Percentage Budget Expended
Personnel	706,868	520,189	186,679	74%
Administration/Public Involvement	306,527	224,519	82,008	73%
Emergency Preparedness	136,355	102,237	34,118	75%
Strengthening Regional Partnerships	54,093	27,620	26,473	51%
Meeting Water Needs	209,893	165,813	44,080	79%
Overhead - 29.5%	208,526	153,456	55,070	74%
Administration & Public Involvement	50,500	24,275	26,225	48%
Materials & Services	16,500	5,951	10,550	
Graphic Design	10,000	6,151	3,849	
Website	24,000	12,173	11,827	
Emergency Preparedness	35,000	28,173	6,827	80%
Exercises and Trainings	3,000	359	2,641	
Miscellaneous/Dues	4,000	0	4,000	
Emergency Drinking Water Framework - Phase 2 (carryover from FY 24/25) (Carryover \$28k to FY 25/26 by resolution adopted by Board at June 5, 2025 Meeting)	28,000	27,814	186	
Strengthening Regional Partnerships	15,575	3,120	12,455	20%
Drinking Water Advisory Tool	5,000	3,120	1,880	
PSU Population Forecast Project	10,575		10,575	
Meeting Water Needs	319,275	221,832	97,443	69%
English Media Campaigns, Digital Campaign, Public Outreach and Public Relations	176,300	154,588	21,713	
Multilingual Campaigns & Public Outreach	56,500	54,817	1,683	
Weekly Watering Number	6,000	3,533	2,468	
Youth Education Programming (Carryover \$12k to FY 25/26 by resolution adopted by Board at June 5, 2025 Meeting)	30,000	8,225	21,775	
Professional Memberships	1,200	670	530	
Public Outreach Materials	14,275		14,275	
Trust Your Tap Project	35,000		35,000	
Travel/Training	5,000	0	5,000	0%
Contingency	10,000	0	10,000	0%
Grand Total	1,350,744	951,045	399,699	70%
Original budget total - \$1,310,743, Dues base budget total \$1,174,211 (carryover amount from FY 23-24 = \$136,532)	Grand Total includes \$40k carryover from FY 24-25, \$28k for Framework-Phase 2 and \$12k for YE (\$1,310,743 +\$40,000 = \$1,350,743)			

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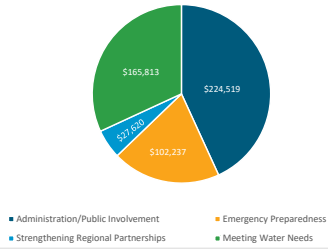
Personnel Hours Report (FY 2025-2026) July 2025 - April 2026 - 83% through fiscal year

Program	Hours Budgeted	Hours Expended	Percentage Hours Expended
Administration/Public Involvement	2505	1794.00	72%
Emergency Preparedness	1075	795.25	74%
Strengthening Regional Partnerships	380	189.00	50%
Meeting Water Needs	1900	1448.50	76%
Total Hours	5860	4226.75	72%

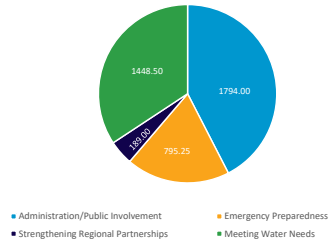
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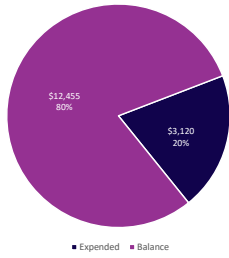
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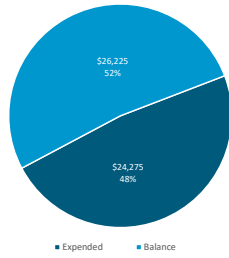
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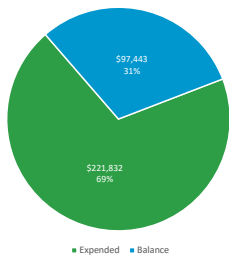
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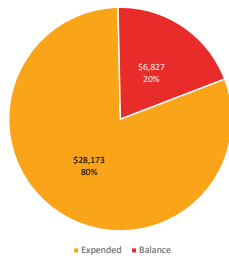
Administration & Public Involvement Program Expenses



Meeting Water Needs Program Expenses



Emergency Preparedness Program Expenses



Personnel Costs

