



# Consortium Technical Committee Meeting Summary

AUGUST 3, 2022 CALLED TO ORDER: 1:32 PM ADJOURNED: 2:42 PM

QUORUM PRESENT – YES – 14 MEMBERS

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM/VIDEOCONFERENCE

## Approval of April 6, 2022 Meeting Summaries

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Mike Grimm made a motion to approve the April 6, 2022 meeting summary as presented. Todd Heidgerken seconded the motion. The April 6, 2022 meeting summary was unanimously approved as presented. (14:0:0)

## Summer Supply Roundtable

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### Wilsonville:

- On Friday, July 29 pump failed at the treatment plant. Saturday, put out voluntary curtailment advisory via Everbridge, press release, and utilized Drinking Water Advisory tool. Customers responded positively. Did not receive many customer calls. Pump was repaired by the end of the week.

### Clackamas River Water:

- Summer supply looks good – over 1000 cfs which is green level.
- “Fish on the Run, Irrigation Done!” campaign will kick off mid-August in coordination with other conservation messaging.

### Tualatin Valley Water District:

- Demand is down from last year, even with the heat.
- Good on supply.

### Rockwood Water PUD:

- Typical summer demand, supply is good.
- Increase in chlorine costs noticeable.

### Portland:

- Good shape with supply. Began drawdown on July 3.
- Tracking at historical average.
- Valve is stuck in diversion pool. Will have to drain to fix. Groundwater maintenance run will take place in

coordination with the valve repair.

- Have been asked by City partners to assist with cooling stations. PWB's Maintenance & Construction Group has built several portable misting stations that are available for deployment around the City during extreme heat.

#### Beaverton:

- Average summer demand – 12 MGD. Peak – 13 MGD.
- Storage very good. Barney/Scoggins 80% full until hot temperatures last week. Now at about average.
- Using two ASR wells, bringing on two more in September/October.

#### Scappoose:

- Have three sources – 2 wells, 1 surface.
- Completed recent maintenance on treatment plant – relined aluminum filter tanks. Project took longer than expected which affected supply availability for a period of time. Supply good now, reservoirs now full.

## Director Report

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**Provision of Emergency Drinking Water Framework Plan:** Rebecca Geisen, Consortium Managing Director reported that the committee task force has reviewed the draft Plan. The draft plan will be sent out in advance of the final workshop, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Curtailed Tabletop Exercise After Action Report:** The Consortium hosted a curtailment tabletop exercise, *Curb Your Curtailment*, on June 2, 2022. The After Action Report is completed and was sent out. The report includes tabletop objectives, event summary, lessons learned, attendee list, pre-event worksheet, agenda, and scenario with discussion questions. A virtual notebook was created that contains the exercise scenario, questions, etc. A link to the notebook is included in the report. Rebecca advised that over the course of the next year, Consortium committees will be looking at the lessons learned and identifying resources and projects that the Consortium can develop to support members.

**Meetings:** Rebecca mentioned that the Consortium Board was recently surveyed about their meeting preferences – virtual, in-person, hybrid. Eleven responses were received. Predominantly, respondents prefer to continue to meet virtually but were willing to meet one time per year in-person. Results of the survey and further discussion will take place at the October Board meeting. It was decided that Consortium staff will send out a similar survey to the working committees, including the CTC, to gather similar meeting preference feedback. It was mentioned that trainings and exercises benefit greatly from an in-person format.

**Weekly Watering Number:** Rebecca shared that the City of Scappoose and the City of Newberg have been added to the Weekly Watering Number (WWN) dataset and the WWN can now be utilized by their customers.

#### **Other Updates:**

- Consortium staff has begun work on the FY 2021-22 Consortium Annual Report. Will be trying out a new thematic approach for organizing the report.

- Consortium staff is working on developing an equity commitment statement and webpage content that will be ready to share with the CTC in September. The statement articulates the Consortium's commitment to equity and how it might be embedded into our planning, programming and outreach. The webpage will highlight the Consortium's equity work, e.g., accessibility and translation work.
- Rebecca and Bonny have drafted an outline for a new workforce planning webpage on the Consortium website.

## Strategic Plan Update

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Rebecca reminded CTC members that she recently sent them materials to outline the Strategic Plan update process and timeline. The Consortium's current Five-Year Strategic Plan has served as an excellent guidepost for the Consortium's work and has informed workplan and budget priorities since 2018. Almost all the strategic initiatives and associated work tasks that were developed have been addressed in some way or are on-going. It is now time to update the Plan.

Rebecca shared some projects and "big picture" ideas that Consortium staff identified as potentially shaping the strategic plan update, e.g., drafting a Consortium equity statement; modernizing and updating the Consortium IGA; making outreach materials and campaigns more accessible; re-evaluating outreach priorities and use of media campaign and budget; looking at how to best leverage Consortium staff; incorporating recommendations from Provision of Emergency Drinking Water Framework Plan; integrating what has been learned working with community engagement liaisons; and integrating lessons learned from two years of responding to emergencies and tabletop exercises.

Consortium Staff will work closely with the CTC and Executive Committee on the update. Rebecca asked for volunteers to serve on a Strategic Plan Update subcommittee. Kari Duncan, Mike Grimm, David Winship and Nick Augustus volunteered.

## Program Updates

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Bonny Cushman, Consortium Program Coordinator mentioned that the Weekly Watering Number (WWN) widget has been updated with a new look/feel and is now more accessible. The WWN runs from mid-April through October.

A new tip of the week feature has been added to the Consortium website. The tip will change weekly and include messaging for conservation, source water protection and emergency preparedness.

Bonny advised that the Consortium media campaign kicked off in May during Drinking Water Week and will run through mid-October ending with the Great Shake Out. Bonny noted that for the conservation ads the Consortium 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo was added, and they continue to work on alignment with the English/Spanish messaging. There have been eight on-air conservation stories and two radio interviews. Bonny advised that a new KUNP Spanish newsletter is in development that is focused on outdoor watering and tips for using water efficiently in the home. The newsletter will include a link to a survey using some questions from 2018 program

evaluation to gather information on what type of water-related information respondents are interested in and where they get their information from.

The Consortium is again a partner this year in the source water protection campaign with KPTV – Clean Water Its our Future.

Bonny shared several of the television ads.

Bonny reported that the Conservation and Emergency Planning committees have had preliminary discussion about what they would like to see the Consortium do over the next five years to help facilitate the update of the Strategic Plan.

Bonny has submitted two abstracts for consideration for the PNWS AWWA conference next spring; one focused on the recent curtailment tabletop exercise and the other on evolving messages on a regional scale – lessons learned over the past 25 years.

Rebecca commented that she has been contemplating submitting an abstract for the ACE conference that would include a panel of regional organizations to discuss the importance of regional collaboration, bringing water providers together and what makes the Regional Water Providers Consortium unique. It was suggested that this type of presentation would be well suited for the Utility Management Conference coming up this spring in Sacramento as well.

Bonny concluded that the RDPO Disaster Messaging workgroup is working with the Heat Messaging Community Engagement Lessons Learned Project on alert and warning messaging.

Meeting Attendees:

David Winship – City of Beaverton

Todd Heidgerken – Clackamas River  
Water

Greg Robertson – City of Forest Grove

Jessica Dorsey – City of Hillsboro

Bret Bienerth – City of Lake Oswego

Fatin Abdullah – City of Newberg

Edward Campbell – City of Portland

Kari Duncan – Rockwood Water PUD

Darryl Sykes – City of Scappoose

Wyatt Parno – South Fork Water Board

Tim Janssen – Sunrise Water Authority

Brian Rager – City of Tigard

Rachel Sykes – City of Tualatin

Nick Augustus and Jim Duggan –  
Tualatin Valley Water District

Mike Grimm – West Slope Water  
District

Delora Kerber and Ian Eglitis – City of  
Wilsonville

Kevin Calcagno - Eurofins

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

**Next CTC Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 via Zoom/videoconference.**