**Clackamas River Water PRoviders**

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# **June 1, 2022**

Meeting Via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Todd Heidgerken, Clackamas River Water

Bret Bienerth, City of Lake Oswego

Erica Rooney, City of Lake Oswego

Kevin McCaleb, City of Lake Owego

Sarah Jo Chaplen, Oak Lodge Water Services

Jeff Page, Oak Lodge Water Services

Brad Albert, Oak Lodge Water Services

Wyatt Parno, South Fork Water Board

Wade Hathhorn, Sunrise Water Authority

Jennifer Joe, City of Tigard

Aaron Beatie, City of Tigard

Matt Kaatz, City of West Linn

Kim Swan, Clackamas River Water Providers

Christine Hollenbeck, Clackamas River Water Providers

Lindsay Smith, PGE

**Agenda**

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment
PGE Summer Operations Update/2021 Call for Water

Summer Water Supply Outlook/Fish on the Run Campaign kickoff

CRWP Conservation Rebate Program

Program Updates

CRWP Officer Elections

CRWP Member Work Session – Conservation/Curtailment/WMCPs

**Approval of April CRWP Meeting Notes**Kim asked if there was a motion to approve the February minutes.

**Bret Bienerth made a motion to approve the minutes, Sara Jo Chaplen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously via voice vote.**

**Public Comment**

None

**PGE Summer Operations Update/2021 Call for Water**

Lindsay Smith from PGE told the group that Timothy Lake had filled and that it was their intent to keep it full all summer before releasing their maximum (100cf) starting in September. Oak Grove powerhouse is still not operating, Frog Lake is not full, and they had to dewater the pipeline to make repairs to the Oak Fork infrastructure. Completion of the micro turbine project at Timothy has also been delayed due to COVID and the fire. They hope to have all this work completed and to be fully back on-line by the end of September. The pipeline road will be closed to the public throughout the summer for these repairs and hazard tree work.

Blue Green Algae monitoring at Timothy Lake and North Fork Reservoir began in mid-May and will continue weekly through September or early October. PGE expects only typical maintenance on North Fork and River Mill dams this summer. The Faraday project has been completed and they hope to have Faraday Lake refilled by this fall so that they can test their new turbines at this site.

The group had a short discussion regarding making a call for water last summer and if the process worked or if there was anything PGE wanted to change. Lindsay said the process worked find and that the sooner they know we may want to “call” for water the better for PGE to make those adjustments.

**Summer Water Supply Outlook/Fish on the Run Campaign kickoff**

The group agreed that due to the cold wet spring that currently the summer water supply looked good. It was agreed that the Fish on the Run campaign would kick off on August 15th (the usual date) and that unless the weather changes dramatically there wasn’t a need for adjusted messaging at this point.

**CRWP Conservation Rebate Program**

Christine told the group that after additional thought that the CRWP was proposing to add an additional $100 rebate for devices that are the most similar to the Flume Device which measure water usage and help detect leaks. The CRWP Board agreed with the direction. Christine said that she would start working on writing standards/criteria for these new devices as well as updating the CRWP Conservation Rebate website and Rebate brochure so that this new rebate opportunity can be kicked off this summer.

**Program Updates**

*Post Fire WQ sampling project*At the end of April the CRWP completed its two years of post-fire weekly water quality sampling. Weekly samples were taken at the City of Estacada and City of Lake/Tigard’s water treatment plants. Kim will send everyone the combined sampling results for the two years of data as well as post this information on the CRWP WQ Technical Data webpage.

*Pesticide Collection Event*On Saturday May 14th the CRWP helped sponsor an Agricultural Pesticide Collection event with the Oregon Depart of Agriculture and the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District. The CRWP and Clackamas SWCD target was Clackamas growers, ODA had a larger focus area. 42 people participated (12 of which were from Clackamas) in the event and over 10,000 lb of Pesticides were collected to be disposed of.

*Regroup Quarterly Training*The next quarterly training is on Monday, June 6th. Kim will send a reminder out to everyone and any CRWP member staff is welcome to participate.

*2023 Annual Water Calendar*

This year we had 22 classes from 15 different schools submit pictures for our annual water calendar coloring contest. All 22 pictures were displayed on our website from May 2nd-13th so everyone could vote for which one of the 22 pictures would be placed on the cover of the calendar. The rest of the pictures were placed on each month of the year as well as being displayed on the back cover as an honorable mention. In October the 2023 calendars will be distributed to our water provider member offices, schools, and libraries. Teachers from all of our schools will receive a calendar for their classrooms as well as each school that had at least one class submit pictures will receive a box of calendars to give out to families, friends and to use as fund raisers.

*2022 Summer Events*

This will be the first year since the pandemic began that CRWP staff will be attending our area public events. See the below for a list of events the CRWP will have a booth providing the public with watershed and water conservation education, as well as free tools and giveaways.

* July 4th-Happy Valley 4th of July Event
* July 16th-West Linn Old Time Fair
* August 6th-Gladstone Community Festival
* September 10th-Stafford Family Festival

*CRWP Landscape Water Audit Program*

Each year during the summer watering season the CRWP provides free landscape water audits to our member customers as another tool to help our customers conserve water outdoors.

Currently we have a waiting list of 23 customers who are interested in receiving an audit. Our hired landscape professional will be contacting these customers to schedule their audits.

The CRWP promotes this program on our [website](https://www.clackamasproviders.org/landscape-water-audits/), in our quarterly newsletter and we share, landscape audit articles, links and the [brochure](https://www.clackamasproviders.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/AuditBrochureW.pdf) with our member communication staff.

**CRWP Officer Elections**

Todd said that he was taking on additional SDAO responsibilities and was hoping that other CRWP Board members would step up to fill both the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Wyatt Parno was nominated for the Chair position and Bret Bienerth was nominated for the Vice Chair position. The nominations were approved unanimously. Kim said she would set up a new office meeting for Wyatt and Bret to brief they and answer any questions.

**CRWP Member Work Session – Conservation/Curtailment/WMCPs**

Kim said that due to the time of year and the timing of the RWPC TTX that they were going to focus on Conservation/Curtailment and WMCPs. She told the group that she had sent out a spreadsheet that looked at the different curtailment triggers in the basin as well as gave everyone access to a google drive folder that has everyone WMCPs and other water right and Clackamas curtailment related information. It was agreed that a “Rules of Engagement” should be created that acknowledge the differences in the basin but that also strive to have consistent conservation/curtailment messaging. Kim said she would starting working on this framework so that this discussion could continue at the August meeting.

**Next CRWP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 3, 2022 from 9am – noon am via Zoom.**