**Clackamas River Water PRoviders**

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# **October 5, 2022**

Meeting Via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Bret Bienerth, City of Lake Oswego

Erica Rooney, City of Lake Oswego

Sarah Jo Chaplen, Oak Lodge Water Services

Wyatt Parno, South Fork Water Board
Jennifer Joe, City of Tigard

Patty Nelson, City of Oregon City

Kim Swan, Clackamas River Water Providers

Christine Hollenbeck, Clackamas River Water Providers

Dave Bugni, Clackamas River Basin Council

Todd Barlett, Clackamas River Basin Council

Brenna Cruz, Clackamas County DM

Jamie Feldman, Geosyntec

**Agenda**

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment
Clackamas River Basin Council recognition of CRWP

Clackamas County Public Alerts

Program Updates

CRWP Member Work Session – Conservation/Curtailment/WMCPs

**Approval of August CRWP Meeting Notes**There was not a quorum, so this was deferred to the December meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**Clackamas River Basin Council recognition of CRWP**Dave Bugni and Todd Barlett Board members of the Clackamas River Basin Council said that at their annual watershed celebration on August 18th they recognized several people who have made outstanding contributions to the well-being of the Clackamas River basin and all who live, work, and recreate in the basin. Todd said that Clackamas River Basin Council presents the Cole Gardiner Stewardship Award to Kim Swan who deeply understood the need for a water temperature project, helping to leverage funding with support from the water providers, although not tied directly to drinking water quality. They said she also gave significant time and expertise on the steering committee to the Journey Down the Clackamas webinar series. They thanked Kim for her efforts for the long-term health of this magnificent water basin.

**Clackamas County Public Alerts**

Kim introduced Brenna Cruz, Operations Coordinator for Clackamas County Disaster Management to provide the group with an overview of the Clackamas County Public Alerts system. The Public Alerts is a system where if local citizens provide their contact information as

a county resident they can receive critical emergency messaging via email, phone call and text during times of disasters. The CRWP will add information about how to sign up for Public Alerts to the CRWP website. Kim and Brenna will forward additional information to CRWP members.

**Geographic Response Plan strategies and updates**

Kim told the group that she convenes an annual Clackamas River Spill Committee meeting with stakeholders (staff from DEQ, Clackamas County, ODOT, as well as local hazmat and first responders) to talk about hazardous material spills and spill response. This committee met twice this year, once in December of 2021 and again in June of 2022. In addition, 4 new response strategies have been created with input from Spill Committee members, updates were made to the GRP webtool and Geographic Response Plan, GIS layers, and a notification widget and the Mobile Ap were created. To see the webtool go to: <https://crwproviders.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=abd6172340e9446487f183358be8f3d5>

**Program Updates**

*County Fuel TTX debrief –* Kim told the group that she participated in the Clackamas County’s Fuel Table Top Exercise at the end of September and that some of her take aways included:

* The State would delivery fuel to County designated Points of Distribution Sites (PODS) and then the county would be responsible for distributing it locally. Clackamas County has not designated these sites at this time, nor determined how or what the process would be for distributing the fuel allocation locally.
* There was discussion on how to prioritize fuel needs if there was limited fuel available – This I will require more discussion at the County level.
* Carson and Bretthuaser Oil – the largest fuel providers in Oregon said the best thing people could do for great resiliency was to invent in more local fuel storage.
* Water was identified as a priority by all the Counties that participated in the TTX.
* There were lots of questions regarding as Oregon is transition to renewable energy and moving away for diesel (especially generators) what this will mean in the future.

*2nd Annual Source Water Protection Week and 2022 Watershed Tour –* Kim said for the second year during the week of September 25th through October 1st the CRWP joined the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in celebrating the second annual Source Water Protection Week. Throughout the week, we raised awareness about the importance of protecting the Clackamas River, our drinking water source, with posts on our Facebook page each day - CRWP on Facebook [@CRWP.ClackamasProviders](https://www.facebook.com/CRWP.ClackamasProviders). The week concluded with our Annual Watershed Tour on October 1st. This year’s tour consisted of floating the Clackamas River from Carver Park to Clackamette Park. 28 people participated in this year’s watershed tour.

*CRWP Macroinvertebrate Sampling-* Kim told the group that the CRWP recognizes the value of biomonitoring to help inform water quality conditions and trends. In 2013 the CRWP developed a long-term macroinvertebrate monitoring plan for the lower Clackamas River and its tributaries This plan recommends routine (annual or biannual) sampling from the lower mainstem Clackamas River. Kim said in September that they completed the first of two years of macro sampling at five sites on the mainstem of the Clackamas River.

 *Annual Down the River Clean Up* – Kim told the group that the CRWP has been one of the primary sponsors of this event for more than a decade. This year’s event was canceled due to the

McIver Park Fire and was quickly transitioned into weekly “mini clean ups” throughout the month of September.

*Emergency Preparedness Grant-* Kim told the group that CRW-CRWP had been awarded the State Homeland Security Program grant that we applied for last spring. The state is currently working on the grant contract, and it is anticipated that grant funding will be available in early 2023. The purpose of this grant is to create opportunities for interagency collaboration and problem solving between water providers and Clackamas County Disaster Management and Clackamas County Public Health Division to determine the resources needed and the procurement process to meet the objective of providing emergency, life sustaining drinking water for the first 2 weeks post catastrophic event. Kim said that the emergency preparedness discussion will begin next month with our first formal Work Session on November 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00pm.

*Summer Debrief –* Christine told the group that local community events were back this summer that the CRWP participated in several of them. She also said that the Fish on the Run, Irrigation Done! Campaign was winding down and that information would be removed from the CRWP website until next summer. She also said that she distributed a lot of yard signs this summer.

*Youth Education* - Christine said that she has sent an email out to all CRWP elementary teachers regarding the free youth education services that the CRWP provides teachers and schools. She is already starting to get requests for classroom presentation so after two years of COVID restrictions things are starting to look more normal. She also said that she would be delivering calendars out to all the schools that participated in that project as well as to CRWP members for distribution later this month.

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

Kim said that they were continuing the discussion around conservation, curtailment and WMCPs how to come up with common basin messaging around conservation and curtailment messaging. Kim and Chris provide a question they received from a CRWP member customer, and the group talked about how to provide consistent answers that would represent all CRWP members and included the following suggestions:

*CRWP works to coordinate and collaborate with our water providers regarding the Clackamas River and its ability to provide quality water for its customers. Each agency has their own emergency response plan and plans to provide water to its customer long term. Conservation of water will be key as water supply become limited, with our customers helping by reducing their own water consumption.*

Kim told the group that there was a difference between weather and drought messaging (Fish on the Run messaging) vs a having to issue a conservation/curtailment message due to an Operational Issue and suggested that the group maybe need to relook at Clackamas Conservation-Curtailment Rules of Engagement document.

There was a discussion regarding the fact that everyone has Emergency Reponses Plans which also include messaging templates and that it would be good to get everyone in a room with their plans to see how similar these plans are rather than recreating the wheel. Kim told the group that the next Work Session meeting that they would be transitioning to the topic of Emergency Planning.

**Next CRWP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 7, 2022 from 9am – 11am via Zoom.**