**Clackamas River Water PRoviders**

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# **December 7, 2022**

Meeting Via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Bret Bienerth, City of Lake Oswego

Wyatt Parno, South Fork Water Board

Sarah Jo Chaplen, Oak Lodge Water Services

Todd Heidgerken, Clackamas River Water

Wade Hathhorn, Sunrise Water Authority

Gail Stevens, Oak Lodge Water Services

Aleah Binkowski-Burk, Oak Lodge Water Services

Justin Poyser, City of Gladstone

Kim Swan, Clackamas River Water Providers

Christine Hollenbeck, Clackamas River Water Providers

Andrew Swanson, Water Environment Services

Rob Annear

**Agenda**

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment
Clackamas Basin Agricultural Water Rights

CRWP Proposed Budget for FY 2023-24

CRWP Business – Updated CRWP Employee Handbook

Program Updates

March Work Session

Member Roundtable

**Approval of August and December CRWP Meeting Notes**Bret asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the past two CRWP meetings.

**Wade Hathhorn made a motion to approve the minutes, Todd Heidgerken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.**

**Public Comment**

None

**Clackamas Basin Agricultural Water Rights**

Kim told the groupthat last fiscal year she worked with a graduate student from PSU to look at Agricultural Water Rights in the Clackamas River Watershed and that this fiscal year she had worked the Herrera to create a story map for the project. The purpose of this project was to understand how many agricultural water rights are in the Clackamas River watershed, where they are and how large they may be, and if there are opportunities to work with these landowners under Oregon water law to put water back instream to increase river flows.  Kim said that the story map is posted on the CRWP website in a couple of different places and can be seen by going to <https://agricultural-water-rights-project-crwproviders.hub.arcgis.com/>

**CRWP Proposed Budget for FY 2023-24**

Kim and Gail went through the proposed budget with members to talk about what is included for next fiscal year as well as walked through how the members’ dues were calculated. Gail said the dues increase was due primarily to allocation funding for proposed Regional Emergency Planning efforts. Kim told the group to send her any comments or proposed changes in the next few weeks so that she and Gail could adjust the budget accordingly.

**CRWP Business – Updated CRWP Employee Manual**

Kim told the group that she had been working to update the outdated CRWP Employee Handbook for the past few years and that it had finally been completed. Aleah provided an overview of the updated document and said that additional language around the Oregon Paid Leave program would be added later this year once the state rules for this have been completed.

**Wyatt asked if there was a motion to approve this updated document. Todd Heiderken made a motion to approve/adopt the new handbook, Bret Bienerth seconded the motion. The monition passed unanimously.**

**Program Updates**

*Regroup updates* – Kim told the group that the transition to the new Regroup Platform was underway and that members should expect a number of emails from her regarding this transition in the coming weeks. The March Quarterly Regroup Training will take place on the new platform.

*CRWP Upcoming Presentations:* Kim told the group of several upcoming CRWP presentations:

PSU Environmental Professionals Career Panel
Monday, February 6:30 – 7:30pm

Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 296

Albany Waterworks School
Wednesday, March 1st – morning

Presentation Title: Collaborating on Source Water Protection

Geosyntec presentations at the PNWS-AWWA Section Conference in Kennewick, WA May 3-5th:

CRWP NRCS Source Water Assessment Plan abstract:

“The Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) is a coalition of municipal water providers in Oregon that draw drinking water from the Clackamas River to serve more than 300,000 people. The CRWP received a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop a Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) for the portion of the Clackamas River watershed where the predominant land use is agriculture. This presentation will provide background on the basin and an overview of the analyses conducted as part of the SWAP development including a contaminant source and risk assessment, with an emphasis on agricultural sources of pesticides and nutrients. The completion of this SWAP paves the way for outreach to local producers and additional support from the NRCS to implement non-point source pollution mitigation strategies identified in the SWAP.”

CRWP Pollutant Load Modeling Tool abstract:

“An interactive, web-based pollutant load model has been developed for the Clackamas River Water Providers in Oregon to support programs that protect the drinking water source water quality of the Clackamas River. The tool allows users to create best management practice (BMP) scenarios to evaluate the potential of select BMPs to reduce pollutant loading from various land uses. This presentation will cover the model inputs, the algorithm that drives the tool, and how the tool may be used to support implementation of BMPs in the Clackamas River watershed. The presentation will also include a demonstration of the tool.”

AWWA Ace Conference

MON16 - Tackling Modern Source Water Issues: The Benefits and Challenges of Regional Source Water Protection Collaboration (STS)

Monday, June 12th 2:00 – 5:00pm

Presentation: Clackamas River Drinking Water Protection Plan

*CRWP Rebates Updates –* Christine told the group thatthe CRWP rebate program had been updated to now include additional leak detection, water budgeting devices in addition to the Flume device. Updated to the website can be seen at <https://www.clackamasproviders.org/conservation-rebates> . Christine also said that a new rebate brochure was created <https://www.clackamasproviders.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Rebate-Bro-23W.pdf> . The brochure is currently at the printers and that she will be distributing it to CRWP member offices, Home Depot, and Lowes later this month.

**March 2nd Work Session**

Kim said the purpose of this work session was to dig into how the 0.2 FTE regional emergency planning effort would be implemented, to develop a scope of work and deliverables, and to discuss what kind of reporting out CRWP members would need to see for this effort.

**Next CRWP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 5, 2023 from 9am – 11am via Zoom unless otherwise noted.**