**Clackamas River Water PRoviders**

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# **October 4, 2023**

Meeting Via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Bret Bienerth, City of Lake Oswego

Erica Rooney, City of Lake Oswego

Wyatt Parno, South Fork Water Board

Aaron Janicke, Oak Lodge Water Services

Todd Heidgerken, Clackamas River Water

Melanie Wagner, City of Estacada

Wade Hathhorn, Sunrise Water

Jennifer Joe, City of Tigard

Aaron Beatie, City of Tigard

Justin Poyser, City of Gladstone

Vance Walker, City of Oregon City

Mallory Ott, City of Oregon City

Kim Swan, Clackamas River Water Providers

Christine Hollenbeck, Clackamas River Water Providers

Rob Annear, Annear Water Resources

Andrew Swanson, Water Environment Services

Amy Barton, Clackamas River Basin Council

Dakota Hufford, Clackamas River Basin Council

Greg Bowen, Enchanted Rock

**Agenda**

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

CRBC- CRWP Pesticide Reduction Program

Enchanted Rock - Emergency Power Redundancy

Program Updates

November Work Session

Round Table Discussion

**Introductions**

Bret started off the introduction of CRWP members and other meeting participants.

**Approval of June CRWP Meeting Notes**Wyatt asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the past two CRWP meetings.

**Todd Heidgerken made a motion to approve the April minutes, Wade Hathhorn seconded the motion. The motion passes.**

**Public Comment**

None

**CRBC- CRWP Pesticide Reduction Program**Kim told the group that the CRWP had been working on Pesticide Reduction efforts with Clackamas River Basin Council for about a decade and that she wanted to introduce new CRWB staff to CRWP members and give CRBC the opportunity to tell the group what they have been working on. CRBC staff Dakota Hufford provide an overview of what she accomplished last fiscal year and what she was going to be working on this year. This covered digital outreach, community outreach, workshops, and collaboration and partnerships. CRBC's Pesticide Reduction Report for last fiscal year can be found here <https://www.clackamasproviders.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2022_23Pesticide-ReductionProgram-Report.doc>  and the pesticide reduction fact sheets are all posted the CRWP Pesticide Reduction webpage here <https://www.clackamasproviders.org/pesticide-reduction-efforts/>.

**Enchanted Rock - Emergency Power Redundancy**

Kim told the group that she had seen presentation by Enchanted Rock at two different conferences last year and that since a number of CRWP members were thinking about power redundancy that she thought this presentation might be interesting. Enchanted Rock provides utility grade back up power generation achieving 99.9995% reliability serving mission critical businesses and municipalities.  One of their main advantages are that their power systems run on natural gas vs diesel therefore more reliable in natural disasters and more environmentally friendly. Kim said she would forward Greg’s presentation and additional information to everyone.

**Program Updates**

*Source Water Protection week Sept 25th – 29th* – Kim said that the CRWP supported AWWA Source Water Protection Week by creating a social media/outreach packet which was shared with CRWP member outreach staff as well as posted on the CRWP Facebook page.

*Watershed Tour – October 7th –* Kim told the group that she currently had around 40 people signed up for the watershed tour and that she would send the list of participants out to everyone.

*Water Treatment Plant Operators meeting – October 24th –* Kim told the group that after a number of years the CRWP was reconvening the Water Treatment Plant Operators meetings. The first meeting will be on October 24th and will be hosted at CRW’s plant. The lunch will include a presentation on their newish Water Treatment Plant Master Plan along with a tour of their treatment plant and lab.

*2024 Annual Water Calendar –* Chris told the group that the theme for the 2024 water calendar is, “Saving Water is Easy!”32 classes from 15 CRWP Schools participated and sent in pictures depicting the theme. This was the largest number of classes participated we have ever had. Calendars will be delivered to schools and CRWP member offices, libraries, and public spaces on Oct. 9th & 10th.

*2023 Summer Campaign Pledge and Yard Signs* **-** Chris told the group that during the 2023 Summer Campaign, the CRWP received 47 pledges and mailed 46 yard signs. One of the pledge applicants reused their yard sign from last year. The following is a breakdown of where the signs were mailed:

* Oak Lodge Water Services-31
* South Fork Water Board, West Linn-2
* South Fork Water Board, Oregon City-3
* Sunrise Water Authority-1
* Clackamas River Water-2
* City of Gladstone-1
* Lake Oswego-7

*CRWP 2023 Summer Events* **-** This past summer season CRWP staff had a booth and/or provided education materials at 9 public events:

* Happy Valley 4th of July Festival
* West Linn Old Time Fair
* Day in Damascus
* Oregon City Car Show-Provided outreach materials
* Gladstone Community Festival
* Clackamas County Fair
* Clackamas Community College Bond Celebration Party
* Stafford Family Festival
* Down the River Cleanup

**November Work Session**

It was decided that the next work session would focus on our long-standing water rights case involving contested permit extensions with OWRD and what these means for CRWP members now that the case has been closed.

Future work session topics:

* Sunrise – Cybersecurity – Unplugged exercise
* Sunrise and Business Oregon Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) <https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/spwf/pages/default.aspx>

 **Round Table Discussion**

**CRW –** Todd said that their generator was being updated in meet new state rules.

**Sunrise** – Wade said that there was going to be an open house later this month for their new office building. He also mentioned that Sunrise recently received $10 million low interest grant from Business Oregon. He also mentioned that they conducted an cybersecurity – unplugged exercise recently. There was interest from CRWP members in having more discussion about both of these topics at future work session meeting.

**Oregon City** – Patty said that Oregon City had just received a $16 million dollar WIFIA loan and that they now had a lot of work to do in the next five years <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-16-million-wifia-loan-water-system-reliability>. Vance said that they were in the process of finishing up the cleaning of the Henrici reservoir and that it should be back online in the next few weeks.

**Next CRWP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 6, 2023 from 9am – 11am via zoom**