**Clackamas River Water PRoviders**

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# **December 6, 2023**

Meeting Via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Bret Bienerth, City of Lake Oswego

Wyatt Parno, South Fork Water Board

Sarah Jo, Oak Lodge Water Services

Todd Heidgerken, Clackamas River Water

Wade Hathhorn, Sunrise Water

Jennifer Joe, City of Tigard

Vance Walker, City of Oregon City

Mallory Ott, City of Oregon City

Kim Swan, Clackamas River Water Providers

Christine Hollenbeck, Clackamas River Water Providers

Andrew Swanson, WES

Rob Annear, Annear Water Resources

Meta Loftsgaarden, USFS

Todd Reinwald, USFS

Marek Stanton

Kalika Stanton

Bruno Tume

**Introductions**

Wyatt 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, Sarah Jo seconded the motion. The motion passes.**

**Public Comment**

None

**United States Forest Service Presentation**Kim told the group that she had invited Meta Loftsgaarden the Forest Supervisor for the Mt Hood National Forest to provide CRWP members an overview the Mt Hood, the associated ranger districts and to talk about what the national forest is doing to protect water quality and address climate change and resiliency. Meta told the group that she has lived on the Clackamas River for 12 years and previously worked for the Oregon Water Enhancement Board. For the Clackamas Ranger District she emphasized road decommissioning, large scale habitat work, post fire recovery efforts and the variety of ways the look at protecting water quality.

**Bee City Designation**Marek Stanton provided the group with an overview of the Bee City Designation and how he helped the City of Estacada get the designation. One requirement for this designation is the implementation of an Integrated Pest Management Plan which often helps with pesticide reduction efforts. Marek has also been working on a bee license plate that will be available soon.

**Asterra Water Loss -Leak Detection**Bruno Tume provided the group with an overview of how Asterra’s system can help water systems find leaks using satellite-based earth observations. The satellite-based images are able to detect soil moisture and conductivity to provide local leak detection crews with more precise information on where to find underground leaks. They are currently working for the City of Portland and Wade said that Sunrise and CRW would be working with them in 2024. Asterra operates on a subscription bases for 1, 2 or 3 years and the frequency of the analysis can be one a year to quarterly depending on the need. Multiple agencies can share in the cost of the image which can reduce costs.  **Program Updates**

*Water Treatment Plant Operators meeting – October 24th –* Kim told the group that around 25 Clackamas water treatment operators participated in the October meeting at CRW and that she received good feedback from everyone. She also said that she was able to get CEU’s for the meeting. The next one will take place in the spring of 2024.

*CRWP Budget for FY 2024-25* – Kim said she was starting to think about next fiscal’s budget. She said that she didn’t expect big changes for next year but did need to know if CRWP members were interested in continuing the 0.2 FTE for Emergency Preparedness Planning. Everyone said yes.

*Rebate for hose end water meters* – Christine said that one our customers had provided her with information about hose end water meters that she was interested in added this to the CRWP rebated program to give citizen another way to understand water use. The rebate would be the cost of the meter or up to $25. CRWP Members agreed to move forward with this addition.

**January Work Session**

Since the November work session was cancel the topic of water rights was moved to the January work session.

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 showed the group some of the work they are doing to meet the new lead service line inventory requirements. He said they were using the statistical method and have been using real-time mapping to show where efforts have been completed. Second, he said that their large PGE generator just got updated with a new air scrubber to meet new DEQ rules. Third, he said that recently there was a police car chase that resulted the car crashing through CRWs fence in a couple of places. They are now working with their insurance company.

**Sunrise –** has just moved into their new office.

**Oak Lodge –** Sarah Jo told the group that they were in discussion with the City of Milwaukie regarding a new emergency intertie. At site has been identified and now they are beginning to talk about details. Sarah Jo also said the Randy Ealy from PGE was interested in talking about their generation program. She will send a follow up email out to everyone.

**Next CRWP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 7, 2024 from 9am – 11am via zoom**