# Why Water?

- We all have water in common
- Water is a shared responsibility
- Water is complex
- Water is magical
- We have an opportunity to do things better



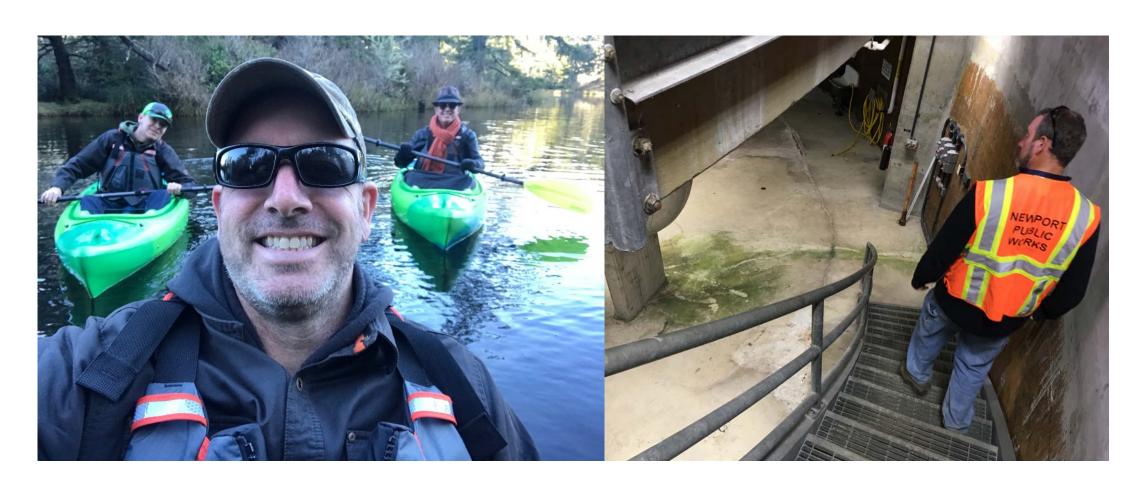
# Welcome!



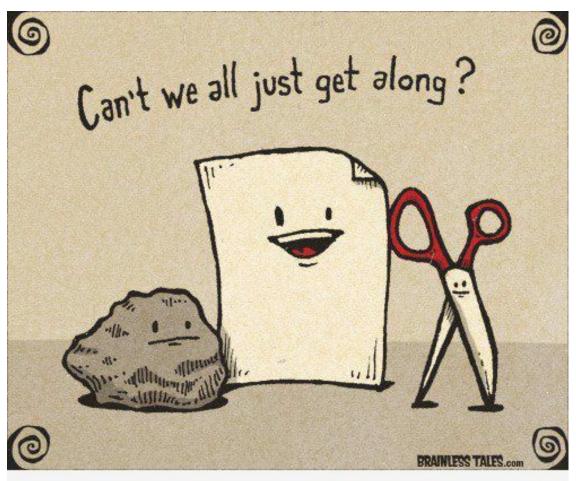
# The Story of the Mid-Coast Water Partnership



## It all started with this guy...



#### and a beautiful dream...



#### Around that same time...



#### So I came onboard...



# First we had to figure out a few key things...



#### Purpose and Vision

Develop an inclusive community forum which examines water use in the region, identifies current and potential water challenges, and creates a unified plan to balance water needs.

Regional partners ensuring balanced water resources for the environment, the economy, and coastal communities.

#### We began with the help of a highpowered team of consultants...



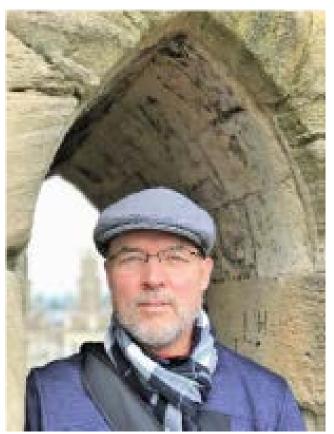
STEP 2 Understanding our water systems

## Took a sharp turn...



#### Then took a little detour...





# And wound up on a more scenic, volunteer-led road...



STEP 3
Assess our water needs and vulnerabilities



#### Mid-Coast Water Resources Characteristics

**Step 2 Reports** 

Version 2

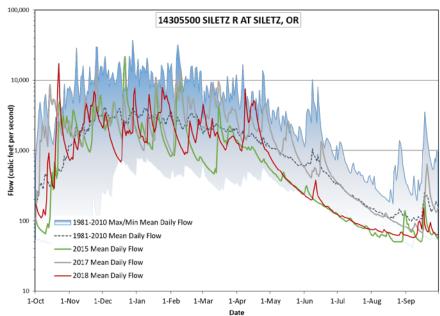


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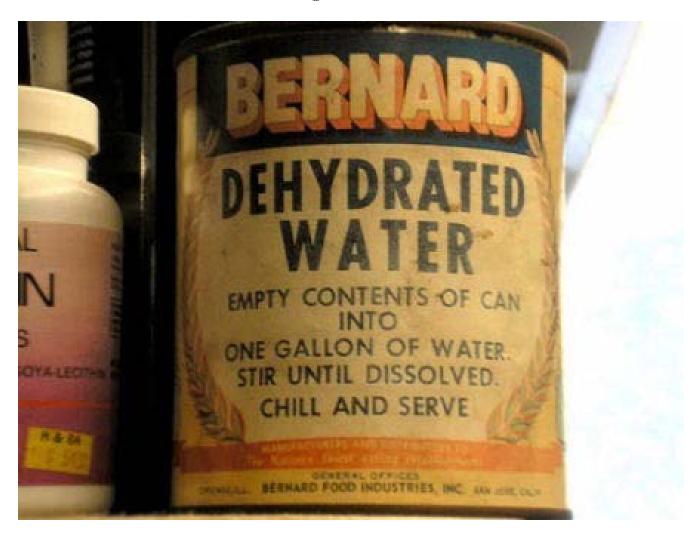




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## Some days...



Best idea ever?

What did we get ourselves into?

# Balancing lots of perspectives...

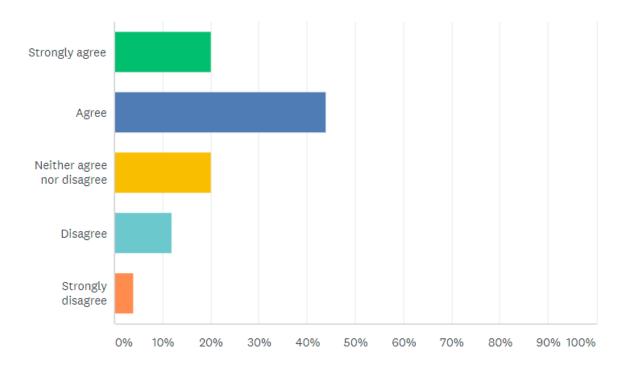


#### When we asked...

Q28

I (and/or the organization I represent) have already benefited from being a part of this process.

Answered: 25 Skipped: 1



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"If you haven't benefitted, you haven't put enough effort into the Partnership."

Greater access to technical information	48.00%
Greater access to funding	32.00%
Greater understanding of water resources in general	68.00%
Greater understanding of specific water issues	84.00%
Greater awareness of water challenges I face	64.00%
Greater awareness of shared water challenges	72.00%
Improved relationships	64.00%
New relationships	68.00%
New perspectives	68.00%
Improved communication and information sharing	56.00%
Greater coordination on water-related activities	32.00%
A sense of community and camaraderie around water	56.00%
Help from partner(s) to accomplish a water-related task or project	28.00%
Reduced conflict and increase cooperation around water issues	40.00%

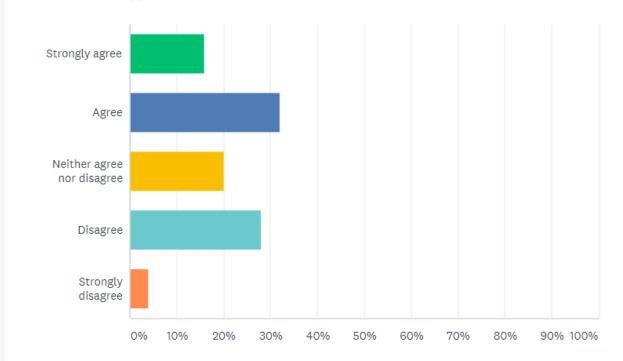
# When the going gets tough?

Q18



I think as a group we will address the real issues and not shy away from difficult discussions.

Answered: 25 Skipped: 1

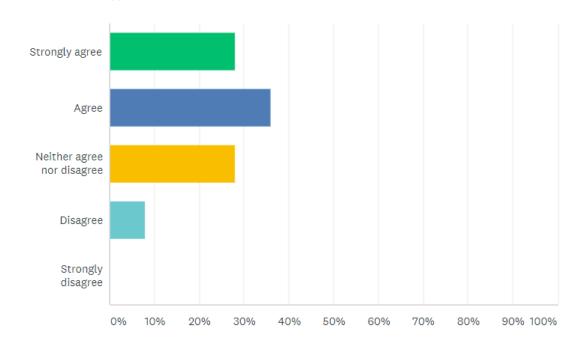


# And yet...

Q27

We are more likely to achieve the outcomes I desire by working together rather than working on my own or with my traditional partners.

Answered: 25 Skipped: 1



"One of the biggest outcomes I hope for is that we can all, as a region, look at and address our water issues as a whole rather than as individual people or organizations just focusing on our own individual issues and needs."

Scott Andry, City of Waldport

#### So where are we now?

Too slow?
Too unstructured?

Too fast?
Too structured?

Just right?

#### Water needs and vulnerabilities...

What problems are we trying to solve together?

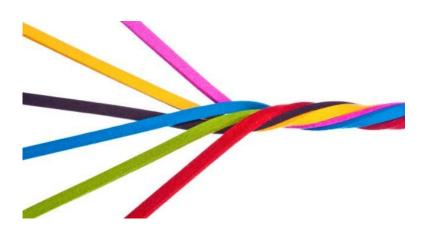


Setting the agenda for solution building...











## Impromptu Networking

- Happy International talk like a pirate day!
- Three questions, three people, three minutes each!
- 1. If you were on a pirate ship...who/what would you be?
- 2. What big challenge or interest do you bring to the Partnership?
- 3. What do you hope to get from and give to the Partnership?

Wipe off your palms and let's get to know each other!

#### What? So what? Now what?

- What did you read/hear? What stood out to you?
- Why does it matter? What is important?
- What should we do with this information? What actions make sense for you or the Partnership?
- On your own 1-2 minutes
- With 3-4 of your neighbors 5-6 minutes
- Everyone together 5-6 minutes

**The Ladder of** Inference **Action Beliefs Reflexive Loop** Our beliefs affect **Conclusions** what data we select next time **Assumptions Select Data** Pool of Available Data

#### Instream values

- Think of a body of water that you love...
- What do you love about it?

Write it on a



- Observe everyone's instream values
- Feel free to populate the maps with hearts!!!!

# Problems/opportunities and proposals?

Grab an index card and fold it in half

On one HALF of the index card write down a problem the Partnership should tackle together or an opportunity we should seize together

On the other HALF of the index card write down a bold solution to tackle that problem or seize that opportunity

#### Pass your cards!

- Pass your index cards until I say stop. When I say stop you will do two things:
- 1. On a scale of 1-5, assess whether you think the problem/opportunity presented is one that you want to see the Partnership tackle write down your number on the back side.
- 2. On a scale of 1-5, assess how supportive are you of the proposal write down your number on the back side.
- 1 = low/no support

5 = high/enthusiastic support