

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Early Implementation Work Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 9:00 am – 9:30 am

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Conveners: Adam Denlinger (Seal Rock Water District) (not in attendance)

Facilitators: Suzanne de Szoeka (GSI Water Solutions, Inc.)

Participants:

Laura Johnson—Department of Environmental Quality

Tyler Clouse – Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Alyssa Mucken— Oregon Water Resources Department

Alan Fujishin— Gibson Farms

Caylin Barter – Wild Salmon Center

Billie Jo Smith – Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance

Suzanne de Szoeka – GSI

<p><u>Questions/Comments To Address</u></p> <p>None</p>	<p><u>Decisions</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>GSI Action Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the Draft Early Implementation Work Plan based on Work Group comments 	<p><u>Partnership Action Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some bundle work groups are meeting to develop bundle work plans • Provide feedback on the Draft Early Implementation Work Plan to help with refinements (ideally by September 19)

Next Work Group meeting: November 12 at 9 am

- The Work Group had no comments on the August 13 meeting notes
- The Work Group discussed the Draft Early Implementation Work Plan.
 - Laura commented that she has been utilizing the Draft Work Plan to help with the bundle work plans and recommended revising the Implementation Gaps Table description to clarify how the gaps are defined
 - Billie Jo liked the Potential Partners Support list
- Laura wondered about funding opportunities to help the Partnership get projects implemented
- Suzanne shared news from the Funding Committee that it is looking into:
 - OWEB Partnership Technical Assistance Grants – April/May 2025 deadline
 - BOR WaterSmart – Late summer 2025 deadline
 - Water Resources Department, Place-Based Planning Fund, plan implementation coordination funding – deadline sometime in second half of 2025 following rule-making

- short-term funding through private foundations to cover a funding gap for all of 2025 by the time funds are awarded and grant agreements are in place for any of the above grants secured
- Caylin Barter suggested the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Focused Investment Partnership funding
- Suzanne shared the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Smartsheet
- Billie Jo said that the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium should be added to the list of organizations on the Dashboard
- Caylin Barter said that the Smartsheet is a huge step forward, will be the like a brain behind the heart of the Partnership, and is a great launch pad
- Billie Jo said that the website of the Partnership website is an important source of data and it's important to keep the website updated with data and reports
- The Work Group moved on to discussion of the status of bundle work groups and Suzanne shared an update about bundle work groups from Evan Hayduk of Mid-Coast Watersheds Council:
 - He and Margaret Treadwell of McKenzie River Trust met about Bundle 5 last week and are keeping work group member Laura Johnson informed. Bundle 5 is fairly straightforward with only two actions, and there are existing groups (Central Coast Conservation Opportunity Team, Siletz Coho Business Plan) that are working on prioritizations of critical lands that will inform the action plan for this bundle
 - Bundle 4 has not been able to meet yet due to restoration practitioners being busy in the field
- Billie Jo said that she has not been able to work on the Bundle 10 work plan. She and David Rupp are involved in a new project that she will include in the bundle work plan: Oregon State University (OSU) Transdisciplinary Seed Project: Enabling One Water Security for Climate-Ready Communities
- Laura said that the Source water Protection Bundle (Bundle 3) met yesterday and has approximately four members. It was a good meeting, they developed content for the draft bundle work plan and had great ideas for next steps. They are looking at a timeline for proposed actions: two years for near-term actions and then five years for future actions. She asked whether all the bundle work groups want to provide similar timelines
- Tyler said that he is in Laura's work group and is also involved in the Bundle 2 work group, which is using a two-year timeline for near-term actions and a five year timeline for future goals
- Suzanne said that there is only time for high-level updates about bundle work group progress at the October 22 Partnership meeting and that the goal is to have the draft bundle work plans ready to share at the November 12 Early Implementation Work Group meeting