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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

FROM: Thomas M. Byler, Director 

SUBJECT: Agenda Item J, January 27, 2017
Water Resources Commission Meeting

Director's Report

I. Current Events:

A. New Staff & Staff Promotions

Since the October meeting, the Department has hired three new employees, had two transfers, and promoted two staff. Positions filled include: Public Service Representative, Accounting Technican 3, Hydrographer, Hydrologic Technician, part-time Receptionist, Hydrogeologist, and Transfer Specialist.

II. Commission Follow Up

A. Klamath Basin Update

The Klamath Tribes, with concurrence from the US Bureau of Indian Affairs, placed a call for enforcement of 38 determined Tribal claims in the Upper Klamath Basin for the period of November 2016 through February 2017. Streamflow on the Lower Williamson River has been below the Tribal claim, requiring the Watermaster staff in District 17 to regulate off water rights junior to time immemorial on the Williamson and Sprague Rivers and their tributaries. The Watermaster mailed 440 notices to regulate off 229 water rights. Some water rights have multiple owners, and some rights have multiple sources. Follow-up compliance checks showed that most users had turned off or had not been diverting; those found to still be diverting were ordered to turn off and complied. Typical diversions during the winter are for filling storage or stockwater. Some of the stockwater users turned to exempt groundwater as a backup supply for their stock.

The vacant hydrographic technician position in the Klamath Falls office was filled in early January by Jasmine Loupe. Jasmine will be conducting stream discharge measurements, and installing and operating many of the gaging stations that measure stream discharge in the basin. Jasmine worked as a temporary assistant in the Northwest Region and Watermaster District 20 during the past year and brings a great set of hydrographic skills to the Klamath Falls office.

B. Willamette Basin Review Study Update

The Department, in partnership with the Corps of Engineers (Corps), continues to make progress on the Willamette Basin Review Study. The Project Team has nearly completed estimating current and projected demands for agricultural, municipal, industrial, and instream uses. Project staff met with agricultural representatives in mid-December to share and discuss methods and other considerations. All estimates will undergo an agency technical review, where Corps staff from other districts review and provide input to the Project Team.

The next major milestone for this study will be issuance of a Tentatively Selected Plan, set for July 5, 2017. In the coming months, the Department and Corps will meet with stakeholders, assess various alternative scenarios, and prepare a draft feasibility report that is integrated with an environmental assessment of the alternatives and potential impacts of reallocating stored water from the Willamette Project reservoirs.

C. ODFW Transfer and Exchange Application Update

On June 10, 2016, an administrative law judge issued a proposed order upholding the Department's approval of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) point of diversion transfers at Oxbow Springs. The Department issued final orders in the transfer proceeding on October 31, 2016.

A 60-day period to appeal to the Oregon Court of Appeals follows the issuance of a final order, which has ended for the ODFW transfers. No appeals were filed.

Next Steps

The transfers discussed above only apply to ODFW's use of the springs and are separate from an exchange application process. For ODFW and the City of Cascade Locks to be able to trade water, the Department must first approve an exchange. ODFW's exchange application is still before the Department for processing. Since the process began in 2010, the Department has received more than 25,000 comments related to both the water right transfers and the water exchange. Once processing is started, there will be new opportunities for public participation and comment.

D. Water Resources Development Program Update

Place-Based Planning

The Upper Grande Ronde place-based planning group has completed planning step 1 (build a collaborative and integrated process). Director Byler signed the Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership Governance Agreement in January. The Partnership is now working on planning step 2 (characterize water resources, water quality, and ecological issues). The other three planning groups – Mid-Coast, Malheur Lake Basin, and Lower John Day – are making steady progress on planning step 1.

As shown in Table 1 below, the Department has been utilizing the remaining place-based planning reserve funds to support the pilots. The Department entered into Inter-Governmental

Agreements with the National Policy Consensus Center to provide collaboration training and with the Association of Oregon Counties to provide technical assistance to the planning groups. In November, the Oregon Community Foundation awarded \$20,000 to Sustainable Northwest to produce a 2-day collaborative water planning workshop in Bend in 2017. The Department will co-produce the event and match this private investment with up to \$5,000.

Table 1. Place-based Planning Reserve Funds

Recipient	Purpose	Amount
Sustainable Northwest	Funding to partner in a 2-day collaborative water planning workshop. Oregon Community Foundation authorized \$20,000 to support this effort.	Up to \$5,000
Association of Oregon Counties, County Solutions	Provide four planning groups access to technical assistance, including stakeholder assessments.	Up to \$18,000
National Policy and Consensus Center	Provide four planning groups access to collaboration training.	Up to \$14,000
		Up to \$37,000

Feasibility Study Grants – Nine applications were received by the October 2016 deadline for the third cycle of Feasibility Study Grants in the 2015-2017 biennium (Table 2). The grant applications requested a total of \$505,247 for Feasibility Study Grants. The applications are currently under review and funding recommendations will be posted for public comment in late-February. The Department anticipates bringing funding recommendations for Commission consideration at the May Commission meeting.

Table 2. Feasibility Study Grant Applications Received October 2016

Study Name	Project Type	County	Funds Requested	Total Cost of Study
Applegate Reservoir Capacity Restoration Project	Storage	Jackson	\$93,935	\$188,742
Klamath Basin Feasibility Study to Identify Supplemental Storage	Storage	Klamath	\$65,680	\$145,680
Milton-Freewater ASR Assessment	Storage	Umatilla	\$42,297	\$127,520
Understanding Meadow Storage Capacity in the Upper John Day Basin	Storage	Grant	\$40,505	\$95,658
Baker Reuse Feasibility Study	Reuse	Baker	\$30,000	\$60,000
Hood River Water Bank Feasibility Study	Conservation	Hood River	\$50,330	\$101,980
Carlton Raw Water Storage Expansion Study	Storage	Yamhill	\$60,000	\$120,000
Ferry Creek Dam & Reservoir Analysis	Storage	Curry	\$72,500	\$145,000
John Day Feasibility Study for Wastewater Reuse	Reuse	Grant	\$50,000	\$110,000
		Total	\$505,247	\$1,094,580

Water Project Grants and Loans

The Department posted updated application materials for Water Project Grants and Loans in mid-November 2016. Applications are due by 5pm April 5, 2017. Approximately \$5 million is available this cycle for water projects across the state. Application materials, FAQs, information

on scoring, and pre-application conference request forms are available for download online at: <http://bit.ly/owrdfundingforms>. The Department intends to bring funding recommendations to the Commission in November 2017.

E. Umatilla Water Supply Project

The Department last updated the Commission on the Umatilla Water Supply Project in Agenda Item L of the August 2016 Commission meeting. Since then, the Department has entered into an \$11 million grant agreement with the Port of Morrow. This funding was authorized by the legislature in 2015 to assist with financing water supply projects in the Umatilla Basin. The Port of Morrow is currently soliciting letters of intent from project partners in the basin, in order to enter into sub-agreements for two projects by the summer of 2017. These infrastructure projects will deliver water primarily to lands that are currently not irrigated or are under-irrigated. The grant funds will be available once the \$11 million in Lottery Bonds are issued in the spring/summer of 2017. Project construction is currently scheduled to occur in late 2017 and early 2018. The Department is also processing eight new Columbia River surface water rights and the associated mitigation for these projects.

F. Smith River Rulemaking Update

In response to a petition to withdraw the waters of the Smith River, the Commission directed the Department to begin a rulemaking to classify the waters for instream purposes. As reported in the October 2016 Director's Report, the public comment period was extended after the Department received a request for an extension from Curry County. The public comment period resulted in over 2,000 public comments and staff are working to review and evaluate those comments, while also addressing other workload priorities. Staff expect that this item will be before the Commission in May.

In early January, the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management signed a 20-year mineral withdrawal for over 100,000 acres of land in Southwestern Oregon, including the area of the Smith River watershed in Curry County Oregon. The mineral withdrawal prevents any new mining claims; however, any valid existing claims could be allowed to mine. While there are no existing valid claims at this time, there are existing recorded claims in the watershed that could undertake a process called a "valid existing rights determination" to determine whether they are existing valid claims and not subject to the withdrawal.

In addition to the federal mineral withdrawal for the area, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is currently taking public comments on a proposed rulemaking to designate the North Fork Smith River in Oregon as an Outstanding Resource Water under Oregon's antidegradation regulations pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act. Outstanding Resource Waters are determined to be an outstanding state resource due to their high water quality or ecological values, or to protect critical habitats. The public comment period for DEQ's rulemaking ends February 28, 2017.

III. Litigation Update

In re the Silvies River Decree: Harney County Circuit Court case No. 1403

The Department initiated this matter in 2008 to enforce provisions of the Silvies River Decree related to the regulation of water to protect senior water rights and to fulfill a settlement agreement that resolved petitions for judicial review of enforcement orders. The litigation has been suspended ever since, as region staff and water users implemented a process not requiring court intervention. Presently, the Department believes regulation in accordance with the Decree is being satisfied using existing tools. The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a motion and supporting declarations requesting the court withdraw the motion to enforce the provision of the Silvies River Decree. Settlement discussions are underway.

Blue Mountain Angus, LLC. v. Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Court of Appeals Case No. A156669

This case is a petition to the Oregon Court of Appeals for review of a final order denying a transfer (T-10898). Blue Mountain Angus filed a water right transfer application to change the point of diversion and place of use under Water Right Certificate 25844. The Department denied the transfer because the Department was unable to make findings of no injury or enlargement.

Staff have been working with Blue Mountain Angus's Counsel exploring possible solutions to their stock water needs. Discussions are continuing.

No hearing date has been set.

Willamette Water Co., an Oregon Corporation, v. Oregon Water Resources Commission and WaterWatch of Oregon Inc., Oregon Court of Appeals Case No. A157428

This case is a petition for judicial review of a Final Order in a Contested Case, denying water right application S-87330 filed by Willamette Water Co. (Company) for 34 cubic feet per second of water from the McKenzie River for quasi-municipal use. The Department issued a proposed final order on January 26, 2010, proposing to issue the permit with conditions. The Company and WaterWatch of Oregon filed protests on March 12, 2010.

A contested case hearing was held November 14-16, 2011. The Administrative Law Judge issued a proposed order recommending denial of the application on several grounds. The Company and WaterWatch both filed exceptions with the Department. On March 7, 2014, after consideration of the exceptions and the record, the Director issued a final order recommending denial of application S-87330. The Company and WaterWatch both filed exceptions on March 31, 2014. The Commission considered the exceptions and on May 29, 2014, affirmed the Department's final order.

The Willamette Water Company subsequently petitioned for review of the Commission's final order in the Court of Appeals. Reply briefs have been filed. The Court of Appeals held oral argument on November 22, 2016. The Court has not issued its ruling at this time.

Larry J. Sees and Joan A. Sees and, Garret J. Duncan and Cameron M. Duncan v. Oregon Water Resources Department and Water Resources Commission, Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 15CV18272 and 15CV19347 – Petitions for Judicial Review of Final Orders

This case involves a petition for judicial review of a final order to regulate a junior groundwater use in response to a call by a senior user in the Klamath Basin in 2015. The Sees originally filed petitions for judicial review for two regulation notices resulting in two different court case numbers. These two cases have now been consolidated into No. 15CV18272.

The Department is working with the Attorney General's Office to prepare for trial. The Court has scheduled a pre-trial conference on February 9, 2017 with the trial scheduled to begin on March 13, 2017.

Larry J. Sees and Joan A. Sees and, Garret J. Duncan and Cameron M. Duncan v. Oregon Water Resources Department and Water Resources Commission, Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 16CV24120 – Petition for Judicial Review of a Final Order

Regulation notices were sent to water users in the Sprague River system in July 2016, in response to a call for the Klamath Tribes' time immemorial instream water right. Sees filed a Petition for Judicial Review of the regulation order in Marion County Circuit Court.

Oregon Revised Statute 536.075 states that any party affected by a final order of the Department may petition for judicial review of that order. The filing of a petition automatically stays enforcement of the order. The stay is in place unless the Department finds that substantial public harm will result from allowing the stay.

TPC, LLC v. Oregon Water Resources Department: Marion County Circuit Court case No. 15 CV 20875 – Petition for Judicial Review of a Final Order

TPC is another petition for judicial review of a final order in other than a contested case in the Klamath Basin. This involves a 2015 Department regulation notice ordering that surface water use for irrigation stop in favor of a senior water right.

Pre-trial motions are to be filed by March 24, 2017. No trial date has been set.

TPC, LLC and Dayton o. Hyde and Gerda V. Hyde v. Oregon Water Resources Department and Tyler Martin: Marion County Circuit Court Case No.16CV27427 – Petition for Judicial Review of a Final Order

In 2016, the watermaster received a call for water in relation to the Klamath Tribes' time immemorial rights on the Upper Klamath Marsh and in the upper Williamson River basin. After validating the call for water, the watermaster sent regulation notices to water users junior to the time immemorial rights. The Department is working with the Attorney General's Office to respond to Marion County Circuit Court.

Motions are being filed. No trial date has been set.

Stanley S. Stonier and Dolores E. Stonier v. Oregon Water Resources Department and Commission: Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 15CV23126 – Petition for Judicial Review of a Final Order

This case involves a petition for judicial review of a regulation notice issued in 2015 by the Department in the Klamath Basin. The Department regulated groundwater use following a call by a senior water right holder.

Briefs are being submitted, discovery to follow. The Court has not set a hearing date.

Stanley S. Stonier and Dolores E. Stonier v. Oregon Water Resources Department and Commission: Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 16CV24087 – Petition for Judicial Review of a Final Order

Regulation notices were sent to water users in the Sprague River system in July 2016, in response to a call for the Klamath Tribes' time immemorial instream water right. Stonier filed a Petition for Judicial Review of the regulation order in Marion County Circuit Court.

Thomas W. Mallams and Beverly Mallams v. Oregon Water Resources Department and Commission, Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 15CV23345 – Petition for Judicial Review of a Final Order

This case involves a petition for judicial review of a regulation notice issued by the Department in the Klamath Basin in 2015. The Department regulated groundwater use following a call by a senior water right holder. The filing of the petition automatically stayed enforcement of the order.

The Mallams' withdrew this case from Marion County Circuit Court and filed in Federal District Court.

Thomas W. Mallams and Beverly Mallams v. Thomas Byler and Tyler Martin, US Federal District (Medford) – Civil Rights Action (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

This complaint states that the Department did not provide notice of the Klamath Adjudication to holders of groundwater rights.

The Mallams' withdrew this case from Federal District Court. The Court issued an order of dismissal.

Thomas W. Mallams and Beverly Mallams v. Oregon Water Resources Department and Commission, Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 16CV23679 – Petition for Judicial Review of a Final Order

Regulation notices were sent to water users in the Sprague River system in July 2016, in response to a call for the Klamath Tribes' time immemorial instream water right. Mallams filed a Petition for Judicial Review of the regulation order in Marion County Circuit Court. The Department is tracking this case.

WaterWatch v Oregon Water Resources Department, Marion County Circuit Court Case No.16CV11938 – Petition for Judicial Review and Petition to Compel Agency Action

This case involves a petition for judicial review of an Order approving the instream lease of a hydroelectric right. WaterWatch is also asking the Court to require that the right be converted to an instream water right. No hearing date is scheduled at this time.

Harrington v Oregon Water Resources Department and others, US Federal District Court, Case 1:16-CV-00200-CL

This issue began several years ago. It involves the illegal storage of water and the subsequent notching of the dams by the State. This is the second filing in US Federal District Court. The State has filed a motion to dismiss with the Court.

The court adopted the findings and recommendations of Magistrate Judge Clark. The recommendations included the following: Motions to dismiss presented by state and federal defendants should be granted; and, Mr. Harrington should be given an opportunity to amend and refile his Complaint as it pertains to those Oregon state defendants entitled to qualified immunity. The court allowed until January 1, 2017 for Mr. Harrington to file an amended complaint. Harrington filed a motion for an extension of time until February 1, 2017. The Court has not ruled on the motion.

MidOregon Federal Credit Union v Central Oregon Irrigation District, Oregon Water Resources Department and others, Deschutes County Circuit Court, Case 16CV2022

This case involves a water right transfer filed by the Central Oregon Irrigation District, which proposes to change the place of use of water. Staff are working with the Attorney General's office on response filings.

ELH,LLC v Oregon Water Resources Department, Umatilla County Circuit Court, Case 16CV20883

This case involves the management and delivery of water within Westland Irrigation District. The complaint is requesting a preliminary and permanent injunction requiring the Department to regulate the distribution of water in the district.

Filings are being prepared. No court date has been scheduled.

Tumalo Irrigation District v. Oregon Water Resources Department, Case No.15CV28751

The Tumalo Irrigation District filed a petition for judicial review regarding a Department denial of a permanent in-district transfer of 125 AF of water from Upper Tumalo Reservoir to two interconnected ponds constructed and filled for recreation. The transfer denial centered on the lack of land-use approval from Deschutes County and a determination that the in-district transfer statute does not authorize a change in place of use of stored water (that is, storing the water at a new location). The Department issued an enforcement order to address the in-district filling of

the ponds without authorization and a limited license to pursue another source of water for the ponds. The petition was filed in Deschutes County Circuit Court. The case has not been scheduled.

Tumalo Irrigation District v. Oregon Water Resources Department, Case No.16CV01703

In a second petition for judicial review, Tumalo Irrigation District challenged the Department's order on reconsideration, which affirmed the violation of unauthorized storage of water in two ponds within the District and cancelled a limited license. The petition was filed in Deschutes County Circuit Court. The case has not been scheduled.

Dan and Nina Micke v Oregon Water Resources Department and Commission, Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 16CV17876

Dan and Nina Micke were issued a regulation notice to release waters stored in two reservoirs in the course of regulation to satisfy the call of a senior water right holder. The Micke's filed a petition for judicial review. Motions are being filed. No hearing date has been scheduled.

IV. Commission/Board Schedules for 2017

<i>Commission/Board</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
Board of Forestry	Salem	March 8
Land Conservation and Development Commission	St. Helens	Jan 26 - 27
Parks and Recreation Commission	Salem	Feb 7 - 8
Fish and Wildlife Commission	Tigard	Feb 9 - 10
State Land Board	TBD	TBD
Environmental Quality Commission	TBD	April 19 - 20
Watershed Enhancement Board	Madras	Jan 23 - 25
Board of Agriculture	Salem	Feb 15 - 17

- Attachment 1: Rulemaking Calendar
Attachment 2: Place-Based Update – December 2016

Oregon Water Resources Department Current/Anticipated Rulemaking

Rule Division	Topic	Lead Staff	RAC Planned or Convened?	GWAC Input Expected?	Target WRC Date	Status
Division 54 (New Rule Division)	Hydro conversion to instream	Mary Grainey	Yes	No	2017	Underway
Division 77 Instream Water Rights	Consistency with SB 199 (2013) – allowing lease applications to be processed more efficiently	Dwight French, Laura Wilke	Yes	No	2017	Underway
Division 215	Back-siphon prevention device requirements in well construction standards	Kris Byrd	Yes	Yes	2017	Underway
Division 507	Walla Walla Subbasin groundwater management	Brenda Bateman, Justin Iverson	Yes	Yes	May 2017	Underway
Division 517	South Coast Basin Program—Smith River classification	Racquel Rancier	Yes	No	May 2017	Comment Period Closed



Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning



Helping Oregon communities plan for their current and future water needs

Place-based planning is one of the recommended actions from the 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS). It provides an opportunity for communities to work collaboratively in partnership with the state to understand their water resources challenges and needs, and identify potential solutions to meet those needs. The place-based planning [draft guidelines](#) describe the five steps and key planning principles central to any place-based planning effort.

Planning Step 1

Build a collaborative and inclusive process – Conveners work with their project team to: assemble partners representing diverse interests, including state agencies; develop a communication and outreach strategy to ensure an open and inclusive process; create a governance agreement that describes how the partners will collaborate and make decisions; and develop a work plan that outlines how they will execute Planning Steps 2-5.

Planning Step 2

Gather information to understand current water resources and identify gaps – The group assesses and describes water resources in the basin, looking at water quantity, and quality. This effort includes collecting existing information, identifying any gaps in knowledge, and developing strategies to fill these gaps.

Planning Step 3

Examine current and future water needs for people, the economy, and the environment – During this step, the groups define how much water is needed to meet current and future water needs, both instream and out-of-stream, in terms of water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem needs. Groups explore water challenges and vulnerabilities, such as how climate change, population growth, and land use may affect water resources and the ability to meet needs within the community.

Planning Step 4

Develop and prioritize strategic, integrated solutions to meet water needs – This step focuses on identifying a suite of actions to address the instream and out-of-stream needs identified in Planning Step 3. Once identified, groups prioritize the actions and develop strategies to complete those actions.

Planning Step 5

Create and approve a local integrated water resources plan – During this step the planning groups will formally review and approve the plan. Agencies will review the plan and the Water Resources Commission will have an opportunity to formally accept the plan, based on whether it is consistent with the statewide Integrated Water Resources Strategy.

Key Planning Principles

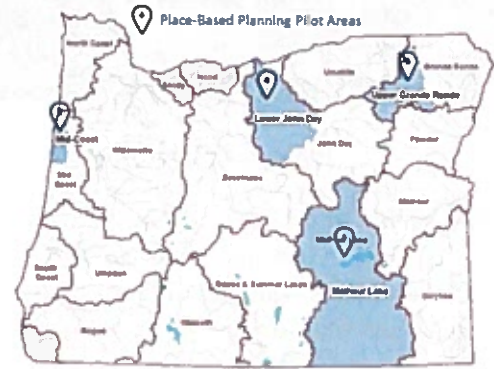
- Locally-initiated and led collaborative process
- Voluntary, non-regulatory approach
- Includes a balanced representation of water interests
- Conducted in partnership with the state
- Addresses instream and out-of-stream needs, including water quantity, quality and ecosystem needs
- Utilizes an open and transparent process that fosters public participation
- Builds on and integrates existing studies and plans
- Does not infringe on existing water rights
- Adheres to IWRS principles and state laws

Learn More!

Visit the web page: <http://bit.ly/owrdplanning> Email: placebasedplanning@wrdd.state.or.us
 Contact Planning Coordinators Harmony Burrigot (503-986-0913) or Steven Parrett (503-986-0914)

Place-Based Planning Groups 6-Month Update

- At its August 18-19 meeting, the Water Resources Commission authorized the Department to expend reserve funds (\$93,000) to support the four planning groups.
- OWRD signed agreements with National Policy Consensus Center and the Association of Oregon Counties to provide collaboration training and technical assistance to the planning groups.
- Sustainable Northwest secured private funding to support a 2017 workshop for the planning groups. OWRD will match with \$5,000.
- Quarterly inter-agency meetings held with ODFW, ODA, and ODEQ.
- Quarterly call held with the planning groups to hear updates, share lessons, exchange ideas, and identify areas where support is needed.



Malheur Lake Basin

Conveners: Harney County Watershed Council & Court

Total Grant Award: \$135,000 (partial fund)

- Coordinating committee assembled and meeting monthly.
- Facilitator secured and project manager hired.
- Communication and outreach materials created, including handout and website.
- Ongoing outreach to stakeholders.
- 74 interested individuals attended an informational meeting on September 27.

Planning Step 1

Upcoming: Next Partnership meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017 in Burns, OR

More information: Contact Gretchen Bates at 541-589-0915 or gretchen@hcwatershedcouncil.com

WEB: www.hcwatershedcouncil.com/community-based-water-planning

Upper Grande Ronde Sub-Basin

Convener: Union County

Total Grant Award: \$197,000 (full fund)

- Steering committee assembled and meeting regularly.
- Technical consultant secured.
- Draft governance agreement, outreach strategy and work plan distributed for review.
- Outreach materials developed.
- 40 interested individuals attended the first Stakeholder Group meeting on October 4.
- Two additional stakeholder meetings held.

Planning Step 1

Upcoming: Next stakeholder meeting scheduled for January 19, 2017 in La Grande, OR.

More information: Contact Scott Hartell at 541-963-1014 or shartell@union-county.org

WEB: <http://union-county.org/planning/place-based-integrated-water-resources-planning/>

Lower John Day Sub-Basin

Convener: Gilliam SWCD

Total Grant Award: \$190,000 (full fund)

- Steering committee assembled and meeting regularly.
- Capacity funding distributed to partners through a structured Request for Proposals process.
- Governance agreement being developed.
- Preliminary discussions about data needs will inform work plan development.
- Initial outreach plan developed to invite and engage additional stakeholders.

Planning Step 1

Upcoming: Next stakeholder meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017 in Condon.

More information: Contact Sandy McKay at 541-384-2672 x109 or gilliamswcd@gmail.com

Mid-Coast Region

Conveners: City of Newport & OWRD

Total Grant Award: \$135,000 (partial fund)

- Coordinating committee assembled and meeting monthly.
- Communication and outreach materials created, including handout and website
- Ongoing outreach to stakeholders.
- 63 interested individuals attended the first Partnership meeting on September 29.
- Second stakeholder meeting held November 30.
- Elements of a governance agreement drafted.

Planning Step 1

Upcoming: Next Partnership meeting scheduled for January 25, 2017 in Newport.

More information: Contact Timothy Gross at 541-961-5313 or T.Gross@NewportOregon.gov

WEB: www.midcoastwaterpartners.com