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Drinking Water Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2021

Conference Call

Members Present

Greg DeBlase, Oregon Environmental Health Association

Jason Green, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Michael Grimm, Special Districts Association of Oregon

Adam Jackson, Privately Owned Water Systems

Karen Lewotsky, Environmental Advocacy Groups

Beth Myers, Oregon Environmental Lab Association

Amelia Nestler, League of Women Voters of Oregon

Brian Rigwood, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association

Travis Tormanen, American Council of Engineering Companies-Oregon

Chris Wanner, Large Water Systems

Members Absent

Dwayne Barnes, League of Oregon Cities

Ray Johnson, Plumbers/Backflow Testers

Zach Roberts, Conference of Local Health Officials

Guests

Sarah Honious, City of Hillsboro

Matt Johnson, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Kim Ramsay, Oregon Environmental Lab Association

Jon Unger, Business Oregon

Staff

Adam DeSemple Samina Panwhar

David Emme Kari Salis

Tony Fields Diane Weis

Welcome/Agenda Check:

Dave Emme welcomed the group and introduced two new members: Adam Jackson representing Privately Owned Water Systems, and Travis Tormanen representing American Council of Engineering Companies-Oregon.

Kari Salis will talk about proposed rule changes and revisions in the Program Update portion of the Agenda.

April Meeting Minutes:

Jason Green made motion to approve the minutes, Chris Wanner seconded. They were voted on and approved.

Member Update:

Beth Myers expressed concerns with the quality of VOC analyses performed by the Department of Environmental Quality lab in response to 2020 wildfires. Dave Emme noted that the data is not used for compliance purposes and is used primarily to determine whether service lines need replacing.

Chris Wanner asked if the Drinking Water Advisory Committee was brought up the need for after action review on the chlorine shortage incident. Dave Emme reported that Office of Emergency Management (OEM) initiated the Emergency Operations Center. He will follow up with OEM on plans for after action and report back to committee.

Program Update:

Proposed Rule Changes and Revisions –

Kari Salis provided an overview of two proposed rulemakings:

1. Updates to Emergency Response Planning to align with AWIA requirements. These updates also include unrelated other miscellaneous rule revisions.
2. Segregating Non-EPA or State Regulated system rules into a separate and streamlined set of rules.

Kari gave a powerpoint presentation and reviewed the language and concept with each draft rule and identified particular areas where Committee comment was requested. Committee members expressed a need for more time to review these proposals. Dave Emme agreed to provide additional time for members to provide comments and to share Kari's slides.

PFAS –

About 150 non-transient/non-community systems will be sampled late Summer and Fall, targeting smaller systems that haven't been previously sampled and that are near potential PFAS sources.

Revolving Fund Update:

Infrastructure Finance Authority will be receiving \$275M in ARPA funds. There is a lot of interest in the program.

2021 Capitalization Grant – Grant application must be submitted by July 27 and the program will receive \$14,474,000.

2019 Reallotment of Leftover Funds – \$158,400 was awarded on May 20 and all will go to the loan fund for projects.

Combined Project Priority List – Received nine new projects now totaling 54, bringing the total amount to \$224M, the largest amount ever for Oregon.

Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP) – This was closed the 4th quarter to update loan status but will add security risk, and vulnerability to next quarter.

2021 Drinking Water Source Protection LOI – Ten LOIs were received, plus an additional five for emergency projects.

Small System Equipment Assistance (SSEA) program – Three applications were submitted and approved.

Class Deviation for Rehab of Dams & Reservoirs – EPA approved 7/14/21, but projects must meet specific criteria.

Loss of Pressure BMP:

The Workgroup will send a final draft to Dave Emme and Kari Salis for review and will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

2021 Meeting Schedule:

October 20, 2021 – Conference Call/Virtual Meeting