



Drinking Water Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

Keizer

Members Present

Yone Akagi, Large Water Systems

Dwayne Barnes, League of Oregon Cities

Ed Butts, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Jenifer George, Oregon Environmental Health Association

Brian Ginter, American Council of Engineering Companies-Oregon

Joan Grindeland, Privately Owned Water Systems

Beth Myers, Oregon Environmental Lab Association

Amelia Nestler, League of Women Voters of Oregon

Annette Pampush, Conference of Local Health Officials

Brian Rigwood, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association

Members Absent

DJ Ezell, Special Districts Association of Oregon

Ray Johnson, Plumbers/Backflow Testers

Karen Lewotsky, Environmental Advocacy Groups

Guests

David Barnett, Business Oregon

Mark Bean, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Marsha Farooqui, Portland Water Bureau

Jason Green, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Matt Johnson, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Sarah Stalder, City of Hillsboro/JWC

Jon Unger, Business Oregon

Staff

Adam DeSemple Kari Salis

David Emme Diane Weis

Welcome/Agenda Check:

Brian Rigwood welcomed the group and led introductions. There were no changes to the agenda.

October Meeting Minutes:

Ed Butts made motion to approve the minutes, Annette Pampush seconded. They were voted on and approved.

Member Update:

Yone Akagi asked if water systems should have prework done for disaster planning. Brian Rigwood said ORWARN is working on a plan. The committee members said they would like a program working on post disaster planning, but it would have to be specific to each type of source. Yone also suggested adding a checkbox on the survey form for water systems to indicate whether they are an ORWARN member.

Program Update:

Federal – The Federal government partial shutdown currently has no impact to Drinking Water Services. We are waiting for \$1.6M Primacy Grant award from EPA, and there will be delays to SDWIS Prime and Compliance Monitoring Data Portal releases, both from EPA.

Staffing Update – The E-Board approved a new Emerging Contaminants Coordinator as a permanent NRS4, and that has been filled by a current employee. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position is a Limited Duration NRS3 and that is in the hiring process now.

Rulemaking Update –

Lead in Schools – Rules are adopted to test taps, mitigate if action level exceeded, and EPA's 3Ts guidance was updated.

Operator Certification Revisions – Changes are to establish OIT, eliminate requirement for original documents, and prorate initial certification fee.

Cyanotoxin Monitoring – Only 58 systems are susceptible to HABS so monitoring requirements will be simplified and some screening has been eliminated. The DEQ lab is doing free testing through June but the free testing is not included in the Governor's Recommended Budget.

Legislature –

Policy Option Package – The request is for 5 FTE to be restored and increase funding to counties.

SB 27 Drinking Water Fee Authority – The Bill will replace the survey fee with an annual fee, generate revenue to support the Policy Option Package, and supports managing and responding to water quality data.

Revolving Fund Update:

The funds available to loan is \$41 million, \$98M is tied up with committed loans.

North Plains – The city received \$4.53M for their project but need an additional \$1.35M for seismic resiliency consideration.

Loans – EPA now allows long-term loans. Other sources will be researched first, such as disadvantaged loans, before making long-term loans.

Government Shutdown – Infrastructure Finance Authority has not been impacted by the Federal government partial shutdown yet, but it will likely slow down processes.

Drinking Water Summit – Business Oregon will sponsor the drinking water summit.

Source Water Protection – Infrastructure Finance Authority is working on the application.

Public Notice Polity – Public comment period will go from 30-day review to 10 days for quarterly projects.

Combined Infrastructure Project Priority List – There were six new projects added to the list totaling 33, amounting to over \$42 million.

Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP) PPL – Five new projects were added to the list in addition to two Seismic projects.

2018 DWSRF Annual Report – The report was submitted on time, now waiting for a response.

Source Water Protection – The Letters of Interest will open later.

DWS Expectations for Post Disaster Water Quality Compliance:

[This was discussed during the Member Update section]

Pre-filtration Ozonation Status:

Systems are asking for giardia-inactivation credit for having pre-filtration ozonation. The program is not ready for a rule change but may grant a waiver from our construction standard requiring 0.5-log giardia inactivation post-filtration.

A committee is still reviewing City of Wilsonville's request. They are looking at turbidity and protective effect of ozone. The city's filters are outside so the committee could require conditions to prevent recontamination.

2019 Meeting Schedule:

April 17, 2019 – Keizer (Operator Certification)

July 17, 2019 – Keizer

October 16, 2019 – Keizer