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Drinking Water Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

Conference Call

Members Present

Yone Akagi, Large Water Systems

Greg DeBlase, Oregon Environmental Health Association

Lacey Goeres-Priest, League of Oregon Cities

Michael Grimm, Special Districts Association of Oregon

Cheyenne Holliday, Water Consumers

Adam Jackson, Privately Owned Water Systems

Matt Johnson, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Ben Klayman, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association

Zach Roberts, Conference of Local Health Officials

Members Absent

Jason Green, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Karen Lewotsky, Environmental Advocacy Groups

Chris MacQuarrie, Plumbers/Backflow Testers

Beth Myers, Oregon Environmental Lab Association

Amelia Nestler, League of Women Voters of Oregon

Travis Tormanen, American Council of Engineering Companies-Oregon

Guests

Nicole Bailey, Business Oregon

Sarah Honious, City of Hillsboro

Jon Unger, Business Oregon

Staff

Adam DeSemple Tony Fields

Kari Salis Diane Weis

Welcome/Roll Call:

Kari Salis welcomed the group and roll call was taken.

Nominate Chair and Vice Chair:

Mike Grimm nominated Jason Green for chair. It was voted on and approved.

Mike Grimm nominated Lacey Goeres-Priest as vice-chair. It was voted on and approved. The rules governing proceedings can be found on the DWS DWAC page at

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/Documents/dwac/dwacrules.pdf>

July Meeting Minutes:

Mike Grimm made motion to approve the minutes, Zach Roberts seconded. They were voted on and approved.

Member Update:

No one had anything to report.

Program Update:

LCCR Service Line Inventory – The inventory is to be completed by October 16, 2024, for all public and private systems. A spreadsheet is available to record the results. Statistical analysis will be allowed so not all service lines will need to be checked. A contractor will be hired to help small systems.

Rulemaking Timeline – Public comment period is November 1-30 with a public hearing on November 17. The rules will be effective January 1, 2023. Items in the rule revisions are Backflow, Operator Certification, Cyanotoxin, NSF clarification, Seismic reference, Plan Review, and some housekeeping.

qPCR (Quantative Polymerase Chain Reaction) – These are cyanotoxin producing genes. There was not an adequate correlation with toxins to require monitoring.

BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) – The BIL supplemental grant application will be submitted by the end of 2022 and Emerging Contaminants application will be done in 2023. DWS will ask the E-Board to approve four new positions to manage the extra workload.

Section Manager Position – The announcement will be sent out soon and the posting will be open for 2-3 weeks.

Revolving Fund Update:

Financial Status – There is \$46,000,000 available for making loans; \$18,000,000 is committed to new projects. All systems on the list will be reviewed and ranked.

2023 Combined Infrastructure PPL Updates – There are 30 new projects bringing the total to 61 at \$523 million. Health and compliance projects are yet to be determined.

Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP) – There are 13 new projects.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – There are three separate grants.

- The general supplemental is part of the base program and the annual allotment is \$23,673,000.
- Community affordability benefits the small and disadvantaged communities.
- Emerging Contaminants will focus on PFAS, cyanotoxins, and manganese. LOI's will start being accepted in the Spring of 2023.
- Lead service line replacement inventory work is top priority.

2022 Capitalization Grant – The allotment is \$9,220,000, which is less than last year's allotment.

2021 WIIN Act – This is a non-SRF Grant. The award is for \$534,000. Four projects are targeted for funding.

2022 SRF Annual Report – The report is due by the end of October.

SRF & BIL 101 –

A simple explanation of the process is the Letter of Interest creates the Project Priority list and after rating and ranking the project is financed.

The LOI has a ranking process resulting in points, from health and compliance issues, and general infrastructure projects. Emergency projects are not part of the point system.

The subsidy is Federally prescribed. This is a loan, not a grant and is for disadvantaged communities. There is a limit to the loan amounts.

2023 Meeting Schedule:

January 18, 2023 – Conference Call/Virtual Meeting

April 19, 2023 – Conference Call/Virtual Meeting

July 19, 2023 – Conference Call/Virtual Meeting

October 18, 2023 – Conference Call/Virtual Meeting

