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Drinking Water Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

Conference Call

Members Present

Dwayne Barnes, League of Oregon Cities

Greg DeBlase, Oregon Environmental Health Association

Brian Ginter, American Council of Engineering Companies-Oregon

Jason Green, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Michael Grimm, Special Districts Association of Oregon

Bruce Hellebuyck, Privately Owned Water Systems

Amelia Nestler, League of Women Voters of Oregon

Kim Ramsay, Oregon Environmental Lab Association

Brian Rigwood, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association

Zach Roberts, Conference of Local Health Officials

Chris Wanner, Large Water Systems

Members Absent

Ray Johnson, Plumbers/Backflow Testers

Karen Lewotsky, Environmental Advocacy Groups

Guests

Yone Akagi, City of Portland

Scott Bradway, City of Portland

Sarah Messier, City of Portland

Jon Unger, Business Oregon

Staff

Adam DeSemple Samina Panwhar

David Emme Kari Salis

Tony Fields Diane Weis

Daniel Hough Chantal Wikstrom

Welcome/Agenda Check:

Brian Rigwood welcomed the group.

Adam DeSemples asked that the Revolving Fund Update be put at the end of the Agenda.

January Meeting Minutes:

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

Member Update:

Five member's terms are coming due this June. Letters will be going out to their organizations requesting nominations.

Program Update:

Covid-19 –

Oregon counties risk level was reviewed, which have improved since January. Public buildings may open September 1, 2021.

Wildfire Recovery –

- * Housing is key issue, but recovery is slow.
- * VOC sampling is ongoing. Five systems have had detections. Data is posted on Drinking Water Program website.
- * Continuing coordination with other agencies in recovery

Program Update –

- * PFAS sampling project – Potential sources are being mapped and public water systems potentially impacted by PFAS sources will be sampled, with priority given to systems not sampled during UCMR3. State health advisory levels have been developed by OHA for the four PFAS chemicals most commonly detected nationally.
- * 2021 Infrastructure Needs Survey – The survey occurs every four years but has been delayed. The result determines the allocation of funds to states.

Lead & Copper Rule Revision –

Final rule was completed in January but will now be reviewed by EPA. There is a proposal for the effective date to be extended to December 16, 2021 with a compliance due date of September 16, 2024, when lead service line inventory and replacement plans are due. Some considerations to the rule revisions for Drinking Water Services, is the information needs to be tracked and the inventory needs to be maintained. Dave Emme suggests a workgroup consisting of some Drinking Water Services staff, water system representatives, and other organizations. The

workgroup would meet 2-3 times this year to come up with a plan. Volunteers to be on the workgroup: Mike Grimm, Chris Wanner, Brian Rigwood, and Public Utility Commission will find a small water system representative.

Other –

* President's Infrastructure Plan – Part of the plan is for water infrastructure and lead service line replacement. Funds would go to the SRF Program and WIIN Grants. Some funds would also go towards PFAS.

Draft Rule Revisions –

There are two separate rule makings: 1) Emergency Response Plan revisions and 2) Non-EPA Rules.

Emergency Response Plan – Previous rules are based on the Bioterrorism Act of 2002 but new rules will be aligned with AWIA rules and will focus on natural hazards and resiliency.

The risk and resilience assessment will include identifying vulnerable customers and addressing high risk contaminants from source water assessment.

Equipment and communication will also be part of the revised rule.

Non-EPA – The new name for this is “Oregon Very Small Systems” which is systems with four-14 connections or serves 10-24 people.

Only 57% of these systems have completed all required monitoring. The rule would enable consistent enforcement, would align with Drinking Water Services capacity, and can be implemented.

Monitoring Summary changes: groundwater monitoring may be reduced and reduce nitrate testing to every three years.

Treatment Requirement changes: simple compliance in surface water treatment with chlorination and filtration, E.coli in groundwater must chlorinate, and nitrate MCL is public notice only.

Construction Standards will only address significant pathways.

Public Notice for E.coli, nitrate mcl, and treatment violations.

In 2021, plan review fees will be changed to align with current practice of lower fees for small systems. In the future, plan review fees may be changed to cover the costs of the service.

Public PWS GIS Map –

The map has been used internally and has been beneficial for emergencies like the wildfires. We would like to post it on the website and share it with the public.

Water system locations on the map are the approximate centroids of the service areas. DWAC members expressed no concerns in making the map available to the public.

Loss of Pressure BMP:

Workgroup reported on their progress. Group consists of Jason Green, Brian Rigwood, Mike Grimm, Yone Akagi, Dwayne Barnes, and Kari Salis.

The group looked at the BMP for repairing mains and loss of pressure. This will not be a regulation but will be a guideline. They continue to work on a final draft; they need direction from Drinking Water Services.

Revolving Fund Update:

For the first time there is more money being requested than is available, by over \$11 million.

2021 Capitalization Grant – Applying for \$14,474.

2019 Reallotment of Leftover Funds – Federal and State match of \$158,400 will go to the loan funds for projects.

Combined Project Priority List – Received 11 new projects now totaling 53, bringing the total amount to \$141 Million. There was \$55.7 million for the 3rd quarter alone!

Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP) – Received six new projects and two new seismic projects.

2021 Drinking Water Source Protection LOI – Eleven LOIs were received requesting a total of \$358,000, and four emergency LOIs were received requesting a total of \$110,528.

Small System Equipment Assistance (SSEA) program – Three applications were received and are being reviewed.

2021 Meeting Schedule:

July 21, 2021 – Conference Call/Virtual Meeting (Lead and Copper Rule Revision)
October 20, 2021