**Clackamas River Water PRoviders**

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# **October 2, 2024**

Meeting Via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Bret Bienerth, NCCWC

Wyatt Parno, South Fork Water Board

Christa Britton, South Fork Water Board

Brad Albert, Oak Lodge Water Services

Todd Heidgerken, Clackamas River Water

Melanie Wagner, City of Estacada

Dave Trotter, City of Lake Oswego
Jennifer Joe, City of Tigard

Aaron Beatie, City of Tigard

Kyle Arnhart, City of Tigard

Justin Poyser, City of Gladstone

Patty Nelson, City of Oregon City

Kim Swan, Clackamas River Water Providers

Kurt Carpenter, USGS

Kari McClellan, USFW

Terry Turner, Trout Unlimited

Rob Annear, Annear Water Resources

Andrew Swanson, Water Environment Services

Ron Wierenga, Water Environment Services

Ryan Tuthill, Representative Chavez-DeRemer

**Agenda**

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

USGS Cyanotoxin Study

USFS Drinking Water Provider Partnership Grant

Program Updates

November Work Session

**Introductions**

Wyatt started off the introduction of CRWP members and other meeting participants.

**Approval of June CRWP Meeting Notes**Wyatt asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the past two CRWP meetings.

**Todd Heidgerken made a motion to approve the April minutes, Bret Bienerth seconded the motion. The motion passes**

**Public Comment**

None

**USGS – Cyanotoxin Study**

Kurt Carpenter from USGS gave the group a presentation on Cyanotoxins in Oregon’s Cascade Range Rivers Used for Municipal Drinking-Water Supply that was partially supported by CRWP funding. This study took place in the Clackamas, North Santiam, McKenzie and the North Umpqua and focused on Benthic sources of cyanotoxins. In the Clackamas 177 sample were taken at 33 sites and included looking at cyanobacteria colonies and mats, conducting plankton net tows, and placement of SPATT bags. In this sampling effort a high percentage of microcystins, anotoxins, and saxitoxins were detected.

**USFS – DWPP Grant Updates**
Kari McCellan from the USFS and Terry Turner from Trout Unlimited told the group about the Cub Creek Restoration Project in the upper watershed that was partially funding through a Drinking Water Provider Partnership grant of which the CRWP provided the Water System ID number for the grant. The purpose of this project was to support habitat restoration in the Cub and Berry Creeks subbasin for ESA-listed fish: UW Spring Chinook, LCR Coho

and Winter Steelhead, as well as address the needs of state sensitive and resident fishes, wildlife,

amphibians, aquatic macroinvertebrates. The include add large amounts of wood debris back into the system and reconnecting historical floodplains in this area to increase habitat complexity.

**Three Basin Rule**
Kim Swan provided the group with an overview of the Three Basin Rule, some of the issues that have come up in post fire rebuilding in both the Santiam and McKenzie watershed and the petition that Marion County has submitted to Environmental Quality Commission to make changes to the rule.

**Program Updates**

*Climate Resiliency Project* – Kim said that the CRWP received 4 proposals for this project and wanted to thank CRWP members that were part of the RFP review team. Jacobs was selected for the project and Kim has been working on getting all the paperwork completed. The project will kick off in November.

*PGE Flow request –* Kim said that CRWP members, ODFW and PGE met on August 28th to discuss a CRWP call for Timothy Lake water. It was determined that the CRWP would call for 75 cfs over inflow from September 15th thru October 1st.

*ODFW Instream water rights –* At the end of August the Oregon Water Utility Council, League of Oregon Cities and the Special Districts of Oregon submitted at letter to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to request that Administrative Holds are put on all Willamette Basin Instream Water Right Applications so that water providers have more time to understand what kind of impact this might have for them.

*Source Water Protection week Sept 30th October 5th* – Kim said that the CRWP supported AWWA Source Water Protection Week by creating a social media/outreach packet which was shared with CRWP member outreach staff as well as posted on the CRWP Facebook page.

*Watershed Tour – October5th –* Kim told the group that she currently had around 40 people signed up for the watershed tour.

*2025 Annual Water Calendar* – The theme for the 2025 water calendar was "Saving our 1%". 27 classes at 14 schools submitted pictures for the calendar contest. Every school that participated in the contest received a box of calendars, and all the elementary school teachers in the CRWP member areas received a calendar as well as a copy of the CRWP teacher flyer. Calendars have also been delivered to our member front offices, city halls, and libraries.

*Public event this past summer season*

From March to September 2024, CRWP staff attended and had a booth at 19 events located in our member service areas.

**November Work Session**

Kim told the group that the November Work Session would focus on/be the kickoff meeting with Jacobs on the Climate Resiliency Project. She will send a reminder out with an agenda for this meeting and which water treatment plant staff will need to also attend. It was agreed that the January work session would focus on cybersecurity and how to work with the Clackamas ESD and cybersecurity and SCADA system.

**Next CRWP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 4, 2024 from 9am – 11am via zoom**