

Virtual LUBGWMA Committee Meeting

4/12/2022

9:00am to 11:00am

MEETING Link:

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Meeting passcode

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Agenda:

9:00 – 9:05 am - Introductions

9:05 – 9:10 am - Approve minutes

9:10 – 9:40 am - State of Oregon -Joint OHA DEQ- workplan presentation- Protecting public health from nitrate exposure in the LUB. Curtis Cude and André Ourso (OHA).

9:40 – 10:00 am - Irrigated agriculture Sub-committee update. Dr. Ruijun Qin (OSU)

10:00 – 10:10 – Pertinent updates from other Sub-committees – Land Application of Processed water sub-committee to present at next meeting.

10:10 – 10:15 - Introduction by Dr. Salini Sasidharan (OSU)

10:15 – 10:20 am - Janet Greenup lead agency update. Introduction by Kevin Payne (Morrow SWCD).

10:20 – 10:55 am - Open discussion time

10:55 - Schedule next meeting date (~June 14th)

11:00 am: Adjourn

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LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
LUB
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ZOOM VIDEO

Attendance:

Scott Lukas HAREC Chair	Kevin Payne Morrow SWCD
Kate Ely CTUIR	Randy Jones DEQ
Miff Devin POM VP	Jen Woody OWRD
Aaron Madison	JR Cook NOWA
Mark Millard Agri NW	Tom Demianew ODA
Aaron Palmquist City of Irrigon	Isaak Stapleton ODA
Janet Greenup Morrow SWCD Lead Agency	Carla McLane Public
Stephanie Case MC Planning	Greg Harris
Paul Measles ODA	Wym Matthews ODA
Tom Straughan Umatilla Co. SWCD	

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Chair Scott Lukas. Minutes of the 10-26-2021 meeting were approved with a motion by Carla McLane and seconded by Miff Devin.

Scott called for all participants to introduce themselves.

Data compilation subcommittee update given by Greg Harris and JR Cook. Job description for postdoc went to DOJ and ODA procurement office and will be viewed by OSU contracting and budget justification soon.

Isaak Stapleton clarified some details of the scope of work for postdoc and that a pop would be needed to continue funding. ODA plans on submitting that, but it is not guaranteed it will get picked up

Greg Harris asked if letters of support would help, and Isaak said to hold tight on those for now.

Kate Ely wanted to get a look at the job description for the postdoc.

JR mentioned the need to spend the current general funds for the postdoc this biennium with a need for additional pop funds to cover the final two years of the scope of work.

Wym Matthews said that they are looking at putting together an RFP for the \$250k of research dollars in the current bill that need spent this biennium.

JR Cook emphasized the need to get the right County personnel involved to facilitate authorization of that funding.

Scott mentioned that he will be managing LUBGWMA Gmail account and to look for "new sender" emails.

Scott screen shared the budget page for the postdoc position and JR mentioned the need to find additional dollars and whether those can be used for research or staffing.

Scott then screen shared the scope of work, and it was decided that when the final draft is received from OSU with suggested DOJ changes, it will be shared with the group.

Jen Woody asked what the data subcommittee does and how it relates to the work OSU will do. JR said OSU will have full control of the hiring process and scope of work. The subcommittee will coordinate with the postdoc to share data and information. He emphasized that the subcommittee will have no administrative or leadership role with the postdoc to ensure independent, unbiased and trusted data in the basin.

Scott mentioned that he will asking for other subcommittee updates next meeting.

Scott asked the group for suggestions on preferred meeting format. Speakers, topics, open discussion etc. JR mentioned having specific topics as they relate to the action plan to help understand, remediate and minimize loading.

Carla McLane mentioned her desire to get city planning personnel involved in the process and to give their input in the rural open and green spaces subcommittee.

Scott opened it up for open discussion.

JR Cook updated everyone on NOWA developments and their 3-legged stool approach. Those being a data set, remediation projects and regulatory considerations in hot spots. Mentioned NOWA is looking into aquifer recharge and aquifer dialysis projects. Those would involve pumping "hot" water in the summer to use to irrigate crops and injecting clean Columbia River water in the winter.

Aaron Madison would like to see the meetings focus a bit more on discussions that focus everyone's efforts as they relate to the subcommittees work. Doesn't mind the occasional speaker to present to the group but wants to focus more on discussions in the group.

Carla mentioned the recent DEQ fines issued to the Port of Morrow and realizes some in the group may be compromised.

Miff Devin mentioned that he is not at liberty to discuss the topic, just that the Port is actively working with DEQ.

JR cook emphasized the need for mutual trust and mutual coordination in the basin moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

The next meeting will be on Zoom, Tuesday April 12th, 9:00-11:00 am.

Submitted by Kevin Payne