

**Drinking Water Advisory Committee**  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2014  
Keizer

Members Present

**Paul Berg**, American Council of Engineering Companies  
**Ed Butts**, Oregon Association of Water Utilities  
**Sarah Chaplen**, League of Women Voters of Oregon  
**Celeste Hari**, Privately Owned Water Systems  
**Teresa Huntsinger**, Environmental Advocacy Groups  
**Ray Johnson**, Plumbers/Backflow Testers  
**Matt Michel**, Special Districts Association of Oregon  
**Beth Myers**, Oregon Environmental Lab Association  
**Annette Pampush**, Conference of Local Health Officials  
**Jason Pulley**, Large Water Systems  
**Brian Rigwood**, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association  
**Brian Stahl**, League of Oregon Cities

Members Absent

**Jenifer George**, Oregon Environmental Health Association

Guests

**David Barnett**, Infrastructure Finance Authority  
**Jeremy McVeety**, Infrastructure Finance Authority

Staff

Brad Daniels	Dave Leland
Adam DeSemple	Kari Salis
Tony Fields	Diane Weis

**Welcome/Agenda Check:**

Brian Stahl welcomed the group and led introductions.

**October Meeting Minutes:**

Matt Michel made motions to approve the minutes, Beth Meyer seconded. They were voted on and approved.

## **Member Concerns:**

No one brought up any concerns.

## **Program Update:**

- Dave Leland is still interim center administrator for Center for Health Protection. Kari Salis is acting Drinking Water Services section manager for January and February.
- Performance Measures – EPA has performance measure targets for health-based standards: percent of systems meeting target, and percent of population meeting target. Oregon meets the target for systems, but population is below the target because of Portland’s recent coliform problems.
- Budget –
  - Primacy allocation down slightly for FY 13-15.
  - State Revolving Loan Fund allocation is based on the Infrastructure Needs Survey. Oregon receives an increased percentage of SRF funds as a result of the last Survey.
  - Personnel costs are up about 13% because of end of furloughs, resumption of COLAs and step increases, and increases in benefit and PERS costs. Drinking Water Services has 41 FTE’s.
  - Oregon is doing okay; the service level remains the same.
  - The Legislatively Approved Budget for 13-15 is not final but should be soon.
- ASDWA – Draft State Program Resource Need Report has been completed. Report shows resource needs for both the base program and comprehensive program. Based on that analysis, Oregon currently has about 60% of a comprehensive safe drinking water program.
- Staffing –
  - Lillian Shirley started December 1 as the new Public Health Director.
  - Hiring will begin soon for deputy public health director and Center for Health Protection administrator.
  - A new environmental health specialist has been hired for the Springfield office.
  - The vacant environmental health specialist position will be posted soon. This position will work with county contracts.
- Water Systems –
  - City of Bend is one of four unfiltered systems, but they decided to install membrane filtration.
  - Baker City, who had a cryptosporidium outbreak in August, will install temporary UV light treatment. They have been doing crypto testing twice a week and would like to be able to stop testing for crypto.

- Legislative Update –
  - The Center for Health Protection is not putting forward any bills in 2014, but there are a couple of bills that relate to the Center: radon, and toxins in children's products. No water related bills yet.
  - There was a lot of action in the 2013 legislative session resulting in new rulemaking for our Center; about half of those are complete. There are several additional rulemakings initiated by Center programs.

### **Rule Update Discussion:**

The final draft was discussed and the majority of the members said to proceed. The rule hearing is January 22 at 10:00am in the Portland State Office Building and the public comment period ends January 24. Final rules will be filed end of legislative session, probably end of March.

There will be one more rule making before end of year. Some revisions will be made to sampling requirements.

### **Revolving Fund Update:**

Quarterly Report – Any questions, contact Jeremy McVeety with Infrastructure Finance Authority.

Development of PPL for IUP – The updated document clarifying the rating criteria was e-mailed to the committee before the meeting for review.

Some changes:

- Two documents were made into one.
- Risk to human health section and compliance section were changed to reflect health impact receiving a higher score.
- A bonus score will be applied if a system has Source Water Protection.

The ranking criteria is also out of date so is being updated.

2014 Capitalization Grant Application – States can apply for one-quarter of their grant appropriation now. The FY 14 budget will be finalized within the week. Oregon will receive approximately \$11.7M in SRF money, about \$3M more than last year.

PER – The draft report was just received with two weeks to review.

Standard Operating Procedures – CADMUS requested states to explain their procedure for making cash disbursements to find out why some states are making a low amount of loans.

SRF Webpage – The updates are still being worked on.

Public Notice Process – Process was not defined so policy was written.

Operating Agreement – This is being rewritten. The Memorandum of Understanding will be made into an Interagency Agreement.

Drinking Water Source Protection – This is being made into web-based source.

Marketing Strategy – Waiting to hear from Contracts Department if the State has a current marketing contract.

**Next Meetings:**

April 16, 2014 – Salem Willow Lake Wastewater Plant, Keizer (Program Update, Legislative Update, Oregon Resiliency Plan, Goal of Group over Next Couple of Years)

July 16, 2014 – TBD

October 15, 2014 – TBD