

Drinking Water Advisory Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2014
Keizer

Members Present

Ed Butts, Oregon Association of Water Utilities
Sarah Chaplen, League of Women Voters of Oregon
Jenifer George, Oregon Environmental Health Association
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
Jason Pulley, Large Water Systems
Brian Rigwood, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association

Members Absent

Paul Berg, American Council of Engineering Companies
Annette Pampush, Conference of Local Health Officials
Brian Stahl, League of Oregon Cities

Guests

David Barnett, Infrastructure Finance Authority
Darla Glick, Infrastructure Finance Authority
Chuck Kingston, Joint Water Commission
Rory White, Analytical Laboratory Group

Staff

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

To Do:

- Incorporate RTRC comments from committee into rules: Brad Daniels
- Update Treatment BMP: Subcommittee

Welcome/Agenda Check:

Beth Myers welcomed the group and led introductions.

Committee Chair Election:

Nominations were made to elect Beth Myers as chair. Ed Butts made motion to accept nomination, Jason Pulley seconded. It was voted on and accepted.

Nominations were made to elect Brian Rigwood as vice chair. Jason Pulley made motion to accept nomination, Sarah Chaplen seconded. It was voted on and accepted.

April Meeting Minutes:

Matt Michel made motion to approve the minutes, Sarah Chaplen seconded. They were voted on and approved.

Member Concerns:

Jason Pulley is concerned about how widespread hazardous algae blooms are, and how it affects water systems. Dave Leland said sampling has been done and advisories have been posted.

Program Update:

- Water Systems –
 - Baker City has installed temporary UV light treatment.
 - Portland Water Bureau had E. coli, resulting in a city-wide boil water order.
 - City of Bend has started installing a membrane filter plant.
 - City of Milton-Freewater/Umatilla County is the site of a health hazard abatement proceeding due to E. coli found in private wells north of the city.
- The Center for Health Protection is about two-thirds done in adopting rules resulting from the legislature. The rules affecting Operator Certification and Backflow Program renewals were finalized in May.
- Staffing –
 - Priscilla Lewis is the new deputy director.
 - Center administrator interviews are scheduled for July 21.
- Douglas County has relinquished their public health authority to the state, effective Oct 1. The division is determining the critical public health services and the level of those services that the state will be able to provide beginning Oct 1.
- Marijuana legalization measure is on the ballot in November. The question is how this will affect the Medical Marijuana Program, and the transfer funding to public health programs, including Drinking Water Services, that replaced general funds in 2011.
- The program has primacy from EPA for all current rules.

RTCR Rule Adoption:

These rules affect all water systems. Final rule published February 13, 2013, with an effective date of April 1, 2016. The primacy requirements were introduced, with minimal discussion. The committee is to provide feedback via email or at future meetings. The following discussions occurred:

- Reduced Monitoring is still under consideration. The committee suggested a fiscal impact on Drinking Water Services doing additional site visits for systems in order to allow reduced monitoring. They suggested it is a policy decision, and perhaps the ramifications of each decision could be discussed with water systems at waterworks schools, OAWU conferences, etc. to get input from eligible water systems. Drinking Water Services will determine how many systems would be eligible for reduction, and thus annual site visits.
- Seasonal systems and their start up procedure need to be identified.
- Check on workload impact if 24-hour repeat sampling is extended. The labs would prefer standardized criteria so the expectation is clearer to operators. This needs more discussion/feedback.
- Need feedback on whether to allow one repeat sample to be taken at the source to satisfy the triggered source sample requirement.

Revolving Fund Update:

2014 Capitalization Grant was awarded in June. Work will start on the 2015 application.

National Information Management System (NIMS) annual report is coming up soon.

State Revolving Loan Fund annual report uses NIMS data, which is an important element.

Letter of Interest rating by Drinking Water Services staff will be done quarterly.

Source Water Protection Letters of Interest are being reviewed by Drinking Water Services staff in the Springfield Office.

Operating Agreement between Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state agencies is almost complete.

More Letters of Interest are being submitted than in the past.

There were two Finance Workshops in May that were both well attended. There was a workshop in Pendleton in August.

There is a new EPA requirement stating set-aside money needs to be spent within two years or unspent money goes into the loan fund.

Old Business:

Best Management Practice (BMP) for Treatment – A committee subgroup; Brian Rigwood, Ed Butts, and Jason Pulley, will meet in August to update the BMP.

Next Meeting:

October 15, 2014 – Salem Willow Lake Wastewater Plant, Keizer (Program Update, Budget, RTCR, SRF, DWS Organizational Chart)