

**Drinking Water Advisory Committee**  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 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  
**Teresa Huntsinger**, Environmental Advocacy Groups  
**Ray Johnson**, Plumbers/Backflow Testers  
**Beth Myers**, Oregon Environmental Lab Association  
**Annette Pampush**, Conference of Local Health Officials  
**Brian Rigwood**, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association  
**Brian Stahl**, League of Oregon Cities

Members Absent

**Paul Berg**, American Council of Engineering Companies  
**Celeste Hari**, Privately Owned Water Systems  
**Matt Michel**, Special Districts Association of Oregon  
**Jason Pulley**, Large Water Systems

Guests

**Eloise Eccles**, Portland Water Bureau  
**Jeremy McVeety**, Infrastructure Finance Authority  
**Geoff Ostrove**, Infrastructure Finance Authority  
**Rory White**, Analytical Laboratory Group

Staff

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

**To Do:**

- Inform committee of changes to the proposed rules: Brad Daniels

**Welcome:**

Beth Myers welcomed the group and led introductions.

### **July Meeting Minutes:**

Brian Stahl made motion to approve the minutes, Annette Pampush seconded. They were voted on and approved.

### **Member Concerns:**

Beth Myers talked about the problems when a company putting in fiber optic lines penetrates water lines. She wants to know who regulates the company's. It is regulated through local authorities and the owner of the right-of-way.

### **Program Update:**

- Recruitment –
  - Karen Kelley left her position as Region 2 manager to be water utilities superintendent for Albany Public Works.
  - Casey Lyon is new Region 2 manager.
  - Dave Leland is still interim Administrator for the Center for Health Protection. Lillian Shirley, the PHD Director, hopes to have someone in place by the end of the month.
- Douglas County was planning to relinquish their public health authority to the state effective October 1. They are now negotiating a contract with the local federally-qualified health center to carry out individual public health services and will retain their public health authority until and after that contract is finalized by July 2015. It was learned through this experience that the State needs much more than the currently specified 90 days notice from a county to come up with a plan to take over county work.
- Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) – Dave Leland and Kari Salis are attending the conference the week of October 20. Dave will report back to the committee the highlights from the conference.
- Legislature –
  - The Division is getting ready for the 2015 legislative session.
  - Oregon Health Authority and Department of Environmental Quality were invited to make a presentation before the House Committee on Water & Energy. Dave and Curtis Cude talked about water advisories.
  - Drinking Water Services does not have any legislative concepts for the upcoming session, but legislative concepts presented on behalf of others could affect us.
  - It has been eight years since Drinking Water Services has raised any fees. All drinking water fees are in rules, not statutes, although the subsequent legislature has to approve any fee increases adopted by rule by any agency. Department of Administrative Services and the Oregon Health Authority

suggested that any program fee increases be put in the Agency Requested Budget to obtain legislative approval first, and then raise fees in rule after the session. Drinking Water is proposing to follow this path in the 2015 session.

**RTCR Rule Adoption:**

Brad Daniels made changes suggested from last meeting and reviewed the updates. The rules can be no less stringent than Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rule. Department of Justice and the Oregon Health Authority's rules coordinator will proofread for any errors. The proposed rules will go into effect April 1, 2016, but are due to EPA in early 2015. There will be a public hearing end of October, 2015.

Beth Myers said the part of the rules on lab testing may be incorrect and will check with ORELAP to confirm the method invalidation criteria is correct.

Maintaining residual was not originally adopted into the rule, now it is more stringent than EPA. This will occur when coliforms are found in a distribution system but the cause cannot be identified. The rule would be changed to require water system operators install and operate chlorine disinfection residual maintenance.

Seasonal systems classification was clarified. If there is still pressure but they are not serving people, it is not considered a seasonal system, and the sampling schedule would change.

If EPA has any major revisions, Brad will send a draft to the committee.

**Revolving Fund Update:**

Jeremy McVeety reported that the project list will be put on their website so it will be available for viewing at any time. The format will allow the list to be sorted so specific projects can be looked up.

Jeremy gave an overview of the history of their program. Some of the highlights are:

- Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF) program started in 1997.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was enacted in 2009.
- Green Projects was an ARRA requirement in 2010.

Their goals for the future of the program are to provide more opportunities for disadvantaged communities, provide small system capacity, and create sustainable infrastructures

The program is revolving funds as intended.

FY 2015 Grant Application – Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA), and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) met to discuss grant application timelines. OHA will submit the application in February 2015 and expects to receive between \$10.4 and \$12.6 million.

National Information Management System (NIMS) – There were no findings to the annual report.

State Revolving Loan Fund Annual Report – The report will be submitted by the end of November. The annual review with EPA is scheduled for February.

Green Project Reserve – It is not a federal requirement any longer, so a percentage of money going towards green projects has been put on hold. Green projects may be restructured.

Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) – The annual conference this year is November 10-13 in Portland.

Looking Ahead – Ten Letters of Interest have been received and they are being rated and ranked. Seven are in the process of being submitted.

Needs Survey – Contractors will start doing surveys on 25 systems in February 2015. Of the 25 systems, 25% will be resurveys from ones done previously.

**Next Meeting:**

January 21, 2015 – Location to be determined (Program Update, SRF, and RTCR)

April 15, 2015 – Location to be determined

July 15, 2015 – Location to be determined

October 21, 2015 – Location to be determined