



**Tualatin River Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2021**

Stakeholders Present

Bob Baumgartner	Services Districts (Sewerage) Primary Representative, Clean Water Services
Ashley Short	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Lacey Townsend	Soil and Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Erin Poor	Citizen-at-large
Rahim Harji	Cities Primary Representative, City of Hillsboro

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
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Guests Present

Kellyn Baez	Clean Water Services
Dave Stewart	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Stephanie Beal	Oregon Department of Forestry
Jessica Dorsey	City of Hillsboro/Joint Water Commission

Welcome and Introductions

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:03 pm. Bob shared that this meeting will be recorded via Zoom. Scott and Bob shared the agenda. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

There was one announcement. Kellyn Baez will be leaving Clean Water Services at the end of July for a position with The Wetlands Conservancy, but will still be a stakeholder member of the Council.

Public Comment. No public comment.

Approval of June meeting minutes. The approval of the June meeting minutes was tabled due to no quorum.

PRESENTATION: Update to Council on Water Storage Conditions, Chlorine Shortage, and Raw Water Pump Outages – Bob Baumgartner and Jessica Dorsey

- Jessica went through some slides showing water storage conditions in Barney and Scoggins Reservoirs. This year there was one of the earliest water releases from Barney ever recorded (May

7). Storage is trending low for this time of year. Scoggins is also trending very low. It is about 78% full, which is low for this time of year.

- Jessica discussed the National chlorine shortage. Joint Water Commission uses chlorine gas and has still been able to get this delivered.
- Bob Baumgartner discussed Clean Water Services' water releases to decrease temperatures and improve water quality in the tributaries and Tualatin River. Water quality is tracking similar to 2015, where we saw very poor water quality. This year was the earliest release for water quality purposes of all time.
- Bob asked Council members to let Clean Water Services know what they are seeing on the river (e.g. algae). Tualatin Riverkeepers is setting up an educational booth next to boat rentals to do outreach on water quality on the river. This will be a good way for volunteers to report what they are seeing while recreating on the river.

Update on new Council members – Scott McEwen

Rahim Harji, Assistant Manager for City of Hillsboro, has joined the Council as a Cities Representative. Kellyn Baez will now be a NGO Representative in her new role at The Wetlands Conservancy.

Steering Committee Recommendation on Stakeholder Model – Scott McEwen

Scott discussed the bylaws and organizational policy considerations. The Steering Committee drafted a possible stakeholder approach following feedback at the June Council meeting. It was decided that the Council needs to decide on an operating process first, then decide on a stakeholder approach. A final decision was tabled for now so a bylaws review could happen first.

Donation to Council

There has been a donation request to the Council for a Forest Practices Violation. The landowner with the violation wants to donate the \$2,600 civil penalty to the Council instead of the Oregon Department of Forestry. The donation must be used toward on-the-ground restoration work. Council members present said yes to accepting the donation as long as we can use it for a specific project.

Two Year Revisions to Strategic Plan

Scott went through the Strategic Plan revisions. There was some discussion and minor changes. It could not be approved due to lack of quorum. The Plan will be brought to the next Council meeting for approval.

Draft FY22 Budget

Scott went through each line item in the budget. The budget could not be approved due to lack of quorum. It will be brought to the next Council meeting for approval.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lacey Townsend, Co-Secretary