



**REGIONAL WATER PROVIDERS CONSORTIUM  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Notes of August 8, 2018**

**Attendees:**

In person: Brion Barnett – City of Beaverton; Suzanne DeLorenzo – Clackamas River Water; Andrew Degner and Michael Whiteley – City of Gresham; Sarah Santner and Edward Campbell – City of Portland; Kim Anderson – Sunrise Water Authority; Jeff Fuchs – City of Tualatin; Mark Knudson, Andrea Watson, and Nick Augustus – Tualatin Valley Water District; Mike Grimm – West Slope Water District; Rebecca Geisen, Bonny Cushman, and Patty Burk – Consortium Staff.

Call In: Rich Blackmun – City of Forest Grove; Robin Pederson – City of Gresham; Niki Iverson – City of Hillsboro; Kari Duncan – City of Lake Oswego; and Kerry Aden – Rockwood Water PUD.

**Summer Supply Roundtable Discussion:**

**Clackamas River:**

- CRW – river flow levels are hovering around 2015 levels; no mandatory curtailment at this time; continue to follow WMCP; after September 1, PGE can release additional flow; on-going basic messaging on social media and in newsletters of low river flow, hot and dry, use water wisely, etc.; cautiously optimistic
- Sunrise Water Authority – similar messaging as CRW – hot and dry; anecdotal observation of more brown lawns than past summer seasons in the SWA service area.
- Lake Oswego – similar messaging as CRW and SWA; provided emergency water to West Linn in July due to break in SFWB main service line
- It was mentioned that South Fork Water Board had a break in their main service line; bypassed and stabilized line and hope to wait until September to repair after demands go down; if line does not remain stable, CRW and Oregon City may have to go into curtailment to make water available.
- Providers will be coordinating on summer messaging if needed through the Clackamas River Water Providers group

**Bull Run:**

- Portland – As of August 7, 5.8 billion gallons of usable storage in reservoirs; 60% capacity; in good shape; early summer tracking was well below 2015 levels, now well above; running groundwater at 44 MGD for the foreseeable future; pending regular return of fall rain supply
- Gresham – 10.5 MGD peak day; get 7 MGD from Portland and supplement with groundwater

**Trask/Tualatin Rivers:**

- Hillsboro – Full at beginning of the summer season; 66% full now; tracking above 2015 levels; treatment plant running high but not at extreme peaking levels; taking on additional leasing; demands are a little higher but in good position.
- Beaverton – 71% storage remaining; had 13 MGD peak day; supplementing with ASR wells; doing OK
- TVWD – 51% of share of Barney used; peak day demands consistent with past four years; 42 MGD peak day; leasing 2 MGD additional capacity from JWC
- Forest Grove – Still voluntarily reducing flow from watershed to help fish; getting more water from JWC; do not anticipate shortage

**State Drought Update:**

- No new message updates; still messaging hotter temperatures and lower precipitation
- Seven (7) counties have Governor declared drought conditions; Baker, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, and Wheeler counties.

**Regional Messaging:**

- Was determined updates to messaging was not needed at this time; stay the course.
- Rebecca encouraged CTC to circle back to their Conservation Committee and Communicators Network representatives on summer supply and messaging.

**Additional Items:**

- Bonny advised two more new stories, KATU evening news and morning weekend news, are to be done; based on today's discussions will stay the course with conservation messaging – five tips to conserve, water wise plants, etc. Final news story to be done in late August, could alter story segment to include summer supply messaging if needed.
- Bonny mentioned that the Spanish landing page on the Consortium website is live and features the ten tips for both indoor and outdoor water conservation, three ways to use water wisely and member rebate programs. In September the content of the page will focus on personal preparedness during emergencies, i.e., how to get water out of your water heater, and how to treat and store emergency water.
- Bonny said the Consortium will be working with KGW, channel 8 in September, in concert with National Preparedness month, on a preparedness campaign. Bonny is looking for spokespeople for television interviews. If interested or have staff that would be interested, let her know.