

## Status Report



**Committee:** Oregon Solutions Project Team

**Meeting Date:** April 5, 2016

**Committee Facilitator(s):** Dan Vizzini, Oregon Solutions

**Attendees:** Jules Bailey-Multnomah County, Jonas Biery-BES, Henry Burton-Multnomah County, Kevin Brice-US Army Corps of Engineers, Angela Carkner, Corrina Chase-Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Corky Collier-Columbia Corridor Association, Andy Cotugno-Metro, Tim Couch-Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company, Dean Funke-PGE, Bill Hall-Parametrics, Janet Hillock-Business Oregon, Val Humble-Peninsula Drainage District, Karen Kane-Bridgeton Neighborhood Association, Bobby Lee-Oregon Governor's Office, Christine Lewis-Multnomah County, Sara Morrissey-Levee Ready Columbia, David Peters-Portland Water Bureau, Scott Robinson-Metro, Ken Rust-City of Portland, Phil Ralston-Port of Portland, Colin Rowan-Levee Ready Columbia, Bob Salinger-Audobon Society, Christine Shirley-State of Oregon, Joel Scheoning-Levee Ready Columbia, Amy Beth Stevens-Speaker Kotek's Office Vic Stibolt-Jubitz Corporation, Craig Ward-City of Troutdale, Tim Warren-Multnomah County Drainage District, Mark Wigginton-Peninsula Drainage District.

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### Agenda

- Federal Updates
- Information Presentation – Columbia River Treaty and Collaborative Working Group
- Levee Ready Columbia (LRC) Work Plan – Funding Updates, Project Overview and Timeline
- Project Subcommittee Reports
  - Technical Advisory
  - Communications
  - Procurement

### Issues Raised

- LRC representatives will be in Washington DC, April 13-15, to strengthen communications and deepen relationships with federal partners, regulators and funders. The delegation includes Sara and Reed Wagner (MCDD/LRC), Phil Ralston (Port), and Corky Collier (Columbia Corridor Association). A copy of the "leave-behind" document will be distributed to LRC participants. The 'federal ask' is to be selected as a General Investigation New Start feasibility study in the US Army Corps of Engineers' FY17 Workplan.
- Current flood storage and management provisions of the Columbia River Treaty expire in 2024. A coalition of Native American sovereign nations and river stakeholders have been working together to advocate for a modernization of the Treaty, starting with an open, transparent and comprehensive flood risk management review that engages all interested parties. The presentation at the meeting was informational and the beginning of building an understanding about the long-term factors tied to The Treaty that could be considered by LRC in the future.

- LRC has completed loan agreements with Multnomah County and the Infrastructure Financing Authority. Due to a delay in the final signing of the agreements, and the result of a request for a supplemental agreement between the Districts and the County, LRC will carryover work from the current fiscal year into FY 2016-2017. The Drainage Districts will accommodate any financing requirements with existing resources and contingencies, and begin planning for the next round of project financing in FY 2017-2018.
- LRC staff described the status and timing of work plan elements leading to re-accreditation of the levees. LRC will need to maintain very close communications with FEMA about the project's pace and progress. LRC was encouraged by a recent invitation from FEMA Region X to participate in the agency's Cooperating Technical Partners Program, and the prospect of grant funding for the mapping of private assets within the LRC project area.
- LRC staff members presented progress reports from the Technical Advisory, Communications and Procurement subcommittees. Recent meeting status reports are available at the LRC website: [leveereadycolumbia.org](http://leveereadycolumbia.org)

#### **Next Steps**

- LRC will conduct a public meeting to review the findings of the Pen 2 Encroachment Study on April 27, 2016. Time and location to be determined.
- The next Oregon Solutions Project Team meeting is set for June 9, 2016 1:30-3:30 p.m., location to be determined.