

# McKenzie Rebuilds Meeting Summary

Nov 18, 2021 1:00 p.m.- 2:30p.m. (held via Zoom)

<u>Participating Team Members</u>: Mary Camarata, Lane Tompkins, Devin Thompson, Matt McRae, Merrick Firestone, Cliff Richardson, Jae Pudewell, Patrick Wingard, Jacob Fox, Karl Morgenstern, Jared Pruch, Val Rapp, Alice Bonasio, Melanie Stanley, Joe Moll,

Guests: Dulcy Pierce, Lisa Mattes, Lynn Burditt, Priti Shah, Kevin Moore, Courtney Flathers

<u>Co-Conveners:</u> Lane County Commissioner. Heather Buch, Mandy Jones Oregon Solutions Staff Team: Karmen Fore, Margaret Van Vliet, Kristen Wright, Mika Sakai

#### **Welcome/Opening Comments**

Comm. Heather Buch opened the meeting by reflecting on the good progress at the prior meeting, underscoring the complexity of all the aspects of recovery, and calling out helpful it was to see the various ways in which land use, housing, and water/wastewater systems are interconnected. Co-convener, Mandy Jones also expressed appreciation for the good work that surfaced so many different aspects that are needed for the long-term. She also thanked members for bringing forward more good energy about inclusion and representation.

Wright reviewed the agenda and logistics including the public comment protocol.

### **Organizing for Communications and Engagement**

Van Vliet reminded participants about the takeaways from last meeting's discussion of representation, and referred people to the graphic representation contained in the meeting summary. She proposed that a subcommittee could be a good next step to work on moving some of the ideas forward, and to create a proposal to bring back to the team.

Merrick Firestone, Val Rapp, Patrick Wingard, Lane Thompson, Karl Morgenstern and Matt McRae (volunteering a comm's professional from the County) all agreed to serve or have others from their organizations serve. Others may volunteer or be invited at a later time. OS staff will follow-up to get something scheduled. Wendy Willis of Oregon's Kitchen Table will also be supporting work in this area.

#### **Mapping Exercise - Infrastructure**



Wright reminded team members about the work of the last meeting with the miro sheet, mentioning the overlap with infrastructure's water and wastewater needs, and pointing out that those items were carried forward to the infrastructure theme pages. She facilitated a group discussion, asking people to reflect on what is being done, what is needed, and what will not happen without a collaborative approach. The major themes and comments from team members are captured in the table, below. The visual created in the miro program is also attached at the end of the meeting summary notes.

THEME	What's Being Done?	What's Needed?	What Do We Need to Know?	Other Insights
General Infrastructure	Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Funds can be used for infrastructure	*Coordinated Communication *Presentation to OS team from the 3 groups working on communications	How many efforts are there and how do they relate?	
Emergency Communications Infrastructure and Plan	*A plan with costs and connections exists *Onward Eugene completed tower build *FEMA planning grant for early warning system tech (fire alerts) *UO Alert System Development	*Funding *Jurisdictional coordination *Cell providers *Broadband connection to Bend		
Broadband for All	*State \$157M *Federal \$100M *Regional coordination and communication *USDA Reconnect funds	*Funding for fiber line in BR to school *Staffing to support the statewide effort	How will people compete for these funds and what is the funding infrastructure	
Reliable Cell Service	Hilltops can accommodate towers	Cell provider engagement		
Disaster Resilience Centers	Multiple towns are planning centers	Could use some mobile facilities		
Blue River Water & Sanitation District	*District Board *Legislative funding for water district *Statewide dollars prioritized for low-income	*Accessibility of funding *Feasibility study results to help inform decision about what's needed	*What are community preferences (gravity fed?) *Funding and Rate or	



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	households *Funding for new position to monitor construction *EPA TA gran for wastewater solutions could inform *RFP for feasibility study under development		other fee system *Is modular system and option until a community system is developed? *How many households and businesses need the system; estimates of flows.	
Individual Septic Systems	*Short-term funding *State funding for septic	*Are there intermediate solutions - things that build from short- to long-term? *ID essential businesses *Pending multi-unit housing developments will need coordinated infrastructure planning, funding, and construction (Lazy Days)		Feasibility study will inform both s-t and I-t potential
Parks & Boat Ramps	*Major overhaul at Finn Rock winter of '22 *MRT and ODOT have some plans for these *NPS funding	*Consider fee increases? *Coordinated planning on boat ramps/parks rebuilding *Land use review and opportunities		
Roads/Landslide Risk Mitigation	DOGAMI has USGS \$ for mapping, analysis of high risk areas	*Roads exist in an area never built to meet today's usage *Clarity of roles, County vs State *Increase county public works budget *REstocking trailers with water and supplies when landslides cut off areas		

At the conclusion of the discussion Wright noted that the next theme areas are watershed restoration and economy. She reminded participants that once we've done this exercise for all the theme areas that we will move to prioritizing, organizing into subcommittees, and starting the shared learning



Wright also noted that we will open the virtual meeting room on the 2nd at 12:45 so that people can join and start getting to know some of their colleagues a bit before the meeting starts.

#### **Public Comments and Next Steps**

Lynn Burditt and Priti Shah made comments: EPA technical assistant/consultant is available to provide support. Blue River Community Park's boat ramp project is progressing with help from National Park Services and other partners.

## Wrap Up/ Next Steps

Jones, thanked all participants for coming to the meeting, and closed it. She noted that the next meeting would be 12/2 (1:00 - 2:30 pm). Possibly an in-person meeting will be coordinated early next year.

The themes: Watershed restoration & Economic recovery, will be discussed for next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Screen shot of Infrastructure miro board on following page



