



McKenzie Rebuilds
Community Input Workgroup
Draft Working Agreements

Purpose of the Workgroup:

The Community Input Workgroup is established as a forum for community and County partners to work together to develop *a framework that allows McKenzie Valley communities to provide meaningful input to public decision-makers regarding upcoming fire recovery decisions.*

Desired Outcomes:

A framework and implementation plan for community engagement on McKenzie recovery.

Membership

Members of the workgroup have been identified as community representatives from the three fire-affected geographic areas: upper valley, mid valley, and lower valley, as well as key recovery partners at Lane County. All workgroup meetings are open to the public. Members of the workgroup may be adapted as needed to ensure key parties are present

Upper Valley

Cliff Richardson
Melanie Stanley
Chris LaVoie

Lower Valley

Jeff Dehne
Dana Burwell

Oregon Solutions

Co-conveners:
Commissioner Heather
Buch
Mandy Jones

Mid Valley

Mary Ellen Wheeler
Gerry Aster

County

Matt McRae
Robert Woodard

Roles

- Oregon Solutions (OS): Facilitation of the workgroup will be provided by team members from OS staff. The facilitator will work to ensure the process is organized and will develop and facilitate agendas for meetings.
- Co-conveners: Mandy Jones and Heather Buch, co-conveners of the McKenzie Rebuilds process will engage as conveners of the workgroup. The co-conveners are responsible for helping to ensure a collaborative and fair process.



- Workgroup members: Participate in all meetings and complete between meeting work necessary for building agreement and developing an implementation plan.

Feedback on the overall process or on particular meetings to allow for continual improvements is welcomed. Feedback can be provided to either Oregon Solutions staff or to co-conveners.

Decision Making

The workgroup strives to make group decisions using consensus. For the purpose of this group, consensus is defined as a decision that everyone can live with. Group members who indicate dissatisfaction or objection to proposals in consensus polling agree to provide information to the group about the points of their concern and to work to provide a resolution of alternatives that will address their concerns. If the group cannot reach consensus, the group will generate a “minority” report which will articulate the majority proposed agreement and the minority’s points of disagreement in order to inform decision-makers.

Public Input at Workgroup Meetings

Workgroup meetings are open to the public. Broader community input is valued as part of the dialogue that is critical to the workgroup achieving its goals. At each workgroup meeting, time will be reserved for public comment.

Process Commitments and Guidelines

- **Transparency:** We will err on the side of transparency with each other.
- **Keep it Real:** We will be as transparent and candid as possible with each other while maintaining respectful communication.
- **Confidentiality:** We realize that sometimes we may be working with information that is not yet developed enough to be shared out more publicly. To aid in our problem solving efforts, we agree to not share out any sensitive information outside of the group and to notify the group when sharing sensitive information.
- **Communication Connectors:** We will take responsibility for being communication connectors between the various recovery groups working in the McKenzie.
- **Verify Information:** We will approach each other first to verify information heard and before passing on information to others.
- **Outside forums:** We will approach each other first before addressing things related to our work together in outside forums.