



## **McKenzie Rebuilds**

*Thursday, December 16th, 1-2:30 pm*  
*Virtual by Zoom*

**McKenzie Rebuilds Project Purpose:** *To help communities of the McKenzie River Valley that suffered devastating impacts from the Holiday Farm Fire to bring back residents, students, and businesses as quickly as possible while meeting community priorities for restoring an environmentally sound, equitable, and climate-smart built environment.*

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**Meeting Objectives.** *By the end of the meeting we will:*

- *Have begun to identify and build agreement on a scope of work.*
- *Have begun to identify and build agreement on a list of priorities, assessed by impact and effort.*

### **Summary**

#### **Welcome, Agenda Overview**

The co-conveners opened the meeting, expressing continued appreciation for the work of the project team. Van Vliet reviewed the agenda, underscored the goal for the meeting, and reminded participants about logistics for the zoom meetings.

#### **Prioritization Exercise**

Wright provided an overview of thematic work done thus far by the team, sharing the mapping results for housing, infrastructure, watershed restoration, and economy. She pointed out areas of overlap and invited team members to reflect or comment on these work products.

Wright proceeded, reminding everyone of the common goals for recovery that the group wants to achieve. She then turned to the prioritization matrix we will use to prioritize projects, gauging impact and effort to place the projects on the quadrant in relationship to one another. Wright pointed out how projects that land in the upper left quadrant might be considered quick wins; those in the upper right would be major projects that need careful consideration before prioritization. Those in the lower left might be thought of as fill-ins - solutions that may be taken on as time is available given the low effort required, while recognizing the limited impact and potential to detract from other work. Any projects that land in the lower right would be more like "hard slogs," solutions that are less worth the investment of time/resources given the relatively low impact.

The team discussed the exercise, with some members pointing out that some of the projects will be dependent on resources outside the control of the team, and that other dependencies related to sequencing. One member asked about how for this purpose we might distinguish between collaborators and stakeholders. Acknowledging these realities, Wright pointed out that the prioritization process will need to be iterative. For example, there will likely be projects or ideas that come from the community needs assessment that could alter our understanding and sense of prioritization. The hope is to start to get a sense of the team's overall priorities even without perfect information, recognizing more work and study will be required. Wright also stressed the collaborative nature of the overall process, reminding members that the team's strength is in moving things forward



that need collaboration. We can defer work that can be done by the County or other specific organizations and groups. It was noted by a team member that the purpose is to fill in gaps.

Starting with the infrastructure theme, Wright facilitated a conversation about where on the matrix projects should be placed, given their potential impact and required level of effort. The discussion resulted in placement (at least tentative) of the following projects:

Wastewater systems for individuals

Wastewater systems for communities

Blue River Water and Sanitation District

Reliable cell service

Emergency communications

~Both of the latter with a tie to the desire for broadband service for all who live and work in the valley

All of these were judged to have very high impact, and varying levels of effort.

Discussion led to a suggestion that two projects might be better addressed by others: disaster resilience enters and roads/landslide risk mitigation.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments

### **Next Steps**

Two meetings in Jan 2022 will be scheduled, possibly including one in-person, depending on covid protocols.

### **Adjourn**

The conveners closed the meeting expressing appreciation to the team.