



Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 8, 2018

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

John Goodhouse, WRWC Board Chair, Councilor – City of Tigard
Richard Burke, Board President, Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD)
Tim Rosener, Councilor – City of Sherwood
Frank Bubenik, Councilor – City of Tualatin

WRWC Member Staff present:

John Goodrich – City of Tigard
Mark Knudson – TVWD
Clark Balfour – TVWD
Jim Meierotto – TVWD
Katherine Lipari DeSau – TVWD
Jeff Fuchs – City of Tualatin
Richard Sattler – City of Sherwood

Call to Order

Chair John Goodhouse called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2018 Board Meeting

Motion by Burke, seconded by Rosener to approve the February 13, 2018 Willamette River Water Coalition (WRWC) Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Willamette Basin Review Feasibility Study Update

Meierotto reviewed the Willamette Basin Review Feasibility Study's history, scope and resulting water allocation. He also explained municipal and industrial's allocation concerns, the proposed reallocation alternative and the resulting budget for advocacy, federal consulting services and technical support services. (See attached presentation.) The goal is for municipal/industrial to obtain an additional water allocation from joint usage storage. Therefore, WRWC's share for federal lobbying efforts will be \$48,853, to be incurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Appropriation for these efforts was previously included in WRWC's FY2019 budget.

In response to questions pertaining to fish and wildlife impacts, Balfour stated that water is released in accordance with required flows. Temperature control remains an ongoing study. He explained that the lobbying efforts will help all parties obtain the needed natural resources. Knudson added that he will obtain talking points for water providers about this matter.

It was moved by Rosener, seconded by Burke to authorize the WRWC to pursue federal and local consulting/lobbying services for Willamette Basin reallocation. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Unaudited Financial Report for the Third Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Knudson conveyed that WRWC expenditures remain under budget for the third quarter financial report of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Knudson anticipates that expenditures will finish the year under budget.

4. Restatement of WRWC Intergovernmental Agreement

Knudson stated that since the Willamette Governance's Group work is now complete (culminating in the Willamette Intake Facilities Commission), the WRWC needs to focus on restating its Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to reflect the current mission.

Balfour stated that the Staff Report contains information about the WRWC's history and evolution. The WRWC continues to maintain and manage water rights to the Willamette River, but transmitting and treating the water system is no longer within the WRWC's scope. Balfour then proposed a draft IGA Restatement Schedule of which there was general consensus.

In response to a question, Knudson stated that each member will need to individually complete a Water Management Conservation Plan (WMCP) as opposed to conducting a joint/WRWC WMCP effort. Balfour also confirmed that WRWC IGA restatement expenses have been included in the WRWC budget.

5. Member Updates/Announcements

There were no member updates or announcements.

6. Public Comment

No public was present at today's meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Burke, second by Rosener to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Willamette Basin Review Feasibility Study

Jim Meierotto

Outreach and Engagement Coordinator



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Background

- 13 reservoirs
(1.64 M acre-feet legally stored)
 - Congressional authorization -1938/1950 for numerous purposes, including:
 - Irrigation, flood control, navigation, hydropower, pollution abatement, municipal water supply
- 5 percent is contracted to irrigation
- Stored water released for fish & wildlife benefits



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Willamette Basin Project: Water Rights

- 1954/1968 – USBOR filed water right applications
- 1996 – Storage certificates issued to USBOR
- Water Rights: stored water for irrigation only
- Reallocation will require transfer of water right
- Fish flows require water right authorization to meet Endangered Species Act conditions

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Estimating Demands for Stored Water

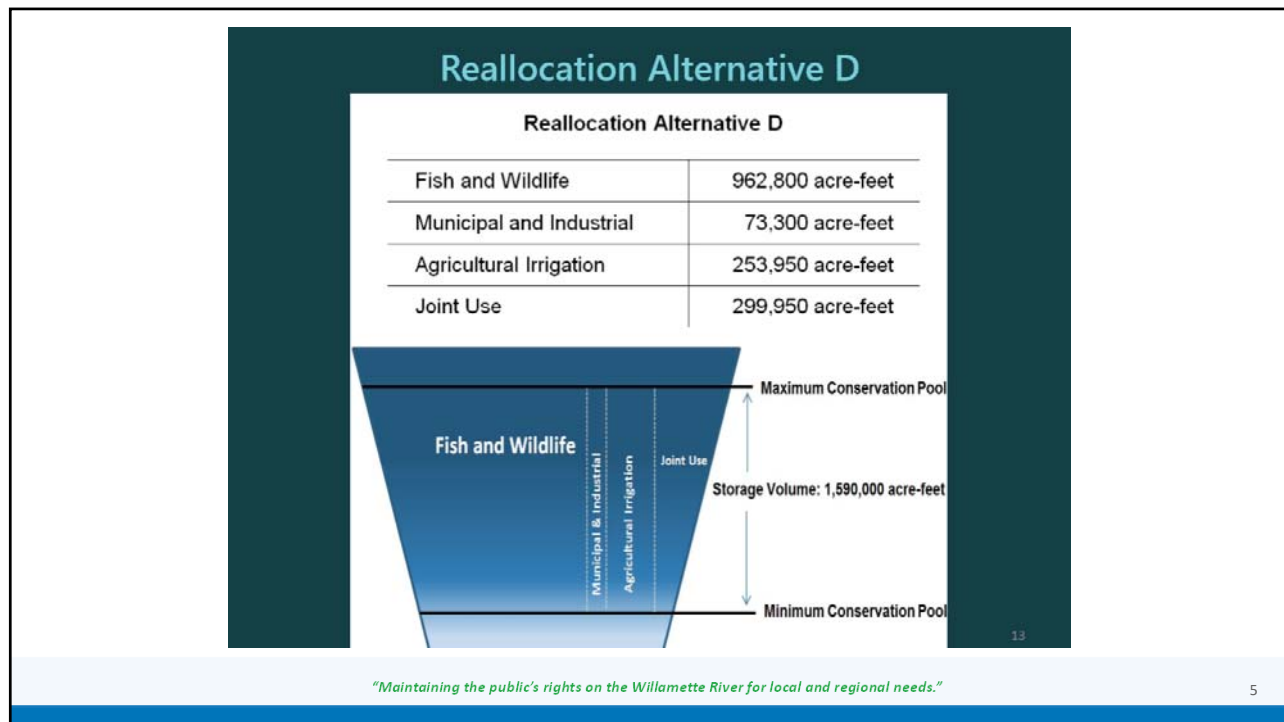
Peak Season Demands for 2070

Allocation Use Category	Peak Demands (acre-feet)	Portion of Total (percent)
Fish & Wildlife	1,590,000	76.5
Municipal & Industrial	159,750	7.7
Agricultural Irrigation	327,650	15.8
Total	2,077,400	100.0

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Federal Legislation Support

Contract amendment between AWWA PNWS and Signal Group

- Monitor and track at the federal level:
 - Continue conversations with congressional offices of the municipal needs for stored water
 - Change or implement federal legislation (working closely with Senator Merkley and Representative DeFazio) to allocate more water from the joint use pool to municipal and industry users
 - Enhance the reliability and protection of existing M&I water rights
 - Track curtailment formulas and implementation proposals
 - Lower the cost per acre foot of water (proposed at \$2,500 per acre foot – repayment available over 30 year term)

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Local Technical Support

Contract amendment between OWUC and GSI

- Track the reallocation efforts and other rulemaking or legislative processes regarding reallocation including Biological Opinions and that existing water rights are not impaired
- On-going meetings with The Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Water Resources Department

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Next Steps

- Total proposed budget for technical support and federal advocacy is \$160,000
 - Costs allocated to all OWUC Subcommittee members based on capacity of existing water rights
 - WRWC's share is \$48,853
- Recommend authorization to pay the WRWC share out of the fiscal year 2019 budget

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