Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership
Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2022, 10:00am – 10:40am

**Coordinating Committee Meeting Attendance:**

**Steve Parrett** - Oregon Water Resources Department

**Alexandria Scott** - MCWPP Local Planning Coordinator

**Welcome & Review of Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda. After giving the members of the Committee until 10:10am to join the meeting Alexandria went ahead and started.

**State Review Update**

Alexandria checked in with Steve on the status of the state Plan Review Team feedback because she hasn’t received it yet and we are past the 65-day mark. Steve said he hopes the Department will be able to send the response from the Plan Review Team by the end of next week (3/18/22).

**State Recognition Timeline Shift**

Because we will not be receiving the state feedback until March 18th, there is no way that we would have enough time to come up with solutions to the required improvements and have the Charter Signatories review/approve them before a partnership meeting the week of March 28th, which was the original target date in the first timeline for state recognition. What does this mean for our timeline? Until the review feedback is in hand, it is difficult to determine how long a proposal will take to create but the goal would be to have the proposal to the Charter Signatories by mid-April. If they receive it in mid to late-April, they will need 3-weeks to review it so the partnership meeting would need to take place in mid-May. The deadline to submit the final version of the plan to the Commission is May 16th to present at the June 16th-17th Commission meeting.

**Grant Scouting Update**

Alexandria has contacted a few of our previous funders about putting in grant applications to extend the planning coordinator role beyond May 31st. She is putting in a $20,000 grant application with the Oregon Community Foundation this month. This funding typically is not awarded until the fall, but last year the partnership was able to receive the funds in mid-August because the funding need was so urgent. Receiving the funding in mid-August still leaves 2-months of a funding gap until that funding comes in (assuming we get awarded the grant) which would not be feasible. If the ARPA funding does not come OWRD or no additional funding sources can be found that would come in before the end of May, Alexandria will need to seek other employment opportunities.

**Partner Updates**

* No one emailed any updates to Alexandria to share with the group.
* Steve shared at the meeting that the Department is still waiting to hear back on their proposal for the ARPA funding. As soon as they hear back, they will let all the planning groups know.