

Attached is the summary of the November 20th planning meeting in Redmond. We would appreciate any comments or corrections that you might have, either in advance of or at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the planning group will be held in the same conference room at the Redmond Public Library on January 23, 2007. The meeting is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Given the amount of ground to be covered, we propose that we work through lunch. OCP will distribute a lunch menu from a local caterer in advance of the meeting for those who want to order in. Feel free to bring your own lunch. OCP will provide beverages.

We will distribute a proposed agenda for the January 23rd meeting in early January, well in advance of the meeting date.

While it was apparent at the November 20th meeting that many stakeholders are eager to get at the substance of the many issues facing the group, a number of questions have been raised subsequent to the meeting about how the group is organized, who is participating, and to what end. We are convinced that the focus of the next meeting needs to be primarily on these organizational matters, and that we need to spend some time designing the approach to getting everyone to a common base of information from which the group can work.

Thus, we have suggested that the DWA not try to distribute or present the specific information listed in the meeting summary at this meeting, but that we begin formulating a work plan of how to accomplish this education. In the meantime, those who want to get started on reviewing the studies and the reports prepared by the DWA and presented at the Water Summit, may find all the reports but one under Water Summit on the DRC's website at www.deschutesrc.org. Click on the "Water Summit" link to access the documents. (The one document that proved too large to post will be sent to you by the DRC upon request.

In preparation for the larger organizing questions we will address, we recommend that stakeholders take a look at models from the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum (<http://www.waterforum.org/CSCGWF/CSCGWF.HTM>). The overall process and structure used in that complex matter could well be adapted to collaborative work on Deschutes River matters. Look specifically at the Mission and Goals and the Ground Rules. You might also look at the original Water Forum Agreement concluded in January 2000, which can be found at www.waterforum.org. It would be helpful to know if the kinds of agreements reached in the American River Basin are similar in kind to those desired in the Deschutes River Basin.

In addition to a proposed agenda, we will distribute some draft organizational documents based on the Sacramento Groundwater Forum model, on the Assessment and Convening Report and on the discussions you have had to date. These will likely include a set of Operating Principles intended to govern how the collaborative group will function over

time. We will also distribute a suggested work plan for moving forward. We hope that these drafts will serve to focus the discussion on January 23rd.

OCP intends to distribute notice of the January 23rd meeting to a broad group of stakeholders. We know that some stakeholders were not able to attend the November 20th meeting but want to be involved going forward. However, as part of the discussions on Operating Principles at the January 23rd meeting we will address stakeholder participation and how to structure appropriate representation so that all the interests necessary will be part of the process and any agreements reached, while also having a consistent group of representatives to move things forward. We may also suggest the creation of an appropriately representative “steering committee,” so that a group of manageable size is available to help guide the process as it moves forward.

We look forward to seeing you on January 23. Please respond to let us know if you plan to attend, so we can plan on the right numbers. If you were part of the original Planning Committee, it will be important to know if you cannot attend, or are sending someone else in your place. Feel free to contact either of us with any questions or suggestions.

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