

Yamhill Regional Water Authority (YRWA)  
Commission Meeting  
April 17, 2018 at 9:00 am  
McMinnville Water & Light, 855 NE Marsh Lane, McMinnville, Oregon

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

John Dietz called the meeting to order at 9:26 am.

**Roll Call**

YRWA Commissioners/Alternate Representatives Present:

John Dietz, YRWA General Manager and McMinnville Water & Light General Manager  
Chad Olsen, City Manager, City of Carlton  
Doug Cook, City Councilor, City of Lafayette

Others Present:

Preston Polasek, City Administrator, City of Lafayette  
Trena McManus, Community Relations Coordinator, McMinnville Water & Light  
Marcie Humlie, Human Resources Generalist, McMinnville Water & Light  
Jessica Hanscom, GIS Analyst, McMinnville Water and Light  
Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioner  
Niki Iversen, Hillsboro Water Resources Manager  
Adam Sussman, GSI Water Solutions

**Approval of Minutes**

Doug Cook made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting. Chad Olsen seconded the motion and the minutes were **accepted** as presented.

**Presentation from GSI and Hillsboro Water Resources Manager re: Willamette Stored Water**

Niki Iverson, Hillsboro Water Resources Manager and Adam Sussman, GSI Water Solutions gave a presentation on the Willamette Basin Project and Stored Water on the Willamette River. In November 2017, the US Army Corp of Engineers released its Tentatively Select Plan (TSP), which proposes an allocation of only 73,300 acre feet (af) of storage space in the Willamette Valley Project for municipal and industrial use. The allocation of 73,300 af is about half of the needed storage space, is inconsistent with the need for long-term water supply planning horizons, compromises municipalities' ability to secure reliable redundant water supplies, and is not sufficient to meet the future long-term needs of the water providers in the Willamette Basin.

The Oregon Water Utility Council (OWUC) is actively working on behalf of its members in the Willamette Basin seeking reallocation of the storage space on the Willamette River. In support of this effort, the OWUC is requesting a contribution of \$10,685 from YRWA. This amount is based on the permitted cubic feet per second (cfs) along the Willamette River. The consensus of the

YRWA members was to contribute \$10,685 to the Willamette Basin Project and each City will pay their percentage of the contribution based on the Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Draft Water Contract Negotiations**

John Dietz said that legal counsel Clark Balfour is drafting a water supply contract for Lafayette’s consideration. Chad Olsen said that Carlton is currently reviewing their agreement and will submit comments back to MW&L in the next couple of weeks.

John Dietz reported that Carollo Engineering has completed the site evaluation of the intake site on Mallard Lane and the preliminary results are positive.

John Dietz noted that he has started negotiations with the City of McMinnville for the possible purchase of 16 acres near the airport for a future potential site for a water treatment plant.

**River Data**

The river data for the period of February 1, 2018-April 16, 2018 was distributed, and there were no flows below the fish flow target levels. Marci Humlie noted that there were 0 days below fish flow targets in 2017, and 31 days below fish flow targets in 2016.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

Prepared by:

YAMHILL REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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Trena McManus

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City of Carlton

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