



Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Post- Meeting Summary

Planning Process



Plan Sections: Introduction and Priority Issues

The Steering Committee reviewed two plan sections: Introduction and Priority Issues. Additional revisions were requested as summarized below:

- Introduction: Add language about groundwater supply to the planning region descriptions
- Priority Issues: Add emerging issue about wind development and its impact to conservation action on the landscape

The Steering Committee recommended both sections (with revisions) to be distributed to both the Advisory Committee and Policy Committee for review and approval.

Prioritizing Resources / Subwatersheds

The Steering Committee revisited the Stream / Buffer and the Drainage map. Several revisions were recommended for the Stream/ Buffer map, including:

- Retitling “buffer” to “enhanced buffer”
- Adding some reaches in the E. Fork subwatershed
- Adding the Heron Lake Outlet
- Adding reaches not already included on Page 470 of the Stressor ID report

Following these changes, the maps and all other previously approved resource maps were recommended for distribution to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

Measurable Goals

The Steering Committee used an excel spreadsheet to begin the process of developing measurable goals for each issue (or group of issues). Leads were assigned to remaining goals as homework items.

Implementation

Three funding levels were approved by the Steering Committee meeting for use in the plan:

- Level 1: Current Funding
- Level 2: Current + WBIF
- Level 3: Partner and Others

The Steering Committee reviewed existing funding being spent on natural resource management in the watershed and discussed how to distribute watershed-based implementation funding (WBIF) in future years. Initial feedback is summarized in the table below and will be revisited in future meetings.



Current Plan Funding	Current funding %	Level 2 Funding
Projects & Practices	51%	70%
Data Collection & Monitoring	5%	5%
Education & Outreach	13%	10%
Regulatory	17%	0%
Capital Projects	0%	5%
Operations & Maintenance	13%	0%
<i>Administration</i>	-	10%

Next Meeting and Regular Planning Meetings

The next meeting is on Thursday, December 16th. Policy, Advisory, Steering, and Ditch Inspectors will be invited to attend (remote or in person). The meeting will begin at 9:00 with a discussion specific to Ditch Inspectors. Then, the Advisory Committee will meet at 9:30, followed by a Policy Committee meeting at 11:00. Other regular meetings are summarized below.

- Steering Committee: Monthly; Second Wednesday, 9AM
- Advisory Committee: Quarterly; Third Thursday, 9AM
- Policy Committee: Every other month, or as needed; Third Thursday, 9AM (or immediately following Advisory meeting)