Steering Committee Meeting #2

Morrow and Umatilla County Drinking Water Investigation

June 6, 2024





Topics

- Communications and Data Management Workshops
- Stage 1: Status and Progress
- Issues for Steering Committee Direction
- Open discussion

Highlights of Communications Workshop May 22, 2024

- Input on communications objectives
- Input on communications needs/approach
- Key Decisions

Communications: Input on Objectives

- Raise urgency and participation in well sampling.
- Establish trust and transparency.
- Strike a balance between developing messages unique to this project and complementing other outreach efforts.
- Effective collaboration and role clarification among the various agencies.
- Clear and accurate communication about the issue, resources, and costs.

Communications: Input on Approach

- Create "master talking points"
 - Message logistics/costs of extending access to the public water system.
 - Message projects goals/activities relative to other ongoing efforts.
 - Full-cycle communications (testing needs and drinking water options)
- Map showing nitrate contamination and impacted areas.
- Create new materials with project-specific (drinking water) objectives and have control of materials
- Leverage impacted stakeholders ("influencers") to be primary messengers.

Communications: Key Decisions

- Website Host: Morrow County (project information placement to be adjusted).
- Project Materials: Use a combination of new and existing materials.
- Public Event Presence: Explore options beyond tabling events; focus on school-based events.
- Project Name: "The EPA Grant Project" can be used when discussed in public. A formal rebranding is not currently scoped, but the Steering Committee could revisit this later.

Highlights of Data Management Workshop May 23, 2024

- Agency data overview
- Data management needs
- Key Decisions

Data Management: Agency Data Overview

- OHA: data agreement, voucher data, RET (physical files)
- DEQ: publicly available, LUBGWMA data, compliance data
- OWRD: publicly available, well logs, GWIS
- ODA: facility monitoring reports (CAFO), GIS mapping
- OSU: (with ODA) conceptual model
- DEQ Water Data Portal
- EPA LUBGWMA Data Integration

Data management: Needs and Approach

- Field verification of well location
- Rank data based on data quality
- Long-term considerations and local agency (counties or other local organization) for "data manager"

Data Management: Key Decisions

- Data Management Agency: Umatilla and Morrow County?
- DEQ Water Data Portal and EPA Data Integration: track and coordinate only
- GSI developing a "project" internal database for analysis and production work

Stage 1 Status and Progress

- Communications Workplan (end of June)
- Data Management Workplan (end of June)
- GSI database set up (end of June)
- PWS assessments/surveys (mid-July)
- Data review and "conceptual model" (late-July)
- Preliminary data gap review and QAPP (late July)

Issues to Highlight/Get Direction

- West Glen "pilot" water system connection (SEP funding)
 - Communications coordination
- EPA data integration coordination
- EPA QAPP review and schedule implications
- Others?

Discussion

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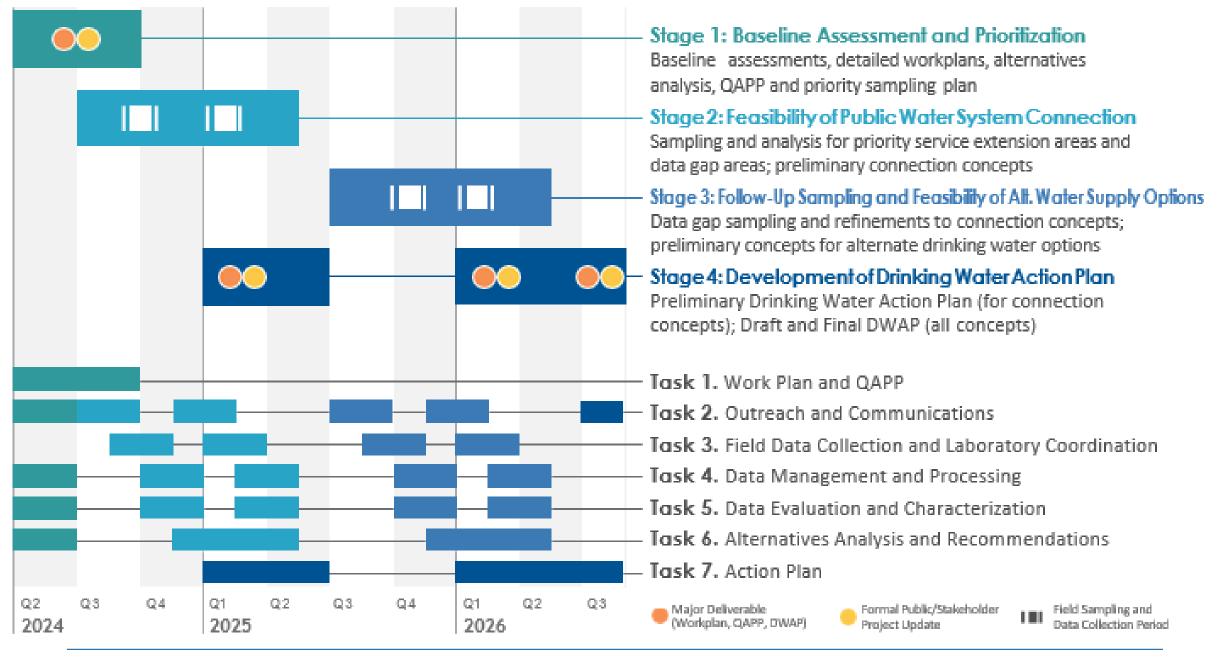
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Thank you!



Stage 1 Tasks Assumed notice to proceed April 1, 2024 for Stage 1 • - Meeting/Workshop • - Formal deliverable (report/document)	Apr 1 2024	Apr 15	Apr 29	May 13	May 27	Jun 10	Jun 24	Jul 8	Jul 22	Aug 5	Aug. 19	Sep 2	Sep 16	Sep 30
Task 1.1 Project Management														
1.1 – Project management and coordination; Project Mgmt.Plan														
1.2 - Bi-weekly updates		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.3 – Monthly invoice and progress report				•		•		•		•		•		
Task 1.2 Data Management Framework														
2.1 – Data Review Workshop	:		•											
2.2 - Follow-up Meetings and Data Transfer					•		•							
2.3 - Data Management Project Plan										•				
Task 1.3 Communications Framework														
3.1 – Communications Workshop with Steering Committee			•											
3.2 – Communications Workplan					\									
3.3 – Communications Materials; Participation in Outreach Events						•				•			•	
3.4 - Project Website and Public Comments Database							•				•			•
3.5 - Communications Training														

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Task 1.4 Data Review and Preliminary Characterization													·	
4.1 - Characterization References, Studies, and Data														
4.2 - Well Construction Data				•										
4.3 - Characterization and Assessment for Conceptual Model														
4.4 - Preliminary DWI Project Characterization Tech Memo												\		
Task 1.5 Drinking Water Alternatives		-												
5.1 – Public Water Systems Data and Interviews						•		•						
5.2 - Options and Assessment for PWS Connection														
5.3 – Drinking Water Alternatives Workshop										•				
5.4 - Preliminary Drinking Water Alternatives Tech Memo												\		
Task 1.6 Quality Assurance Project Plan														
6.1 – QAPP Outline														
6.2 – QAPP Agency Meetings						•		•						
6.3 – Draft QAPP (Stage 1); and 1-month agency review									*					
6.4 – Laboratory and Field Team Coordination														
6.5 - Final QAPP (Stage 1)														♦