Meeting Summary:
The group primarily discussed resource constraints and applying for a BOR WaterSmart grant to fund a project manager to oversee the various elements needed to bring a pilot water banking plan to fruition, so it can implemented on the ground. The BOR grant would be a collaborative effort with the application jointly submitted by the large number of stakeholders participating in the water banking discussions.

The application deadline for this year’s BOR WaterSmart grant is **July 17, 2018**. Elizabeth Kitchens volunteered Nature Conservancy staff time to draft the grant application once the group coalesced around the key grant outcomes and components. The group agreed to distribute a bullet point outline of grant concepts and goals to discuss at the next meeting. (Attached).

Assignments for Next Meeting:
The group made several assignments:

- **Nathan Bracken**: contact
  - Sterling Brown - re Ag. participation
  - John Mabey - re PacifiCorp participation
  - Jennifer Gimbel – BOR Grant Application best practices
- **Rich Tullis**: talk to Gene Shawcroft about his Prep-60 District contacts
- **Steve Clyde**: contact Mike Styler about grant participation
- **Elizabeth Kitchens**:
  - Tom Isom (resource on how to structure the bank)
  - Distribute copy of Grand Valley Application
- **Paul Burnett**:
  - reach out to WBWCD to join next meeting
  - Distribute Yakima Basin Washington TU Application
- **EELewis**:
  - contact Jani Iwamoto regarding update on progress
  - distribute notes and proposed Grant Guidelines

Next Meeting:
Tuesday June 26th 4:00 **Phone Meeting**
866-906-7447
Passcode: 1695142
MINUTES:
These minutes are taken contemporaneously as a record of the group’s conversation. Please excuse any inadvertent attributions, accidental misstatements, or omissions.

MAIN THEMES/USEFUL TOOLS:

Steve Clyde:
- Start with Weber, then move to Rich on Provo System, then BOR Grant

Paul Burnett:
- Pretty active informal water market in the Weber
- There are several places with potential for formal water banking
- If we want to do a bank here we are going to have incorporate one or more of the Federal reservoirs – would need to engage the districts
- Brief conversation with WBWCD – open to discussions
- Scott Paxton has been looking at water banking for a quite some time
  - Need to find the social structure where people want to work with the bank
- Size of the bank
  - Like the idea of something that has an organic size that is developed on its own instead of pre-determining the scope
  - We have looked at Chalk Creek and Echo Reservoir
  - If we broaden a little bit and look at downstream water users there might be potential there as well
  - Just need to put some resources into working with those folks

Steve Clyde:
- What is the sense/interest level up there?

Paul Burnett:
- Some groups are ok as it is as long as they get water
- Another group that is more interested in looking at broader water banking opportunities

Rich Tullis:
- Meeting with consortium to meet M&I Demands – bonus is meeting agricultural demands and environmental
  - CU; Metro; Goshen Valley; Jordan Valley etc.
- Formed into sub-groups and discussion groups
  - State Legislation Group
    - Split season
    - Constitutional constraints
    - Protecting entities’ excess water rights
    - Change Application statute – need to move

Need More Resources: The capacity of the water community is being stretched thin and there is a need for additional resources to bring a water banking pilot project to fruition.

Apply for a BOR WaterSmart Grant: Stakeholders participating in water banking discussions submit a joint application and contribute matching funds.

Scope of Grant: Primarily fund a project manager to coordinate various efforts and work with the participating experts to finalize components needed to implement a pilot project on the ground (legislative changes, administrative changes, contract/MOU recommendations, management of environmental flows, etc.).

Grant Outline: Distribute grant outline of key concepts to group for refinement and discussion. Grant application is due July 17, 2018.
that faster
  ▪ ASR might fit within water bank
  o Federal Reclamation Law Group
    ▪ Looking at Warren Contract matters – need to be able to easily move water up and down the system
    ▪ Unallocated project water for temporary deliveries to non-project users
    ▪ Looking at using unused AG contracts
  o Agricultural Committee
    ▪ How to benefit the Ag community (slow buy and dry)
  o Charters and Agreements
    ▪ Want contractual agreements to control this
    ▪ MOUs
    ▪ DRAFT points out
  o Environmental Group
    ▪ NEPA Requirements (huge when dealing with Federal projects)
    ▪ Environmental benefits
      • 10% keep as instream flow?
      • who manages it?
  o Water Rights Issues
    ▪ Adjudication Issues
    ▪ Conjunctive use (possible overlap with State Legislation)
      - Scheduling has been difficult but feel this is a priority and can change the dynamics
      - Sensitive to agricultural concerns
      - Reality today having trouble renting water – need to address it

Steve Clyde:
- Have you included Reclamation yet?
- RT: yes – we are going to need some changes in policy and potentially even in reclamation law

Nathan Bracken:
- When we last discussed this with the larger group the goal was to try to find a scalable system applicable for the group

Steve Clyde:
- Going to run into capacity and staffing issues
- Like the idea of a really narrow test – and try to see what is going on
- Pulling from lots of different things that are still in the process and asked to make something from whole cloth
- Haven’t looked at BOR Reclamation grant

Marcellle Shoop:
- BOR funding grant – Water Smart funding
- Can use the money for a broad number of things
- If we had a place to apply it – less than 30 days to come up with something for this
- If part of the process is getting people and having someone be the point the person
- Next year could be target

Nathan Bracken:
- Worked a lot on the Water Smart grants at the congressional level – always trying to find someone in Utah
- Investigation funding is also possible

Rich Tullis:
- All of us have trouble with change
- Division of Water Rights is no different – they are going to have something set up to make sure they can do the things we are asking for
- What if the grant is to pay for something like this
- Go to the end and work backwards – no matter what group wants to do this

Nathan Bracken:
- One of the things that is appealing is that we already have all of the stakeholders – make it an appealing ask

Steve Clyde:
- Need to have someone who is paid to have the discussion

Elizabeth Kitchens:
- Nature Conservancy has some folks willing to put the grant together if we had a sponsor

Steve Clyde:
- Need to talk Mike Styler

Nathan Bracken:
- They do want to have specified areas – could be growing urbanizing areas
- Could also include the Great Salt Lake as hub –
- These are the same players over and over again and need new players – Utah is prime

Marcelle Schoop:
- If you can show this water project has wide stakeholder support more likely to get funded

Steve Clyde:
- Like the hub and spoke and aspect of this
- For planning and dialogue purpose

Nathan:
- They are looking for a deliverable?
- Maybe we can bring it back to the interim study request

EELewis:
- Can’t the deliverable be our plan?

Elizabeth Kitchens::
- Call Reclamation and ask for a review on scope
- Elizabeth will call
- Rich Tullis – can also ask at meeting with BOR

Marcelle Schoop:
- Project Manager to herd the cats

Nathan Bracken:
- That’s a great bang for your buck

Rich Tullis:
- In the past BOR had 25 by 25

Nathan Bracken:
- Who is going to get the grant proposal together?
- Who do we need to have on this?

Steve Clyde:
- We need a meeting with Elizabeth Kitchens’ grant team in short order

Elizabeth Kitchens:
- I am volunteering others

EELewis:
- We need to get a list of the bullet points of what we want on the grant
  - Frame it as two part group project
  - Funding for project manager
  - Coordinator Stakeholder group meetings
  - Implementing interim study requests for legislature
  - Funding component for a State Engineer employee to address administration of the bank
  - Goal: Implementation of a water bank
    - Changes to federal law
    - Changes to state law
    - Cooperation between entities
    - Identify managing entity for bank and water
    - Shepherding water – water commission

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- EELewis - Jani Iwamoto -