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To: Linn West, Chair, Yachats Public Works & Streets
Rick McClung, Yachats Water Plan Lead

From: John Purcell, John Theilacker

The following is a summary of multiple meetings and subsequent notes regarding the potential to form a "Water Committee" within the structure of the City of Yachats City Council, City Commissions and City Manager structure. It is being offered for approval by **Public Works & Streets (PW&S)** and the **Yachats City Council (YCC)**

1. Suggested Committee name:
 1. **Water Sustainability Committee (WSC)**
2. Utilize the **Parks & Commons Commission** and the **Trails Committee's** relationships with the City Council and the City Manager as a model for the structure of this new Committee.
3. **Water Sustainability Committee Charter**
 1. Assist PW&S and the Yachats City Council with the implementation of the Master Water Plan (MWP), Drinking Water Protection Plan (DWPP), and the Water Management & Conservation Plan (WM&CP) for the sustainable supply and consistent quality of potable water.
 2. The WSC will need the ability to secure funds through PW&S to implement the Charter
 3. At a minimum, one Committee member to attend all PW&S public meetings and work sessions and deliver a written summary of the Committee's monthly progress to PW&S before each Commission meeting.
 4. A representative of the Water Sustainability Committee or a PW&S representative to attend all City Council Public Meetings and Work Sessions and give a written summary of projects and progress to Council.
 5. Suggested members and advisors:
 1. Committee Members
 1. Potential Committee Members:
 1. Kevin Urdahl, Public Works & Streets Commission Member and liaison
 2. John Theilacker
 3. John Purcell
 4. Gretchen Dubie
 5. Drew Tracy
 6. Mary Beth Selby
 7. Jim Adler
 2. Advisors
 1. Potential Advisors:
 1. Joanne Kittel, VtF Chair, historical perspective
 2. Rick McClung, City Water Plan Lead
 3. Craig Berdie, former City Councilman, View the Future Board
 4. Maria Gibson, hydrogeologist, 501(C)3
 5. Suzanne de Szoeki, GSI, wrote DWPP & WM&C
 6. Sam Hillmann, U of O Grad School, View the Future Board, spearheaded the Coalition of Water Shed & National Forest Service Partnership
4. In an effort to try and ensure compatibility, we recommend that WSC membership be determined by the Water Sustainability Committee in collaboration with the Public Works & Streets rather than through appointment by others.
5. The Committee will review their progress in twelve (12) months. If progress is sufficient, partnerships are satisfactory and the need for the WSC continues, consideration to continue will be made.

6. Suggested WSC Priorities

1. Implement the recommended activities listed in Section 4, Implementation Plan, of the Drinking Water Protection Plan.
2. When approved, review and help implement the Water Management and Conservation Plan.
3. Offer assistance to the Water Plan Lead to research becoming a customer of the South West Lincoln County Water Peoples' Utility District.
4. Initiate a short educational section into the City's Monthly Newsletter tentatively titled "Water Matters" with links to additional water related information. The articles will come from WSC, be general in nature with the goal to provide water education to the Community, and to keep water as a focus for the City. Develop and disseminate other educational materials on water within Yachats and the greater Yachats Community.
5. Follow up with the Three District Watershed Collaborative (City of Waldport, SWLCWPUD and the City of Yachats) and provide updates to PW&SC.
6. Consult with Hydrologist Maria Gibson about her non-profit, re: potential Edmunds property soils testing for consideration as a possible land acquisition to hold additional water facilities.
7. Start to focus on the Riggs property which may be a hazard for the City's watershed
8. Serve as a City liaison to the Mid-Coast Water Partners and the Mid-Coast Watershed Council.
9. Provide flexibility to respond to other water related issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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