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**SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE
Source Water Technical Working Group
Seal Rock Water District Source Water Evaluation
Stakeholder Briefing
December 8, 2014
2:00 pm**

10 Present: Glen Morris-Treasurer; Secretary; Rob Mills, Member, John Filbert, Board Member. Board
11 President Mr. John Garcia. Staff: Adam Denlinger, General Manager; Consultants: Adam
12 Sussman GSI Water Solutions, Ralph Wenziger Civil West Engineer, Kellen Tardewether Civil
13 West Engineer. Stakeholders: Mike McCord Oregon Water Resource Dept., Jon Unger Oregon
14 Water Resource Dept., Derek Wilson Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Wayne Hoffman Mid
15 Coast Watershed Council, Paul Engelmeyer Coastal Steward, Public: Larry Silverthorne.

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18 Welcome/Introduction: Adam Denlinger GM, Adam Sussman GSI Water Solutions

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20 Presentation: Adam Denlinger GM, Adam Sussman GSI Water Solutions brief overview and PP
21 describing project elements.

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23 Information regarding
24 Alternative Supply
25 Sources provided in
26 a handout:

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28 1. Henderson Creek:
29 District holds existing water right for 1 cfs (.65 mgd)
30 There is only 1 other small existing water right on Henderson Creek; no instream water
31 right, estimated natural stream flows range from 0.23 cfs (.15 mgd) in September to 3.4
32 cfs (2.2 mgd) in February. Additional water available for new permits only November
33 through May1 Basin program rules allows new municipal use water rights.
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35 2. Thiel Creek:
36 Estimated water available ranges from 1.01 cfs (0.65 mgd) in September to 18.30 cfs
37 (11.8 mgd) in February.1 There are 4 small water rights on Thiel Creek and its tributaries;
38 no instream water right Water available for new permits year-round1 Basin program rules
39 allow new municipal use water rights.
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41 3. Beaver Creek:
42 Estimated water available ranges from 11.4 cfs (7.4 mgd) in September to 157.0 cfs
43 (101.4 mgd) in February.1 There are 22 existing water rights on Beaver Creek and its
44 tributaries; no instream water right available for new permits year-round 1
45 Basin program rules allow new municipal use water rights.
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47 4. Drift Creek:
48 Two potential locations for a point of diversion: just below Wheelock Creek approximately
49 2 miles upstream from Wheelock Creek. There are 10 existing water rights on Drift Creek
50 and its tributaries; 3 are instream water rights that protect between 15 cfs (9.7 mgd) in
51 August and September and 130 cfs (84 mgd) in November and December.
52 Estimated water available: Below Wheelock Creek (at mouth): ranges from 23.3 cfs (15.1
53 mgd) in September to 320 cfs (207 mgd) in February Above Wheelock Creek: ranges from
54 21.6 cfs (14 mgd) in September to 303 cfs (196 mgd) in February Water available for new
55 permits only December through September (excludes October and November)1 Basin
56 program rules allow new municipal use water rights.
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58 General Discussion: Potential for needed mitigation within area impacts. Some potential mitigation projects
59 were generally discussed. It was discussed that stakeholders will want to see any future
60 water rights on Beaver Creek limited to SRWD's actual needs. According to ODFW, two
61 "listed" fish species are present in Beaver Creek: Coho salmon (federal threatened), and

62 winter steelhead (state sensitive “vulnerable”). Coastal cutthroat trout are also found in
63 Beaver Creek, but are not a listed species. Winter steelhead are migrating upstream
64 from December through March when Beaver Creek has significant streamflow. ODFW
65 also suggested that stream flows were sufficient for juvenile and adult Coho upstream and
66 downstream movement as well.

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68 Jon Unger provided detail regarding potential project funding through the State WRD and
69 SB-839. Mr. Unger and Mike McCord WRD NW Region Manager expressed an interest to
70 be informed regarding progress with regard to this project.

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73 Adjournment: Meeting was concluded around 4:30 pm with appreciation for those in attendance and an
74 offer to provide additional feedback for consideration of the technical working group.
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Approved by Secretary

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