**Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership**

**Board Meeting Record**

Thursday, November 21, 2024  9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon   Estuary Partnership Offices

**Members Present**:  Rosemary Furfey, Rian Sallee, Trang Lam, Matt Jones, Jane Bacchieri, Amy Boyd, Susan Holveck, Matt Harding, Barbara Bergquist, Mary Lou Soscia

**Ex Officio Members Present**:  Irma Lagomarsino, Yvonne Vallette, Shauna Hanisch-Kirkbride, Chanda Littles, John Netto

**Presiding Officer**:  Rian Sallee

**Staff Present**: E. Elaine Placido, Madeline Marucha, Chris Hathaway, Jenny Dezso, Adam Goodwin

**Review and Approval of September 1, 2024 Meeting Record**

***Action: Approved.***

**Executive Director Update**

**CCMP Update.** Director Placido reported that the Partnership had conducted a successful walk-and-talk at Fort Clatsop to gather feedback from partners on the CCMP update.

**Personnel Update.** The Monitoring Team is hiring a Research Scientist III and is currently in the interview process. The candidate pool is excellent, containing many qualified applicants.

**Legislative Update.** Director Placido recently attended the ANEP conference. It is still unclear what the change in federal government administrations may bring, but Director Placido is optimistic due to the history of bipartisan support that the National Estuary Programs have enjoyed.

***Action: None Required.***

**Finance Report**

**Annual Audit.** Auditors completed their onsite work in early November. The Finance Team expects to receive results in early 2025.

**Finance Team Capacity Improvements.** The Finance Team has been exploring the possibility of working with Your Part-Time Comptroller to improve the efficiency of its processes.

***Action: None Required.***

**Stormwater Presentation,***Chris Hathaway*

Chris Hathaway gave an overview of the Estuary Partnership’s stormwater program, which comprises many projects in the study area. Most of the project sites are in schoolyards, and the projects usually involve an educational component.

***Action: None Required.***

**Multnomah County Marsh and Crabapple Creek Presentation,** *Jenny Dezso*

Jenny Dezso presented on her work at Multnomah County Marsh. The goal of this project is to reconnect Multnomah Channel, the floodplain wetlands, and Crabapple Creek.

***Action: None Required.***

**Board Action Items**

**Policy Revision.** Director Placido presented amendments to Board policies, bylaws, and Board Development Plan to clarify and better align the responsibilities of the Board Committees. [The amendments are linked here.](https://www.estuarypartnership.org/sites/default/files/2024-11/Memo_Policy%20Revision_November%202024.docx)

***Action: Approved.***

**Other Business**

**Board Documents.** Director Placido will send out the Board Profile Grid, Demographic Survey, Commitment Form, and 990 form to the Board.

**Annual Event.** The Annual Event, held on October 17, was successful this year. Next year’s event will be held on September 21 at Hotel Indigo in Vancouver.

***Action: None Required.***

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Submitted by: Elaine Placido, Executive Director; Madeline Marucha, Operations Coordinator

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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_