

What the CRUST means to Local Farmers

Meaning to local farmers

- Opportunity to work collaboratively with Stakeholder to seek solutions.
 - Staying out of the court room saves us all money
- Opens doors for Planning and Implementation
 - Big difference between the two and we appreciate both!
- We are anxious to be recognized for our role in the statewide economy- and our untapped potential.
- Memorializes an effort started in the mid 80's.

Challenges of Water delivery

- Pump stations on Oregon Side of River with possible excess capacity
 - Once the water is “sourced” how will we get it to place of use?
- Why existing river stations
 - Pump stations are key assets to feasible implementation of CRUST recommendations
 - Cost of permitting and capital may prevent new stations in the near term
- Long-Term/Permanent Water Necessary for New Investments

Difficult engineering

- Difficult to find a system that can be added on to and still be efficient
- Requires cooperation and a shared vision with neighbors.
- Requires trust from the neighbors and financing community that “this is worth doing”
- Requires sound knowledge of socio-political and economic limits.
- Requires adaptability in the future

On going activity

- Projects designed with multipurpose benefits,
 - Stream and ecological benefits
 - Economic component
- Spirit of cooperation may expand to other basins and increase the circle of prosperity
 - What basins need water for product output?
 - What basins need water for aesthetics?
 - What basins are critical to fish recovery?

Tools for the future

- Short and Long-Term brokerage of supplies in the Columbia Basin (bi-state approach necessary)
- Tweak instream rules – like SB 199 to allow for multi-gain water projects
- Study and Monitoring funds help the states understanding of water and environmental resources
- Our Basin needs the basalt bank (value multiplier)
- Realization that “place based” solutions in basins cannot be accommodated by blanket legislation
- Office of Columbia could facilitate long-term success

Organizations for the future

- Office of Columbia River (Where and How?)
 - Protect our end of the ditch rights
 - Allow Oregon to be an active participant in the management of Columbia River allocations/classifications
 - Increase the circle of collaboration with regional entities
 - Engage with Idaho and Washington w/o a difficult and unnecessary compact.
- Northeast Oregon Water Association (NOWA)
 - Our investment in engaging the process
 - A local understanding of how and where to use the remaining drops of available water and defend the “why”
 - An Effective, efficient water banks is a way to improve Ag water use, mitigate generational impacts and promote ecological gain.
- **Two Together Equal: Post 2013 Management Capacity**