



## Benton County CWMA Full Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

9:30 am to 10:30 am

Location: [Firestation # 5, Walnut Community Room](#)

CWMA

In attendance: Bessie Joyce (Calapooia Watershed Council), Jeff Mach (Oregon Military Department), Peter Kenagy (Kenagy Family Farms), Vern Holm (WIN), Glenn Miller (ODA), Cindy McCain (AFRANA), Kristen Larson (LWC), America McMillin (City of Corvallis Parks), Melissa Newman (BSWCD), Heath Keirstead (BSWCD), Pamela Reber (Lane County), Colin Tierney (ODFW), Ted Hart (City of Corvallis Stormwater), Dominic Maze (City of Portland), Michelle Delepine (West Multnomah SWCD), Kirk Cook (ODA)

### 1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 2. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ACTION TEAM: EVENTS AND DATES FOR THE YEAR

#### A. Let's Pull Together- May 20th

- Calapooia Watershed Council- Park in Albany- May 20 works
- AFRANA- Marys Peak- maybe pull an event together or at Bezell. Cindy will check with AFRANA.
- BSWCD- Sequoia Creek- numerous events throughout the year, homelessness impacts on water quality, such a huge issue, very difficult to address.
- Melissa will reach out to Greenbelt, America will talk to Ted Hart, IAE at Herbert Farm? Any groups interested in participating in the May 20 LPT should let Melissa know by end of March.

#### B. Let's Plant Together

- Each organization would need to get their own plant materials
- In October, would have to rely on container material because of season and plants not be dormant yet. How early can we get bareroot? Valentines planting? Fall is a good season for planting out seeds, but hard to do with volunteers...what could we do to bring in school classes? Half Moon Bend? Cuttings aren't good to do at that time of year. Corvallis PMC can do free cuttings? March is a good time for planting.
- At first we were thinking to do a doodle poll for 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of October But after discussion decided best date range would be early Feb to mid-March.

#### C. Next CWMA Meeting- Wednesday November 8

- Focus next meeting on how to write great grants- Vern has kindly offered to be a speaker (Melissa to ask Glenn if he would be a speaker too), it is close to when ODA OSWB grants are due.

#### D. Herbicide application workshop for homeowners

- There is interest in developing a workshop like this. BSWCD doesn't currently have capacity to take lead on this. Potential workshop for next year. Encourage help from interested CWMA partners in developing.
- Glenn is going to be putting together a presentation on problem weeds for homeowners for master gardeners. Similar to what Dominic and Michelle are talking

about today. Bessie thinks homeowners workshop would be fantastic. Do it at LBCC. Do as needed or as requested. There will be demand.

- OSU has turf extension agent- Alec or Alex? People can maintain weed-free lawn by fertilizer and mowing regime. Ed Peachey would present.

#### **E. POLLINATOR HABITAT FOCUS**

- Monarch waystations- need more monarch habitat enhancement programs. Take out the bad weeds and put in pollinator plants- discussed at Pull Together event in Metro area- WSDOT. Benton SWCD- pollinator focus through Native Plant Sale. Parks Department here in Corvallis will be announcing a part-time natural resources job in May. ODA is going to do a pollinator certification for farms.

### **3. TED HART - CITY OF CORVALLIS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- MS4 permit since 2012, DEQ pushing to change permit to make it more efficient for them. Push unfunded mandates on the City. More monitoring. MS4 permit is for stormwater conveyance. Change in TMDL permit. Within half a year, more stormwater requirements on the city. Just want to get a bigger picture of effectiveness of programs. DEQ gets money from EPA. DEQs will be impacted by EPA downsize.
- City will be anxious to be part of the landowner chemical use workshops. We could be effective by working together on workshop planning, do it at regional scale, run articles in the paper, how to reduce chemical use at larger regional scale to increase impact. Tag along with home and garden shows. Experts at City of Eugene need to stay in their towns for giving workshops. Cities are on the hook for reducing TMDLs. Open the door to industry or ag, do more with less regulation in the future. Ted Hart also says that middle and upper management want to do a lot more "riparian enhancement". May mean a variety of things, such as speeding conveyance of water, clearing downed woody debris, etc.

### **4. PARTNER UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION**

- **Vern Holm**- new Oregon Dunes CWMA covers from Florence to Coos Bay. BLM and Coos Bay effort working with Douglas SWCD to put together gravel pit certification-voluntary- for weed inspection. Goal is to create for entire west side of OR a unified certification process for every county/CWMA to use. It is a boon to gravel pit operators. It is a way to go after weeds as point source pollution. Takes at most an hour to certify a pit and there aren't that many pits. It is totally voluntary. It is a free certification. It is becoming more popular, they are thinking of charging around \$100. The other west side CWMA's are interested in adopting the gravel pit certification process. Are we? Who would certify?

### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**Dominic Maze** from City of Portland – [Urban Invasives \(Impatiens spp., Goats rue, Carex pendula, Euphorbia, Pokeweed, Giant hogweed\)](#)

**Michelle Delepine** from West Multnomah SWCD – [Urban Invasives and IPM \(Clematis vitalba, Italian arum, Lesser celandine, Spurge laurel, Garlic mustard\)](#)

**Kirk Cook** from ODA – [Pesticide Stewardship Partnership \(chemicals in stormwater from urban pesticide applications - data from Yamhill and Amazon basins.\)](#)