



TRWC Steering Committee Meeting
December 16, 2015; 4-6 pm
New Location: *Tualatin Room*
Clean Water Services
2550 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro, OR
Cell phone: 503-830-9852 (April)

Meeting Summary

Attendees: Bob Baumgartner, Kristel Fesler, Jan Miller, Shawn Morford, April Olbrich, Jon Pampush, Carla Staedter, Rich Van Buskirk, Ross Van Loo

The meeting commenced at 4:10 pm.

- 1) Discuss January meeting:
 - a. Ice breaker; flood experience.
 - b. TRWC business:
 - i) Overview; discussion in small groups of items identified in March 2015 TRWS self-evaluation to develop strategies to address concerns and report back to TRWC group for adoption.
 - ii) 2016 celebration planning. Will be put on hold until Capacity Committee decides to bring it back
 - iii) PU videos on TRWC produced fall 2015;
 - iv) TRWC stakeholders provide 5-minute updates – on hold to a future meeting.
- 2) Potential future presentation/topics
 - a. Drinking water sources: i.e., TVWD/JWC Willamette pipeline; TVWD ARS facility at Cooper Mtn.; Scoggins Dam raise, water rights
 - b. Agencies permits: i.e., future CWS construction & design standards follow from the permit requirements;
 - c. Natural resources concerns: SWCD LAC plan & focus areas for Dairy-McKay watershed; Kathryn Kostow, West Oregon City WC on lamprey & landowner questions about lamprey; Jake, water right enforcement during summer/fall 2015
 - d. Council Creek trail; Salmonberry trail update (Carolyn McCormick?);
 - e. ODFW perspective regarding long-term fish projections given climate change in general and El Nino in particular. OSU or?
 - f. CWS has partnered with Fungi Perfecti and Pacific University to research the viability of using fungi to clean toxins from their street sweepings in order to keep them out of a toxic waste dump.
 - g. Feb 2016 TRWC meeting: Mike Cafferata, ODF District Forester, update on revisions to Oregon Forest Practices Act regarding riparian buffers on forested lands
 - h. Tours of interest to TRWC members
- 3) TRWC December 2015 meeting minutes (Bob). No discussion

- 4) The January 2016 meeting will focus on items identified in the March 2015 TRWC self-evaluation (four page attachment) that need to be addressed by the Council members.

April provided an explanation of the OWEB requirements to have all OWEB - funded watershed councils perform the self-evaluation every two years. The questions are provided by OWEB.

The SC had reviewed the March 2015 self-evaluation. At a previous Council meeting they provided explanations about particular items where Council members were not familiar with Council operations. The rest of the questions that need to be addressed require participation by Council members. These are the questions we will focus on at the January 2016 meeting. The questions fall into 3 categories:

- Community awareness of who we are and what we do
- Awareness of TRWC projects
- Member involvement and support

We will break down into small groups to discuss one of the topics then share the information with the larger group.

Shawn will send some approaches to TRWC coordinator prior to the January meeting.

- 5) *Develop questions/ideas for January 2016 Clean Water Services/TRWC listening session.*

Bob will make arrangements in January for a meeting with the CWS team (likely it will be Public Affairs, Watershed Management, and Regulatory Affairs). Since this is really a sales pitch from TRWC to CWS, members discussed what TRWC could bring to the table. TRWC has been successful working with private landowners, especially HOA in doing restoration work. Perhaps this role could be expanded. Another suggestion was to work with industrial owners to enhance their properties. Bob suggested that the TRWC delegation could familiarize themselves with key CWS documents that show where they are concentrating their efforts (Healthy Streams Plan, Temperature Management Plan and the Permit Evaluation Report). TRWC will be represented by Rich VB, Kristel, April and Jon.

- 6) *Discussion of TRWC match for Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) place-based planning letter of interest; update.*

April provided an update of the December 7 TRWC letter of interest submitted to OWRD. The committee is currently obtaining letters of support that would both show the support for the TRWC proposal and also at least a 25% match (\$56,250) for the \$225,000 funding request. Over 15 TRWC members/partners have responded with letters of support with most identifying in-kind match. This supplemental information must be submitted to OWRD by December 21, 2015. There have been a total of 16 state-wide applications submitted with \$750,000 available in grant funding. 2-4 projects will

be selected. TRWC Issues committee thinks that our proposal has a good chance for funding.

7) *Update on the 20th anniversary celebration.*

Following the discussion of the capacity committee it was decided to put the TRWC energy into the Capacity Committee and not pursue a TRWC 20th anniversary celebration at this time. The Capacity Committee will bring it back when they are ready.

8) *Capacity - Jon & Ross*

Jon compiled a table that compared funding for TRWC (1 paid staff) to six high performing watershed councils (2 to 11 paid staff). These were the councils mentioned in the Barney Worth Marketing and Funding Strategy. They were concerned that if OWEB funding were reduced, TRWC would not survive. They were also concerned that OWEB would not continue to look upon us favorably if we didn't expand our funding sources. Given the size and population of the basin they felt that we should be able to do better. These other councils have a more diverse funding base that allows them to hire more staff and subsequently do more in their watersheds. Jon will contact the six watershed councils to learn how they've been able to increase their funding.

They understood that April does not have the time to do this. Some at the meeting expressed concerns that they have no additional energy/time to give to TRWC to expand its capacity. Additional TRWC staff is needed. The issue is how to fund additional staff or contractors. The Capacity Committee chaired by Kristel and composed of Jon, Ross, Ron Garst, Shawn, Bob and April will start meeting regularly to discuss these issues. The first meeting will be in January 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Items below were not discussed.

9) Updates:

- a. PU GIS class re: producing map of TRWC projects (Rich VB)
- b. Drinking Water grant opportunity– will apply in 2016 grant period.
- c. BOR: Putting together two professional services agreement for Bio-Surveys (landowner outreach/concept development) & Grummel Engineering (topo surveys; design & plants) in order to get enough info for April 2016 OWEB restoration grant cycle
- d. BOR: Rest of 2016 Proposal (~ \$11,000) can be submitted and would likely be available 4 to 6 months later.

10) Project Updates – Attachment (April)

11) Committee updates:

- a. Issues (Dec 14)
- b. Restoration: (No Dec mtg.)
- c. Education & Outreach (no Dec mtg.)
- d. Capacity (met 11/19/14)