



**TUALATIN RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL**

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**Restoration and
Enhancement Committee
August 16 2016 summary**

Engaging the community to sustain our watershed

Meeting Location: Room 105, Washington Co Public Services Bldg, 155 North First Avenue, Hillsboro, OR; time: 3:30 – 5 pm

Participants: Stephen Cruise, April Olbrich, Aaron Shaw, Chris Toole, Rich Van Buskirk

August 16 TRWC Restoration & Enhancement Committee summary:

- 1) Discussion re: potential projects starting 2018 for Gales Creek BOR monies; priorities include replacement of fish passage barrier culverts; average amount available: \$20,000 each year – to leverage with other funding.

Committee members reviewed list of prioritization projects generated from RBA work. April will confirm that the new proposal would be for monies available in October 2017 or October 2018.

Members would like TRWC to be part of Balm Grove dam removal – potentially able to make a contribution of up to \$10,000 toward purchase or dam removal? BOR monies would add federal nexus to the project. April will check with CWS to see if federal monies are already involved.

Depending on timeline – i.e., if we need to have a quicker project identified, i.e., approach ODF about partnership on Trib B, Beaver Creek fish passage. ODF said it would replace culvert in conjunction with an ODF sale on this location.

White Creek fish passage – a Washington County culvert replacement which Washington County will manage and fund.

Trib C, Beaver Creek – Washington County culvert replaced; Weyerhaeuser plans to replace its crossing in summer 2017 – private landowner may still need financial assistance.

Other ideas related to obtaining data on GC stream temperatures – Chris Toole discussed previous system developed by FS – with a cost of about \$200/monitor

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/AWAE/projects/stream_temp/resources.html

TRWC has monies in its 2016 BOR proposal for splitting cost of Clear Creek RBA with City of Forest Grove – plan is to continue this into the future.

- 2) **Lucini wetlands enhancement project on Tapman Creek (Willamette River tributary and located in the City of Tualatin)** (Aaron & April); potential small

grant fall 2017 funding. Aaron provided some background about the site and owners and the idea of making it a larger project; the site is moving from riparian area to a wetlands (it would be helpful to find out the reasons why). Due to site characteristics and owners ability, make sense for contracted crews to treat invasive species. Other discussion: i) investigate where property may be located in future annexation/urban-rural growth expansion and plans for “protection” or “enhancement”; ii) what is TRWC’s process for ranking/prioritization of enhancement of potential projects; iii) is this a possible partnership with Clackamas SWCD (though located in Washington County, but drains to the Willamette River). TRWC members could provide technical assistance. April will check with The Wetlands Conservancy to see if they could provide any assistance.

3) Ideas regarding monitoring & resources for Pebblecreek HOA riparian project – i.e., interest in birds, frogs, etc.

Suggestions to establish a baseline this fall prior to first treatment – of invasive weed species (difficult to enumerate songbirds at this point – spring a better time). Other ideas would be to obtain plot info through use of a drone; would want to obtain permission from HOA, private citizen may have a drone and/or HOA resident may.

4) Ideas for October OWRD feasibility & planning grants: Here's the link:

http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/Feasibility_Study_Grants.aspx

Possibly use for planning for Ihler Creek barrier? Did Steve Trask have estimate for cost of project? Would need engineering review; Washington County Transportation would want an outside engineer opinion that removal of the steps, etc., would not harm Soda Springs road bridge; possible solutions to problem could include “Newberry Riffles” that would build up weir stream bed to provide fish passage. Landowner may have experienced or have concerns about flooding – may need to choose between current situation and potential solution. April will read grant application require more thoroughly to see what is needed in submittal. Also discussion regarding how to keep more cold water in streams and relationship of water rights, i.e., older rights may have lapsed and no longer be available for in-stream dedication.

5) Informational: Rippling Waters – potential fall tour/event project. April will update once we have a better idea of Weed Watchers activities. May want to have a tour this fall – work implemented from JWC grant showing very good results.

6) Updates: i) Upper McKay watershed forest restoration (partnering w/West Multnomah SWCD) using BLM RAC monies – award date – October-December 2016? /monies available – spring 2017? ; at this point, don’t have specific properties for project – though West Multnomah SWCD has formed some owner relationships with owners in Multnomah County; new TRWC WCSWA alternate does own property in the upper McKay watershed shed;

- ii) Gales Creek/Clear Creek confluence project status – awaiting OWEB ranking & evaluation in mid to late August;
 - iii) Little Beaver Creek – need for volunteers August 29 for fish salvage at Maier properties; Pacific University restoration class students would be available Aug 30 afternoon. Possibly assisting at Carpenter Creek – April will check with Dave Stewart.
 - iv) Dairy-McKay private lands culvert surveys - additional culvert surveys occurring, then analysis of survey information for final report & prioritization. Several more sites to be surveyed this summer.
- 7) Other items. – Future presentation w CPO 13– re: GC sub-basin restoration plan status, opportunities, etc.