



**Council  
Minutes Meeting of  
March 1, 2017**

Stakeholders Present:

Bob Baumgartner	Service Districts (Sewerage) Representative, Clean Water Services
Eric Chambers	Small Woodland Owners Alternate Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association
Stephen Cruise	County Primary Representative, Washington County
Kristel Fesler	Water Districts, Primary Representative, City of Hillsboro Water Department
Jan Miller	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Tom Nygren	Small Woodland Owners Primary Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association
Jon Pampush	Fisheries Primary Representative, Trout Unlimited
Erin Poor	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Aaron Shaw	SWCD Primary Representative, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Primary Representative, Pacific University
Ross Van Loo	Citizen at Large Primary Representative

Staff Present

April Olbrich TRWC Coordinator

Guests Present:

Jake Constans	Tualatin Basin Watermaster, Oregon Water Resources Dept.
Chris Toole	Tualatin Basin resident

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with introduction; members and guests prioritized a list from the February 2017 meeting sharing what issues/focus TRWC could act as a convener. (See page 4 for results)

**Approval of February TRWC minutes:** A motion was made by Ross Van Loo and seconded by Jan Miller to adopt the February meeting minutes, which were adopted by consensus.

**Public Comment.**

Tom Nygren announced that the Small Woodlands will be holding their annual native plant sale on March 10. They have a list of the available plants on their website. They will be in a new location – the National Guard Armory at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

**Council Business: Review, Discussion and adoption of TRWC 2017-19 work plan.**

Jan Miller walked the Watershed Council through the TRWC 2017-2019 work plan. The work plan must be submitted to OWEB before March 6.

1. Community Engagement– See the Community Engagement Sheet.
  - a. OWRD is holding a 1 day gathering in May to discuss funding sources, ideas, etc.
  - b. The Council Capacity Grant pays for 2/3 of April's salary and the operating budget.
  - c. The Children's Clean Water Festival is March 14. The Festival is always in need of additional volunteers.
2. Organizational Development – See the Organizational Development Sheets.
  - a. The Council discussed the need for additional active volunteers. There are many things that can be done without having to be a Council Board member. Champions of the watershed are always welcome.
  - b. The Capacity Building Committee is waiting for a proposal from the Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) for an Interim Executive Director recommendation. The plan is to use Clean Water Services and Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District money to pay for the Interim Executive Director.”
  - c. A question was asked about whether we have identified gaps in availability or expertise that we would like additional outside assistance with. Some of our typical needs are GIS services, volunteer oversight, and capacity building. Capacity building includes identifying big items and networking with partner organizations.
3. Planning – See the Planning Sheet.
  - a. Place based water use strategic planning was discussed. This activity is dependent on funding. The previous grant proposal was for about \$225,000. The next cycle for this grant opportunity is probably 2019.
  - b. The Council is moving forward with an upland project in the Upper McKay Creek watershed. Funding for this opportunity comes through Bureau of Land Management.
  - c. The Council is focusing more on implementation in the next biennium and less on planning, but there may be opportunities to develop plans for subwatersheds through OWEB Technical Assistance grants.
4. Restoration
  - a. The Council is continuing the annual Clear Creek Rapid Bioassessments to track the distribution of salmon and steelhead where we have completed our projects.
  - b. Rippling Waters – The Council is looking at using this site to showcase restoration opportunities.
  - c. Homeowners Associations (HOAs) The Council will continue with our obligations with HOAs, and may pursue additional opportunities as they arise. The majority of the HOA restoration projects are paid for through the OWEB Small Grant program. There will be planting opportunities at Bonita Townhomes on March 8 and March 14. Murrayhill has received recognition for their sustainable actions. SOLVE has been working with neighbors and businesses on

Carter Creek for about 10 years. There may be a funding opportunity through Lake Oswego to work on the next phase.

- d. Little Beaver Creek – Two culverts were replaced using an OWEB Small Grant and Joint Water Commission grant money.
  - e. Gales Creek/Clear Creek Confluence – This project has been divided into two phases – Planning and Implementation. Funded by BOR and OWEB, the goal of the project is to work with the variation in flows to bring hyporheic flows to the surface and create scour pools for cold water refuge locations.
  - f. Upper McKay Watershed Forest Restoration Project – This project is being funded by BLM and is a joint project between TRWC and West Multnomah Watershed Council.
  - g. OWEB Small Grants – The next opportunity is September 2017. The opportunity for the Council is about \$40,000 in grant work done over the next two years.
5. General Work Program Discussion –
- a. General comments - A question was asked about the difference between action items in the work plan versus an interesting list of things to do over the next two years. What do we do with this work plan once it is submitted to OWEB? There is an opinion that this work plan that meets the OWEB requirement should only be a part of the Council's work plan. The Council's work plan should include scoping, this work plan, and details of work plan components. The comment was made that we will be dipping into the reserves for this fiscal year to meet April's salary and the operating costs, because the OWEB Capacity Grant meets 66-72% of the operating budget.
  - b. Other questions/comments -
    - i. What else can we do to be more impactful in the region with many big hitters located in this same region?
    - ii. How do we capture outside interest in the Council?
    - iii. The McFee Creek subbasin is completely blocked from providing good habitat due to a private dam. The pond is an oxbow plain due to sedimentation from winter storms. BLM owns property on McFee Creek that is identified as high quality habitat.
    - iv. What is the purpose of the Small Grants? Response: 75% of the public lives on 25% of the land. The Small Grants provide an urban interface. They also meet restoration needs that fall outside of the scope of work for other agencies.
    - v. We need to look at diversifying our funding so we can do more outside of OWEB's parameters. Playing the role of a convener will require different funding sources.
    - vi. We need to obtain a better idea of time and resource commitments on projects.
6. Vote to adopt the Work Plan –
- a. A motion was made to adopt the work plan as proposed by Jon Pampush. It was seconded by Aaron Shaw. There was one "Nay" on the vote.

- b. A revised motion was made to adopt the Work Program for the primary basis of submittal to OWEB for the purpose of the Council Capacity Grant. The motion was provided by Kristel Fesler and seconded by Aaron Shaw. The motion was adopted by consensus.

**Coordinator Updates.** April is working on the permitting applications of the Gales Creek/Clear Creek confluence project; native plants are being installed in a number of projects. See February 2017 project updates, part of the meeting packet. The Children’s Clean Water Festival is March 14.

**Member Announcements.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Cruise  
Co-Secretary

**April 5, 2017 TRWC refreshments: Chris Toole**

**Roving Steering Committee member for March 14 meeting: None**

**Topics suggested by TRWC members for Convening Issues**

**Results of March 1 voting:**

Member	Topic	First Priority	Other votes
Rich	Water rights and usage	2	2
Ariel	Teach visitors how to use but not abuse natural areas of the Tualatin	0	0
Aaron	Stormwater management	1	4
Dave	Cities relative to Beaver management	0	0
	Cities relative to Stream restoration	0	0
	Cities could offer information on diverse culture inclusion	0	0
Dave Stewart/ ODFW	Bank erosion - Natural vs non natural	1	1
Jon	Ag practices vs bank stabilization	0	1
Ruby	Connect various organizations that are doing outreach	0	4
Erin	Education on benefits of beavers	0	2
Stephen	Bring entities responsible for development to determine where to develop and where to leave it natural	1	1
Chris Toole / Volunteer	State of the Watershed workshop	6	4
Bob	Changing dynamics of basin: More people and climate change	0	4
Jan	Workshop for everyone working in Fanno Creek Basin	0	0
Jen	Diversity and Equity; Next generations	0	0
Tom	Develop frame work for what we want to do	3	3
	Function Based (education based)		
	Outcome Based (water quality and habitat)		
	Place Based (Fanno Creek)		
Ross	What is the net result of regulations; may be time to revisit them	0	0
April- Email to her	Tree protections, especially by cities	0	0
April	Link species to water quality and habitat, more meaningful than numbers	0	2