



**TUALATIN RIVER
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**July 19 2017
Committee
Meeting summary**

Engaging the community to sustain our watershed

July 19, 2017 State of the Watershed committee summary

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- 1) Want “product” from conference/event that would be a power-point, video, presentation that TRWC can have on website, take to other groups meetings, etc.
- 2) Identify venue; if possible, nature-oriented location, i.e., Jackson Bottom Wetlands/CWS; Rood Bridge Riverhouse, THPRD Nature Park, TRNWR Visitor’s Center, other venues?
- 3) Conference: One to two day event, w/focus on stakeholder groups & agencies, but open to the public
First Day (schedule for a weekday so that agency/organizations participate; Have areas for organizational/agency displays.

First session: Plenary session – provide background on Past to Present, i.e. How we got here to the present, so there is a shared understanding of the watershed (10-15 minutes per topic). Emphasis/importance of water in civilization/individually
How the watershed works: geology/topography, hydrology, water quality, water quantity, land use (ag, forestry, industrial, urban), fish and wildlife. (Or physical, biological, and human)
Speaker(s) may be from identified stakeholder group or other experts/speakers, for example, Geology – PSU Scott Burns, with each topic – 10 to 15 minutes.

Each of these topics should have a two sentence take home: morning sessions, i.e., Geology: mud and silt in the lower urbanized part of the basin, rocky creeks and thinner soils in the upper part. Missoula flood.”); afternoon sessions: what agencies/organization and individuals can do.

Second session: Breakout sessions (decide on 5 to 7 topics below & decide what will appeal to stakeholder groups; opportunity for participants to attend 2-3 sessions?) with panels (agency/stakeholder panelists) with participants choosing sessions – Present to the Future – More detail on what we know about present (i.e., fish & wildlife – include ODFW info, RBA studies, native fish, instream complexity), What are organizations/agencies doing? What are the Future Challenges? i.e., constraints & impacts on natural resources

Topics: Flooding, Drought, Water Quality, Water Quantity, Land Use (Density)
Economic Development, Fish & Wildlife, Climate Change, Population Migration,
Others?

Third Session: Plenary – report back from panels/discussion – Summary to be part of the
“product”; other results, i.e., working group may form?
Again a Take Away message– what can organizations/agencies & individuals do?

Second Day: May be more focused for the general public/families; Activity – Displays,
Field Trips, Hands-on activities – fill in knowledge gaps.

Conference will show the value of TRWC as a coordinator.
Need to be sure that the conference provide an opportunity for stakeholder groups to
share their work – gain knowledge -- & can see the value of the conference and being a
member of TRWC has value.

Is there a list of folks we want to engage with? Invite them to be a panelist?
Build a list of topics & identify potential speakers/stakeholder groups. Maybe set up a
small planning group for each topic, being sure to invite people/groups we want to
engage UP FRONT in the planning process, so they feel more a part of it.

Number of participants – 50 to 150 (?)

Share with Council at September meeting for input?

Next meeting – next steps; identify topics, etc. do through email; other thoughts?

Victoria Saager has experience in event/conference planning; Additional tasks will
include identifying venue, funding (for venue, lunch?) amount of time to identify various
speakers/panelists, resources for “product”, publicizing, etc.