



**Council
Minutes Meeting of
October 4, 2017**

Stakeholders Present:

Anne MacDonald	Substituting for Bob Baumgartner, Service Districts (Sewerage) Representative, Clean Water Services
Ruby Buchholtz	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Stephen Cruise	County Primary Representative, Washington County
Alfred Dinsdale	Environmental Organizations Alternate Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Jan Miller	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Greg Mintz	Citizen at Large Alternate Representative
Tom Nygren	Small Woodland Owners Primary Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association
Jon Pampush	Fisheries Primary Representative, Trout Unlimited
Tom Pessemier	City Primary Representative, City of Sherwood
Victoria Saager	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Aaron Shaw	SWCD Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Primary Representative, Pacific University
Ross Van Loo	Citizen at Large Primary Representative

Staff Present

April Olbrich	TRWC Coordinator
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Guests Present:

Larry Klimek	Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Refuge Manager
Clair Klock	Clackamas SWCD, Resource Conservationist
Wade Peerman	Oregon Dept. of Env. Quality, Tualatin Basin Coordinator
Kim Sanderford	Tualatin Basin resident
Bill Stride	Tualatin Basin resident
Dick Stride	Tualatin Basin resident
Chris Toole	Tualatin Basin resident

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with introduction.

Approval of June TRWC minutes: A motion was made by Jan Miller and seconded by Anne MacDonald to adopt the June meeting minutes, which were adopted by consensus.

Public Comment. April Olbrich informed the Council of the upcoming Depave event on Saturday, October 7. April also informed the Council of the upcoming planting opportunity with Bonita Townhomes and Friends of Trees on October 7.

Presentation: Cedar Mill Flood Remediation Collaboration. Anne MacDonald with Clean Water Services gave a presentation on the Cedar Mill flood remediation collaboration currently occurring.

Cedar Mill/North Johnson is a fully built-out basin. Historic aerial photos and USGS maps show the development of the basin and how drainage solutions evolved with the development of the basin. The combination of development and drainage modifications has led to nuisance flooding. Changes in weather patterns have increased the flooding during short duration, high intensity storms.

Two groups went to the Washington County Board of Commissioners and Governor this year to try and address the flooding issue. This led to the creation of an Oregon Solutions Program. The program is intended to drive a multi-stakeholder collaboration around a central issue. Other program examples include the middle Johnson Creek flood issues and the gas pipeline from the Klamath basin to Coos Bay.

The purpose of tonight's presentation is to provide a progress report. The purpose of this project was to address issues of nuisance flooding. Problematic areas include a culvert on Butner Road and Reser's Fine Foods on Jenkins Road. One of the goals in the project is to coordinate resolutions to the nuisance flooding with other infrastructure development projects, such as the County transportation projects and the Clean Water Services Hydro-modification Standards. The most important part of these projects is to avoid silos.

In attempting to better understand the issue, the group talked with a number of agencies, business, and other players in the watershed. Interviewers also talked with federal agencies that have a role in driving project development in the watershed. THPRD is one of the partners that was brought to the table because a lot of the stream corridor is in public ownership. However, it is understood by the group that you cannot manage all of the runoff from a developed watershed only within public lands.

In investigating the history of this area, it was found that part of Johnson Creek was channelized prior to the 1914 USGS mapping. Additional areas have been channelized. Oregon Solution staff presented their findings to the technical team. The findings identified a significantly altered watershed with seriously impaired functions. Piecemeal responses to this issue will not work.

The project is being funded by Washington County and Clean Water Services. The project team leads are Andy Duyck with the Washington County Board of Commissioners, and Jerry Jones of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD). The group has pulled in a number of representatives from a number of jurisdictions to create the CORE TAC. They are currently working to fill out the sub-committees. The sub-committees include Governance, Regulatory, Ecological Conditions, and Infrastructure & Land Use. The Steering Committee includes members from Washington County, THPRD, and CWS. Other involved organizations included in the program

include TRWC, SWCD, Wetlands Conservancy, Willamette Partnership, Cities of Beaverton and Portland, NMFS, State agencies, and private businesses.

The project schedule includes the following:

1. Create a shared sense of the basin
2. Look at projects that Washington County, ODOT, and CWS have on the books
3. Collaborative and regulatory opportunities
4. Potential Funding and Governance
5. Declaration of Cooperation

By April 2019, CWS will have a new standard to address runoff problems. They are currently determining how to address hydro-modification through the use of upland filtration, watershed detention, and stream corridor enhancement.

Washington County has entered into an agreement with Nike to do road improvements in advance of Nike improvement projects. The first project is Jenkins Road from 158th to Murray Blvd. CWS is also working on a stream enhancement project in this area between Jenkins Road and the Max Line. The enhancement will also address flooding on the Reser's property.

The group meets 4-6 times per year with the next meeting on October 10. April will be attending for the Watershed Council, but there are opportunities for others to come to the meetings as well. Bob is anticipating that he will be at all the meetings. If you are interested in attending the October 10 meeting, please send April an email.

Council business:

1) TRWC Officer Nominations.

April and Rich discussed the 2018 TRWC Officer nominations. The open positions are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions, let April know.

- a. Chair – Kristel is not interested in being Vice-Chair or Chair
- b. Vice-Chair – Bob Baumgartner is willing to be nominated to the Vice-Chair position
- c. Treasurer – Jan is fine continuing as the treasurer until additional staff is added to the Council.
- d. Secretary – Stephen is stepping back to make room for others who might want to fill the Secretary role. If nobody else is interested, he is willing to be nominated.

2) Updates on Council capacity work.

- a. A few members have met with Karlene. Jan and Jon shared some of their conversations with Karlene. Karlene suggested we need to switch to an Accrual System instead of a Cash-based system. Jan is fine continuing as treasurer until we switch systems.

- b. Roles of the Watershed Council: Future potential roles of the Watershed Council were discussed. These include Education/Outreach, Convening, and Collaboration with projects. The Steering Committee will be thinking about how to articulate what it means to be active in each of these roles and what resources are necessary to fill those roles.

3) Discussion about “State of the Watershed” event updates and inputs.

The current committee members are Jan Miller, Chris Toole, Victoria Saager, and Eric Chambers. They would welcome additional members. The committee shared some of the work they have accomplished:

1. Goal/Purpose: Strategically –
 - a. Show the value of the Council as a convener/ coordinator,
 - b. involve as many stakeholders as possible, including new groups and organizations.
 - c. Come away with a common understanding of how to move toward/address common issues in the basin. Find a way to move forward with the Council as the coordinator of next steps.
 - d. Build common understanding of Tualatin Basin functioning/sense of the basin. Have a common understanding of how the watershed works and what the issues are. Have a more detailed discussion of selective issues (6 +/-). Tell your story of what is going on and what opportunities are available to be involved.
 - e. Share conclusions and take home message – report or other document/physical message that can be taken away so it isn't forgotten.
2. Proposal – Who is the audience? Should the audience be stakeholders/technical people? Should it be focused towards the general public? Committee suggestion is that the focus would be on professionals/organizations that are working in the watershed now. Establishes the council as the role of convener/coordinator.
3. 2 Day conference – 1 day oriented towards technical issues/discussions. Saturday have displays/activities/field trips geared towards general public.
4. Technical issue day – Morning Plenary session – Overview of how basin got into condition it is in today. Afternoon – breakout sessions on more specific topics that had been generally addressed in the morning. Thought of having panels to lead discussion. Panels made up of practitioners who have been working to address the issue being discussed.
5. Product – How do we capture this?
6. Feasibility – Consensus of who is the audience, and how is it organized? What will the venue be? We are looking at Fall 2018 for the session. Working back

from that date to line up presenters, outreach, promotion, venue reservation, where else can we find resources to accomplish our goals? When, where, who, how much, how do you pay for it?

7. Looking for other people to step up and help us pull it off.
8. Comments: TSWCD has a new Conservation educator, having a discussion about a spring event, opportunities to work with SWCD, potential funding from SWCD
9. Opportunities to focus message to elected officials, business leaders?
10. Technical: People involved in addressing issues/ directly impacted by regulations/issues impacting them.
11. Message to general public is different from message to practitioners.
12. Think about whether this is a single message or one of a series of successive messages.
13. Plenary session – Tualatin Basin 101, plenary session could be offered repeatedly to public and community leaders. Practitioners may not want to go to the plenary session, but would be willing to attend sessions to do updates with stakeholders.
14. One thought is to use TVCTV with plenary message. Look at a message that can be repackaged and reused in a variety of ways.
15. People are going to have to talk and prepare for the session. The hope is that this work will continue after the meeting.
16. What is the recurrence interval for this event?
17. What are the numbers of different species of wildlife in the watershed?
18. Is there a different title that would be better than the “State of the Watershed”? “Fate of the Watershed”? What do we want our watershed to be in 40-60 years?
19. Remember it is the watershed, not the streambed.
20. Venue and date – WC Visitors Association has an event planner on staff who may be able to identify good venues.
21. Two day? Second day is a good idea w/ outreach for general public.

Coordinator Updates.

- 1) Four OWEB small grant projects finishing up Mid October. These include i) Carter Creek enhancement project (Fanno Creek tributary located in Lake Oswego area); ii) Bonita Townhomes HOA (Fanno Creek and a tributary located in Tigard); iii) Summer Creek Headwaters Enhancement II (Fanno Creek tributary, located at Murrayhill/Beaverton); and iv) Our Table II (located on Lower Rock Creek – flows into the Tualatin River near the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Sherwood – Clackamas County, Oregon.
- 2) We will be planting at Bonita Townhomes on October 7 with Friends of Trees.

- 3) Upper East Fork McKay Creek grant from BLM to work with small woodlands/family forest owners in uplands area recently finalized.

Member and Other Announcements.

1. The Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge is 25 years old this year. There will be an anniversary celebration on October 14. The slogan is “ Wild and Welcoming for 25 years”. We will be showing off the restoration of Chicken Creek. Folks will be able to walk the historic Chicken Creek channel.
2. Clackamas SWCD shared some words of encouragement that it often takes longer than we really want to get things going. Things do happen, it just takes time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Cruise
Co-Secretary

November 1, 2017 TRWC refreshments: Kristel Griffith

Roving Steering Committee member for October 11 meeting: Open