



**Council  
Minutes Meeting of  
March 7, 2018**

Stakeholders Present:

Bob Baumgartner	Service Districts (Sewerage) Representative, Clean Water Services
Ruby Buchholtz	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Eric Chambers	Small Woodland Owners Alternate Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association (Non Voting)
Stephen Cruise	County Primary Representative, Washington County
Alfred Dinsdale	Environmental Organizations Alternate Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers (Non Voting)
Kristel Griffith	Water Districts, Primary Representative, City of Hillsboro Water Department
Jan Miller	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Greg Mintz	Citizen at Large Alternate Representative (Non Voting)
Tom Nygren	Small Woodland Owners Primary Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association
Briita Pajunas	Soil & Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Jon Pampush	Fisheries Primary Representative, Trout Unlimited
Tom Pessemier	City Primary Representative, City of Sherwood
Erin Poor	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Victoria Saager	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Carla Staedter	Parks Alternate Representative, City of Tigard Parks
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:

Elle Allan	Clean Water Services staff
Mark Boguslawski	City of Beaverton staff
Daniel Boultinghouse	WH Pacific staff
Sarah Bruce	City of Hillsboro staff
Alexis Cooley	City of Hillsboro Water Department
Peter Guillozet	METRO staff
Shannon Huggins	Clean Water Services staff
Jim Lange	Pacific Community Design staff
Anne MacDonald	Clean Water Services staff and presenter
John McDonald	Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District Chair
Wade Peerman	Oregon Dept. of Env. Quality, Tualatin Basin Coordinator

Damon Reische      Clean Water Services staff and presenter  
Bob Sallinger      Portland Audubon Society staff  
Timothy Sautter      Washington County LUT staff

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with introductions.

**Approval of February TRWC minutes:** A motion was made by Bob Baumgartner and seconded by Jon Pampush to adopt the February meeting minutes, which were adopted by consensus.

**Public Comment.**

**March 17 2018 Westhaven Planting event**

Looking for volunteers, please contact April Olbrich if you are interested

**March 13 2018 Children's Clean Water Festival**

Looking for volunteers, please contact Kristel Griffith if you are interested

**March 10, 2018 Washington County Small Woodlands Association Native Plant Sale**

It's a good time of the year to plant native shrubs and plants! The native plant sale will be on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. For more information contact Tom Nygren

**Presentation:** Update on Phase 2 of Clean Water Services Design and Construction Standards including hydromodification. Damon Reische and Anne MacDonald presenters.

1. Design and construction standards update – what is hydromodification and a background on why this is CWS approach presented by Damon Riche from CWS
  - a. CWS has a Watershed based permit and in 2016 it was time to renew the permit
  - b. The first phase of the permit has been completed and now includes a requirement for every 1000 sq. ft. of impervious surfaces from new or renovated construction stormwater mitigation techniques must also be installed.
  - c. Low impact development approach (LIDA) is emphasized and prioritized more than it was previously and the definition of LIDA has been expanded to include vegetated corridors, preservation, tree groves
  - d. Currently on the second phase – hydromodification, which is the change in runoff both in duration and volume when a site goes from pervious to impervious
  - e. Hydromodification techniques will attempt to reduce erosion, down-cutting, and flooding and potentially improving water quality
  - f. One technique is retrofitting or building new detention ponds with real-time controls that can release or store water more accurately depending on weather patterns and the needs downstream.

- g. A second approach is to make use of neighborhood developments and incorporating LIDA techniques to serve a neighborhood instead of individual developments.
  - h. The North Bethany development was the primary example used to describe LIDA techniques and hydromodification.
2. Design and construction standards update – CWS actions presented by Ann McDonald from CWS.
- a. Background on Tualatin River Watershed: Historic actions have degraded these waterways and natural systems (straightening for roads, and irrigation. And of course...urbanization)
    - i. Larger runoff volumes
    - ii. Getting to creeks faster, making it much more flashier
    - iii. Less base flow in the summer and fall
    - iv. Less vegetation and wildlife
    - v. Reduce infiltration
  - b. CWS LIDA techniques have the potential to have the following benefits: Water quality treatment, runoff reduction, stream corridor enhancement, watershed detention
  - c. Three tiered approach – runoff reduction, upland detention, stream corridor enhancement
  - d. Real time control valves are initiated when weather events are predicted and it will be stored and then released slowly
  - e. Utilization of partners maps, resources etc. (ex: Sherwood Urban expansion plan)
  - f. Concentrate on UGB expansions (green field areas) – ex: King City, Sherwood, Cooper Mountain
  - g. Email server – add yourself for update notifications
  - h. Informal draft by fall 2018

**The meeting was paused and all non-council members were asked to leave. April chose to leave also.**

**Discussion:** Council Business: discussion and vote on motion

*The Tualatin River Watershed Council supports the transition to an organization led by an Executive Director. This entails redirecting OWEB capacity funds to support a newly created position of Executive Director. Once the transition is complete, the Council Coordinator position will no longer exist. The Council authorizes the Steering Committee to begin this process. The timing and funding of this transition will be laid out in a draft 2018/19 budget and work plan to be presented to the Council for adoption in May.*

## **Discussion included the following**

1. Karlene's summary report has been passed to the Council and the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee has submitted recommendation to the Council to reconstruct the Council by removing the Coordinator position and bringing on an Executive Director (ED).
2. Benefits to taking this action are:
  - a. The potential to grow and expand the capabilities of the Council
  - b. Funding opportunities
  - c. Recreating the Watershed Council's image and purpose in the basin
  - d. Continue to include restoration work in our mission but expand into new avenues (e.g., education, outreach, convening)
3. Negative aspects to taking this action are:
  - a. Lose community members that have been working with April
  - b. Current projects may fall through the cracks with this restructuring
  - c. Asking too much of an ED
  - d. Three big players in the basin (CWS, TSWCD, and JWC) will have too much say on what the Council does because of their funding support
4. Council members requested seeing the budget frequently as the restructuring goes forward, and in the future
5. Expectations and performance standards need to be in place for all Council players, this includes Council members, staff, and Steering Committee members
6. Asking more from Council members to act more like a board of directors if we switch over to an ED
7. There may or may not be overlap between current staff and incoming staff – the Steering Committee will be focusing on that
8. Council voted on restructuring the Council to no longer include a Coordinator position but instead hire an ED. The Steering Committee will be leading the restructuring by putting together a work plan, budget, and a job description for the ED. There is also the potential of hiring an administration assistant.

Vote: 13 votes in favor, 1 vote abstained. The motion passed by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby Buchholtz  
Co-Secretary

**April 4, 2018 TRWC refreshments: Stephen Cruise**  
**Roving Steering Committee member for March 12 meeting: Victoria Saager**  
**Roving Steering Committee member for March 26 meeting: Stephen Cruise**