



**Council
Minutes Meeting of
July 11, 2018**

Stakeholders Present:

Bob Baumgartner	Service Districts (Sewerage) Representative, Clean Water Services
Ruby Buchholtz	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Alexis Cooley	Drinking Water Provider Representative, City of Hillsboro Water Department, Primary Representative (shared position)
Stephen Cruise	County Primary Representative, Washington County
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
Briita Pajunas	Soil & Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Jon Pampush	Fisheries Primary Representative, Trout Unlimited
Victoria Saager	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Primary Representative, Pacific University
Juli Waarvick	Soil & Water Conservation District Alternate Representative, Tualatin SWCD

Staff Present

April Olbrich	TRWC Coordinator
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Guests Present:

Dean Moberg	U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Services Basin Resources Conservationist
Wade Peerman	Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tualatin Basin Coordinator
Brenda Sanchez	Oregon Dept. of Agriculture North Coast/North Willamette Water Quality Specialist
Shane Smith	Tualatin SWCD Stream Enhancement Program Coordinator
Chris Toole	Tualatin Basin resident
Lacey Townsend	Tualatin SWCD Executive Director

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

Approval of June TRWC minutes: A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Greg to adopt the June meeting minutes, which were adopted by consensus.

Public Comment:

April provided details regarding the upcoming TRWC picnic on August 1. It will take place at Orenco Woods Nature Park (7100 NE Birch Street, Hillsboro, OR), with the potluck beginning at 6pm, followed by a walk and discussion at approximately 7pm.

Presentations: Update on Water Quality parameters based on practices implemented on agricultural lands – local area plan focus and outcome.

- 1) Brenda Sanchez, Oregon Department of Agriculture
 - a. See PowerPoint online, TRWC Presentations and Handouts for 7/11/18; <http://trwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ODA-PPT-2018-Tualatin-BR.pdf>
 - b. Delegation of water quality management from EPA to DEQ, with ODF handling forestry, and ODA handling agriculture.
 - c. State is split up into 38 management areas; discussion of Local Advisory Rules, Watershed-based Work Plans, and Strategic Implementation Areas.
 - d. Different approaches, including voluntary SWCD-led (e.g., landowner projects) and regulator ODA-led (e.g., complaints) approaches.
 - e. ODA is becoming more proactive rather than only the traditional complaint-driven approach.
- 2) Lacey Townsend, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
 - a. See PowerPoint online, TRWC Presentations and Handouts for 7/11/18; http://trwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/TSWCD_TRWC_presentation_July_2018.pdf
 - b. Discussion of Tualatin River Watershed Agricultural Water Quality Management Area, Stream Enhancement Program, and relevant Goals and Objectives:
 - i. Prevent and control pollution from agricultural activities (e.g., develop strategy for livestock operators' manure storage by 2020).
 - ii. Minimize and control soil erosion from agricultural activities.
 - iii. Sufficiently establish vegetation along streams and rivers flowing through agricultural lands (e.g., enroll 75 miles of agricultural streams in voluntary incentive-based programs by 2020).
 - iv. Achieve and maintain applicable water quality standards (e.g., DEQ will work with conservation partners to provide estimates of pollution reductions from 75 restored stream miles in Tualatin River watershed by 2020).
 - c. In addition to the Stream Enhancement Program, TSWCD provides technical assistance and conservation planning; Conservation Education Program has reached over 3,000 residents in 2-year period.
 - d. Potential for improved practices around soil erosion in hazelnut orchards.
- 3) Dean Moberg, Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - a. See handout online in TRWC Presentations and Handouts for 7/11/18; <http://trwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/NRCS-Handout.pdf>

- b. Discussion of USDA conservation programs in the Tualatin River Basin (e.g., Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program to encourage farmers to plant trees along streams to shade water and improve habitat in cropland; Agricultural Lands Easements to protect the agricultural use and conservation value of farmland; Conservation Stewardship Program that rewards farmers and foresters for doing a good job and encourages additional conservation.
- 4) Wade Peerman, Department of Environmental Quality
- a. See PowerPoint online in TRWC Presentations and Handouts for 7/11/18; <http://trwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Tualatin-Biennial-Review-TRWSC-7-11-2018.pdf>
 - b. Discussion of Tualatin River Biennial Review of water quality in the Tualatin Basin.
 - i. Review Water Quality Management Plans; identify status and trends of water quality.
 - ii. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) framework.
 - iii. Water Quality Management Division outlines the steps that DEQ and others will take to meet the water quality targets.
 - iv. DEQ issues point-source permits to entities like CWS; DSL manages the bed/bands of rivers and some lakes; all the different agencies submit their WQMPs to DEQ so DEQ can make sure they meet TMDL budgets.
 - v. Focused on protecting beneficial uses of water (e.g., fishing, swimming, drinking, etc.)
 - vi. Charts help convey water quality status and trends in a more understandable manner than raw data.
 - vii. Data can be a limiting factor; DEQ doesn't display data until after 2 years and doesn't identify trends until there is 6 years of data.

Council business:

- 1) Transition plan update.
 - a. Steering Committee recently discussed feedback from TSWCD regarding partnerships, etc. Steering Committee is in the midst of refining proposal language to get to the TSWCD board by August.
 - b. Next Steering Committee meeting on 7/18/18 will include work to draft position description for Executive Director.

Council Coordinator, Council Committee and Member updates.

Council Coordinator update:

- 1) Gales Creek/Clear Creek confluence project will be implemented after July 30. Coordination of materials will begin the week of July 23.
- 2) East Fork Dairy Creek large wood placement project activities include permit preparation, awaiting draft engineered plans, etc.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9: 00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Mintz
Co-Secretary

August 1, 2018 TRWC refreshments: TRWC summer potluck at Orenco Woods Nature Park, 7100 NE Birch Street, Hillsboro, OR.

Roving Steering Committee member for July 18 meeting: None