



## **Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes February 6, 2019**

### **Stakeholders Present**

Jan Miller	Citizen at Large
Ashley Short	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Bob Baumgartner	Services Districts (Sewerage) Primary Representative, Clean Water Services
Tom Nygren	Small Woodland Owners Primary Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Primary Representative, Pacific University
Jon Pampush	Fisheries Primary Representative, Trout Unlimited
Erin Poor	Citizen at Large
Alexis Cooley	Drinking Water Provider Primary Representative (shared position), City of Hillsboro Water Department
Lacey Townsend	Soil and Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Ross Van Loo	Citizen at Large

### **Staff Present**

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
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### **Guests Present**

Wade Peerman	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Tualatin Basin Coordinator
Kellyn Baez	Clean Water Services personnel
Chris Toole	Citizen
Pablo Martos	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Stormwater Permits
Damon Reische	Clean Water Services personnel
Nora Curtis	Clean Water Services personnel
Chris Faulkner	Clean Water Services personnel
Paul Whitney	Citizen
Monica Blanchard	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Assistant District Fish Biologist

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

**Presentation by Damon Reische, Clean Water Services: Clean Water Services Design & Construction Standard Update and Hydromodification**

Damon Reische is the Planning and Development Services Division Manager in the Conveyance Department at Clean Water Services (CWS). CWS is proposing an update to the Design & Construction Standards, which will result in revisions to stormwater requirements to address the effects of hydromodification. CWS is required to implement updated standards by April 22, 2019 in order to comply with their 2016 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, which is a Watershed-Based permit.

Hydromodification is the alteration of natural watershed hydrology, which occurs with changes in land use or cover. Its effects on water quality include increased erosion and increased sediment in the stream channels.

The update will include an integrated strategy to address hydromodification. CWS wants the strategy to include community goals, meet MS4 permit requirements, address other agency requirements, be defensible, be adaptable and expandable, include a suite of tools (right place, right time), and include standards that can be implemented at both a site scale and a regional scale to stormwater management.

CWS proposes to address hydromodification through site planning and runoff reduction, upland detention, and stream corridor enhancement. Damon gave North Bethany as an example of a new area coming into the urban growth boundary. The plan in North Bethany included a variety of projects to address hydromodification. Expansion areas are currently top priority (e.g. King City expansion area with streams coming off of Bull Mountain).

CWS is currently releasing draft standards. The first public hearing will be March 19.

Q: Is the South Hillsboro development exempt because plans have already been developed and approved by old standards?

A: Land use applications approved prior to implementation date will use old standards/requirements because of the long land use application process.

Q: What are you hearing from the development community?

A: It varies because there are many different companies. Some are concerned with new requirements, but some already implement these types of practices in their developments. Developers in general want both certainty and flexibility.

Q: Is the upper Willamette steelhead in play here?

A: If there's a federal nexus, then 401s would apply and any development would have to implement stormwater retrofit requirements.

All materials can be found at <http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/dncupdate>.

CWS is currently conducting stakeholder engagement with many organizations and groups.

## **January 2019 TRWC Minutes**

***Tom Nygren moved to adopt the January 2019 minutes as presented. Jan Miller seconded. Adopted by consensus.***

### **Public Comment**

Tom Nygren mentioned that there will be a presentation at the next Washington County Small Woodlands Association meeting on the geology of Tualatin Basin.

### **Council Business: 2019-2021 OWEB Work Plan**

Scott is putting together the OWEB two-year work plan. Scott previously sent out a summary of the different elements included in the work plan. OWEB now has an online submission process. One requirement is an organization self-assessment, which will happen at next Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee reviewed the draft plan already and provided input. Scott went through each element of the work plan and asked for input from other members.

- Community Engagement
  - Scott has tried to keep things more general to leave room for new programming.
  - The website will just be maintained for now. A large upgrade is too big of a project at this time.
  - It was suggested that we combine some of the plans into one deliverable to decrease the number of deadlines and deliverables (e.g. develop a strategic plan with a communications plan as a component of the strategic plan).
- Organizational Development
  - This is where most of Scott's time will be spent.
  - Set a strategic course, develop a plan to implement the vision, provide non-profit board training, develop funding plan, diversify funding strategies (e.g. corporate sponsorship), develop a staffing plan (lean on outside contracting initially until a plan is in place).
  - No additions/comments.
- Planning
  - Scott summarized the planning projects in the table.
  - No additions/comments.
- Restoration
  - There are active projects that need to be wrapped up. There are also projects in the monitoring/maintenance phase. Scott has a more holistic approach to restoration, with a goal of future projects to restore natural processes.
  - Scott is figuring out where the gaps are in the Basin to see where the Council could fit in.

There was a discussion on all of the research the Council has already done to get stakeholder feedback for a strategic plan. Scott has all of the listening session reports, Karlene McCabe's report, and partner feedback. The Council has a lot of information already and probably doesn't need to start a brand new strategic planning process.

***Jan Miller moved to approve the Work Plan to submit to OWEB with comments and additions incorporated. Tom Nygren seconded. Approved by consensus.***

### **Update – Executive Director Activity Report**

Scott sent his activity report out in advance. Scott shared highlights of this report.

- Rippling Waters will have more public access eventually. The MOA with Washington County expired in 2010, so all the work done out there since then was not part of the MOA. Scott is working with Michael Carlson and Carl at Washington County Parks.
- There are photo point monitoring requirements on legacy projects. Scott is working with April Olbrich and Chris Toole on this.
- Scott continues to attend multiple partner meetings.
- The Steering Committee gave Scott the go-ahead to look into project management contractors. The person Scott had in mind was not available to provide this service after all. Scott will look continue to look at other options, but does feel more comfortable managing current projects after learning details. This is a more doable work plan element than originally anticipated.

### **Update – Restoration Committee**

Stephen Cruise has offered to revitalize this committee and will be sending a meeting invite to interested stakeholders. The first task for this committee will be to develop some guiding principles.

### **Update – Members**

Monica Blanchard with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offered support on the restoration committee or directly on projects (field, data, etc). ODFW wants to be more involved in the Tualatin Basin.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Townsend  
Secretary

**March 6, 2019 TRWC refreshments:** Bob Baumgartner