



## **Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes May 1, 2019**

### **Stakeholders Present**

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

### **Staff Present**

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

Tim Sautter	Washington County LUT Operations Department
Kellyn Baez	Clean Water Services personnel
Cynthia Winters	Solid Ground Consulting

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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

### **April 2019 TRWC Minutes**

Ross Van Loo moved to adopt the April minutes. Rich Van Buskirk seconded. Adopted by consensus.

## **Recap of April Strategic Discussion – Cynthia Winters, Solid Ground Consulting**

Goals from the April Council meeting were further refined by Scott and Cynthia. The Steering Committee reviewed them and made some changes. A new draft was sent to the entire Council last week for further feedback.

Scott reminded everyone that the goals have been written to be attainable and reasonable for a staff of one to complete over the course of three years.

Therefore statement: Change “solutions” to “outcomes” and “arrive at” to “achieve” (very last sentence). New sentence: We blend the use of sound science and strong relationships to connect people to our lands and waters to achieve collaborative and equitable outcomes.

- Additional feedback to incorporate into “therefore statement”:
  - Add something about identifying issues or recognizing there are issues
  - Issues facing the watershed?
  - Watershed issues?

Mission statement: Discussion about using “fosters” or “promotes”. The group agreed with “fosters”.

Add “Works to proactively address issues” and remove “in advance of resource degradation”. New sentence: TRWC fosters community stewardship and understanding of the Tualatin River Watershed resources, works to proactively address issues, and ensures resilient and sustainable watershed health, functions, and uses.

Leader – we are a trusted voice for the Tualatin River. Add “Watershed” at the end of this sentence.

Convener – we are passionate about bringing together diverse opinions around complex issues to solve problems.

Educator – Change this word to “Champion”

There was discussion on what exactly to call “leader, convener, champion” and to remove these words from the mission statement. They define who we are, but we need to put them under a different heading.

## **Review of revised goals and draft strategies**

Goal 1: no changes to the goal

- Strategy 1: change “partners” to “stakeholders” in second sentence.
- Strategy 2: change “one watershed tour” to “two watershed tours”.
- Strategy 3: add “and values” after “shared interests” in second bullet.

Goal 2: Rich read new draft language for this goal. New language will be incorporated into next version of strategic plan and circulated to group for feedback.

- Strategies: add “stressors” to one of the strategies around the NetMap analysis.

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Goal 3: no changes to the goal

- Strategy 1: add “Develop, review, and...” to the beginning of the sentence so it reads “Develop, review, and approve policies...”

Goal 4: no changes to the goal

- Strategy 4: remove “four” and change “goals” to “needs” so it reads “Onboard new Council members to meet identified diversity, skill, and demographic needs.” The Council will need to define what these “needs” are.

### **Next Steps**

All comments and changes will be incorporated into the document and sent back out to entire Council. Areas will be highlighted where more feedback is requested. The Council will vote on the Strategic Plan at the June meeting.

### **Public comment**

- Tim Sautter – The County needs to do fish salvage as part of its culvert projects. This could be a future partnership project between the County and TRWC.
- Rich Van Buskirk – Birds and Brews Festival is happening on Saturday at Fernhill Wetland.
- Ross Van Loo – He has been seeing fenders blue butterflies near his house.
- Stephen Cruise – Restoration Committee meeting next Thursday, 5/9 at 2:30.
- Bob Baumgartner – The CWS hydromodification program, which the Council received a presentation on a few months ago, was approved by the CWS board.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Townsend  
Secretary